

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

SPATIAL PLANNING STRATEGY ADVISORY GROUP

22 JANUARY 2013

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CHANGE, PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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1. MAIDSTONE LANDSCAPE CHARACTER ASSESSMENT 2012

1.1 Issue for Decision

1.1.1 To consider the Maidstone Landscape Character Assessment 2012 (attached as Appendix A), the Maidstone Landscape Character Assessment Supplement 2012 (attached as Appendix B), the Landscape Value Pilot Study: Proposed Methodology (attached as Appendix C) and the Map of Medway Valley Pilot Study Area (refer to map attached as Appendix D).

1.2 Recommendation of the Director of Change, Planning and the Environment

1.2.1 That the Spatial Planning Strategic Advisory Group recommends the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transport and the Environment:

- i. Adopts the Maidstone Landscape Character Assessment 2012 (attached as Appendix A) as a material consideration in development management decisions; and
- ii. Saves parts of the adopted Maidstone Borough Council Landscape Character Assessment and Landscape Guidelines 2000 and publishes them as the Maidstone Landscape character Assessment Supplement 2012 (attached as Appendix B) as a material consideration in development management planning decisions; and
- iii. Endorses the methodology of the Landscape Value Pilot Study (attached as Appendix C); and
- iv. Agrees the Medway Valley as the proposed Pilot Study Area (refer to plan attached as Appendix D).

1.3 Reasons for Recommendation

1.3.1 The reasons for this recommendation are set out in the report to the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transport and Development (attached as Appendix E).

1.4 Relevant Documents

1.4.1 Appendices

- Appendix A: Maidstone Landscape Character Assessment 2012
- Appendix B: Maidstone Landscape Character Assessment Supplement 2012
- Appendix C: Landscape Value Pilot Study: Proposed Methodology
- Appendix D: Map of Medway Valley Pilot Study Area
- Appendix E: Cabinet Member Report on the Maidstone Landscape Character Assessment 2012

1.4.2 Background Documents

None

IS THIS A KEY DECISION REPORT?

Yes

No

If yes, when did it first appear in the Forward Plan?

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This is a Key Decision because: It involves more than one ward.

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Wards/Parishes affected: All.

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