

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2009**

**Present:** Councillor Garland (Chairman) and  
Councillors Ash, Greer, Moss and Mrs Ring

**Also Present:** Councillors FitzGerald and Mrs Wilson

41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Wooding.

42. URGENT ITEMS

The Leader agreed to take the Reference from Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the Best Value Performance Plan and the Corporate Improvement Plan as urgent.

43. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

Councillor FitzGerald indicated his wish to speak on item 8 – Budget Strategy 2010/11 Onwards and Councillor Mrs Wilson indicated her wish to speak on items 9 – Place Survey, 11 – Best Value Performance Plan and item 12 – Corporate Improvement Plan Update.

44. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members and Officers.

45. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

46. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the item on part II of the agenda be taken in public but the information contained therein remain private.

47. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

48. BUDGET STRATEGY 2010/11 ONWARDS

RESOLVED: See Record of Decision of the Cabinet (copy attached at Appendix A).

49. PLACE SURVEY

The Cabinet considered the report of Management Team regarding the provisional results for the Place Survey.

RESOLVED:

1. That the initial results of the Place Survey, including National Indicator (NI) results (as shown at Appendices A and B of the Report of Management Team) be noted.
2. That Maidstone's performance compared to other Kent district councils (as shown at Appendices A and B of the Report of Management Team) and the highest performers to identify any best practice be noted.
3. That the work on NI 4 will continue through the Communities in Control working group be noted.

50. AFFORDABLE HOUSING CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

RESOLVED: See Record of Decision of the Cabinet (copy attached at Appendix B).

51. BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN

RESOLVED: See Record of Decision of the Cabinet (copy attached at Appendix C).

52. CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Change and Environmental Services regarding the latest update to the Corporate Improvement Plan.

RESOLVED:

1. That the progress being made against each area of improvement and any further actions required be noted.
2. That the areas of improvement which have been added, revised or deleted (as set out in Appendices A and B of the report of the Director of Change and Environmental Services) be noted.
3. That the Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee be informed that the progress comment for UR8 will be amended.

4. That the format and content of the Corporate Improvement Plan be further reviewed before the next update.

53. FORWARD PLAN

The Cabinet considered the report of the Leader of the Council outlining the contents of the Forward Plan for the period 1 August 2009 to 30 November 2009.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

54. DURATION OF MEETING

6.30 p.m. to 7.57 p.m.