

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**26 JANUARY 2011**

**REFERENCE FROM THE STRATEGIC HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

1. FUTURE ROLE OF THE STRATEGIC HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1.1 Background

At the meeting of the Strategic Housing Advisory Committee ("SHAC") on 5 January 2011, the Committee considered the report of the Director of Regeneration and Communities (copy attached at Appendix A) regarding the options for SHAC now the original period of its terms of reference has expired.

All Members felt there was a future role for this Committee following the completion of the stock transfer to Golding Homes.

Members felt that, should the Committee continue as proposed, it was important to ensure that there is an opportunity to build up an expertise of housing amongst the Members of the Committee. Members also felt it was important that meeting dates were set in advance, rather than on the current ad-hoc basis, and that the number of Members on the Committee should be an odd number.

The Committee made slight amendments to the Terms of Reference and the amended version is attached at Appendix B.

1.2 RECOMMENDED:

1. That the Strategic Housing Advisory Committee remains as the advisory body for the Cabinet and/or the Cabinet Member on matters relating to housing in Maidstone.
2. That, subject to agreement to 1 above, the Council be recommended to approve the new Terms of Reference, including an increase in the number of Members on the Committee, as set out in the attached Appendix, and the Constitution be amended accordingly.