

Maidstone Borough Council

Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 5 October 2010

Mid-year Progress Updates

Report of: Performance & Scrutiny Officer

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At its meeting on the 5 October 2010, the Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered its future work programme and suggested that the mid-year progress updates from the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services be moved to the meeting of the 30 November and that the Committee would provide guidance for these updates by providing details of questions to be addressed in the mid-year update.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Committee are recommended to formulate questions with regard to progress that has been made on those issues highlighted as priorities.
- 2.2 Areas of questioning could include but are not limited to:

Cabinet Member for Corporate Services:

- Legal and Human Resources
- Risk Management
- Council tax and Housing Benefits
- Property, Procurement and Projects
- Asset Management
- Regulatory (Freedom of Information and Data Protection)
- Customer Contact and Complaints
- ICT and E-Government
- Democratic Services
- Land Charges
- Budget Monitoring
- Planning for Real

Leader of the Council:

- Policy Development and Performance Management
- Budget
- Value for Money
- Delivery within Portfolios
- Sustainable Community Strategy
- Special projects
- External Affairs

- Communications
- Local Development Plan
- Business Transformation

3. Mid-year Progress Updates

- 3.1 The Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee is responsible for holding to account those Cabinet Members whose portfolios fall within the remit of the Committee.
- 3.2 The Committee could choose not to interview or receive written statements from the Leader or the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, however in doing so they would not be fulfilling the crucial role of holding the executive to account.

4. Impact on Corporate Objectives

- 4.1 The Committee should seek to review whether the Cabinet Members achievements are aligned to the Council's corporate objectives as set out in the strategic plan.