

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES GROUP

13 JULY 2009

REFERENCE FROM COUNCIL

1. WHOLE AND PARTIAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS REVIEW

- 1.1 The Council, at its meeting held on 24 June 2009, considered the report of the Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding whole and partial council elections. A copy of this report has been circulated to all Members.
- 1.2 The Council agreed:-
- (i) That the Council agrees to go out to consultation on implementing whole council elections for the Borough Council of Maidstone;
 - (ii) That the General Purposes Group be authorised to determine the consultation to be used in (i) above;
 - (iii) That the Cabinet be requested to fund the consultation agreed by the General Purposes Group; and
 - (iv) That the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services continue to review methods of improving voter turnout.

1.3 RECOMMENDED:

- 1.3.1 That the General Purposes Group consider the arrangements for the consultation exercise to be undertaken on the matter of moving to whole council elections.**