

Maidstone Borough Council

Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 11 September 2012

Park Wood Neighbourhood Action Plan Evaluation

Report of: Overview & Scrutiny Officer

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At the beginning of the Municipal Year 2011 the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee made a recommendation as part of its future work programme to evaluate 'Neighbourhood Action Planning with a focus on the vulnerable and areas of deprivation.' Members felt that this should be 'set against the Localism Bill' and it be established 'where we (Maidstone Borough Council) are heading in the longer term to strengthen ties with communities'.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Committee is recommended to review the evaluation document at Appendix A and make recommendations as appropriate.

3. Neighbourhood Action Planning

- 3.1 A pilot Neighbourhood Action Plan has been developed in Park Wood using Planning for Real which is a registered Trademark. It was developed in Park Wood by Maidstone Borough Council with local residents and with the support of partners which included Kent County Council, Golding Homes and Kent Police. Appendix A is an evaluation of how this process went including if the project's objectives were achieved.

4. Impact on Corporate Objectives

- 4.1 The Committee will consider reports that deliver against the Council priority of 'For Maidstone to be a decent place to live'.
- 4.2 The Strategic Plan sets the Council's key objectives for the medium term and has a range of objectives which support the delivery of the Council's priorities. The Committee's work will contribute to the delivery of these key objectives over the next year.