

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

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REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE

CABINET

The Cabinet agreed on 14 March 2012 that the decision set out below was urgent and needed to be actioned within the call-in period. In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules of the Constitution, the Mayor, in consultation with the Head of Paid Service and the Chairman of the Regeneration and Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee, agreed that the decision was reasonable in all the circumstances and should be treated as a matter of urgency and not be subject to call-in.

Phase II of the High Street Improvement Project

The Cabinet considered whether to accept a grant from the Homes and Communities Agency, if offered, and agree to their grant conditions, to enable the construction of Phase II of the High Street Improvement Project.

Decision Made

1. That delegated authority be given to the Director of Regeneration and Communities, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to negotiate and agree the terms of the grant offer and grant conditions with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).
2. That delegated authority be given to the Head of Legal Services to enter into the grant agreement with the HCA.
3. That the Council's expenditure on Phase II must not exceed the grant awarded by the HCA.

Reason for Urgency

The Cabinet determined that the decision was urgent because, if the grant funding is awarded, the Council will need to be in a position to have a signed legal agreement with the HCA in place before 31st March 2012 and be in a position to receive the grant payment within the same time frame.

RECOMMENDED:

This report is for information only.

Background Documents:

Record of Decision of the Cabinet dated 14 March 2012