

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ACTION AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SCRAIP)

Report Title: Leisure & Prosperity – Rural Economy Review

Report of Leisure & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Update	Date	Completed?	Note
1 st	Dec 2011		6 months after publication
2 nd	June 2012		12 months after publication

Recommendation ⁱ	Chief Officer / Cabinet Member ⁱⁱ	Response ⁱⁱⁱ	Timetable ^{iv}	Lead Officer ^v
The Economic Development Strategy July 2008 needs to be revised to show an equal focus on the rural and urban aspects of the Borough and reflect the recent changes concerning the Localism Bill.	Chief Officers of Economic Development			
To lobby for station improvements within the rural areas to allow better disabled access to all platforms.	Full Cabinet			
That the Cabinet Members for Environment and Regeneration support the future work programme for 2011/12 and that the rural economy transport issues are suitably addressed as part of the Local Development Framework.	Cabinet Members			
The Cabinet Members for Regeneration and Environment should lobby support to the Growth Without Gridlock team on	Cabinet Members			

the major priorities concerning Maidstone in the Rail Action Plan for Kent Strategy.				
As the new plan is being devised, the Committee would like to see a stronger recognition of the rural transport issues and provide detail on how the Council intend to overcome the current obstacles.	Full Cabinet			
Following the announcements of the first successful round of applications for the Superfast Broadband Pilot Fund in mid May 2011, the Committee see which applicants have been successful within the borough, and what the next procedure is before this can be implemented.	IT/Economic Development Officers			
The Cabinet Member for Regeneration seeks methods to educate Maidstone residents in renewable energy benefits, perhaps with the help of Distributed Generation Ltd at possible community and town events.	Cabinet Member			
In line with the Council's Sustainable Procurement Strategy , the Council support businesses within the borough when possible	Full Cabinet			
The Cabinet Member for Community Services investigates any licence issues regarding obtaining a business recycling point in Marden.	Cabinet Member			
The Cabinet Member seeks the possibility of creating a 'bank roll' service, using Cornwall Council as an example, in order to support applicants in the Leader Programme.	Cabinet Member			

<p>The Cabinet Member liaises with the Director of Change, Planning and the Environment and the Head of Development Management to reduce the time taken for planning to write confirmation that no planning permission was required on the site concerned. This may include highlighting to the Leader Programme team the process to apply for Certificate for Lawful Developments on sites concerning the Leader Programme.</p>	<p>Cabinet Member</p>			
<p>That the Cabinet Member and Leader of the Council should ensure planning policies reflect the contemporary needs of Maidstone's agricultural businesses. Spatial planning policies should be pro-active in encouraging planning applications for renewables and polytunnels (where appropriate and done in a sensitive manner) to help our agricultural community compete.</p>	<p>Full Cabinet</p>			
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<p>The Committee would like the Council to give encouragement for local affordable housing schemes</p>	<p>Full Cabinet</p>			

in the rural communities. Ways of incentivising such schemes should be given consideration.				
Cabinet Member to pursue lobbying KCC Members to review the procedure for renewing and mending brown tourism signs.	Cabinet Member			
That the neighbourhood forum meets with the business forums from time to time to help lobby the council with issues as a community.	Janet Barnes/Cabinet Member			
The Cabinet Member should review the possibility of adapting the boroughs neighborhood forums using Merton Council as an example.	Cabinet Member			

Notes on the completion of SCRAIP

ⁱ Report recommendations are listed as found in the report.

ⁱⁱ Insert in this box the Cabinet Member whose portfolio the recommendation falls within.

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