

## Maidstone Borough Council

### Regeneration and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 13 January 2009

#### Call-In: Current and Future Position of Park and Ride

**Report of:** Overview and Scrutiny Officer

#### 1. **Background**

- 1.1. Councillors M Robertson and Mortimer have called-in the decision of the Cabinet with regard to the Current and Future Position of Park and Ride.
- 1.2. In order to assist Members in their consideration of this issue the following documents have been attached to this agenda:

Document
Call-in Form
<i>Report for Decision: Current and Future Position of Park and Ride</i>
<i>Record of Decision of the Cabinet</i>

- 1.3. At its meeting on the 18 December 2008, the Regeneration and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to defer Agenda Item 9, 'Call-In: Current and Future Position of Park and Ride'. The Leader agreed to defer the implementation of the Cabinet's decision with regard to the Current and Future Position of Park and Ride until after the consideration of the deferred Call-In.
- 1.4. The Leader, Councillor Chris Garland, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor Mark Wooding, the Assistant Director of Development and Community Services, Brian Morgan and the Public Transport Officer, Clive Cheeseman will be in attendance at the meeting for interview.

#### 2. **Recommendation**

- 2.1. The reasons for calling-in the Cabinet's decision are stated as:  
  
"The document does not represent a strategy for the current and future position of Park and Ride."
- 2.2. The Committee should consider the decision of the Cabinet against the above reason.
- 2.3. Having considered the call-in the Committee has three options for action:

- (i) **Take no action** – the decision will be implemented as taken by the Cabinet on 10 December 2008.
- (ii) **Refer to the Cabinet**– the comments of the Committee will be referred to the Cabinet for reconsideration of the decision within five working days, after which a final decision will be made.
- (iii) **Refer to Council** – the comments of the Committee and decision of the Cabinet will be referred to Council. If Council does not object to the Cabinet's decision it will be implemented. If Council does object, it does not have power to make a decision unless the Cabinet's decision is against the policy framework or contrary to or inconsistent with the budget. Unless that is the case, Council will refer its comments back to the Cabinet for reconsideration of the decision within five working days, after which a final decision will be made.