

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 JUNE 2013

Present: **Councillor Garland (Chairman), and
Councillors Greer, Moss and J.A. Wilson**

Also Present: **Councillors Mrs Joy, Pickett and Mrs Wilson**

34. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Paine.

35. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items.

36. **NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS**

Councillor Mrs Joy indicated her wish to speak on Agenda Item 8 – Culture and Leisure Services, Councillor Mrs Wilson indicated her wish to speak on Agenda Item 9 – Economic Development Team Structure and Councillor Pickett was in attendance.

37. **DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

38. **DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING**

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

39. **EXEMPT ITEMS**

RESOLVED: That the Items on Part II of the Agenda be considered in public, but the information contained therein remain private.

40. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes (Part I and Part II) of the Meetings held on 12 June 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

41. **CULTURE AND LEISURE SERVICES**

DECISION MADE:

1. That the staffing structure changes identified in the Exempt Appendix to the report of the Director of Regeneration and Communities,

subject to the appropriate consultation, be agreed and delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to make minor changes, in consultation with the Leader.

2. That the establishment of a new business team called Maidstone Culture and Leisure(MCL) under the Head of Commercial and Economic Development be agreed.
3. That the principle of reducing the net cost of cultural and leisure services to the Council be agreed and delegated authority be given to the Director of Regeneration and Communities to progress the projects identified in paragraphs 1.3.7 – 1.3.9 of the report of the Director of Regeneration and Communities and, in particular, agree:-
 - (i) The adaption of the current business plan for the Council's museums, developing new ways to generate income.
 - (ii) The establishment of a consolidated events programme with new and varied entertainment.
 - (iii) The introduction of a leisure card to offer a range of discounts and promotions to both residents and visitors.
 - (iv) The principle of a Mote Park adventure zone, subject to the necessary approvals and consents being achieved.
 - (v) The possible provision of a new café and retail outlet for Mote Park to be considered as part of the Council's capital programme.
 - (vi) A review of parking demand and traffic management inside and outside Mote Park be undertaken including consultation with residents living adjacent to the park and park users regarding both day to day arrangements and those put in place when events are held in the park.
4. That full details of the various projects, with the supporting business plans, for Maidstone Culture and Leisure be provided in future reports to the relevant Cabinet Member.

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42. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM STRUCTURE

DECISION MADE:

1. That the proposals set out in the Exempt Appendix to the report of the Director of Regeneration and Communities, subject to consultation with staff and the trade unions.
2. That delegated authority to make changes to the proposals following the staff consultation, be given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Head of Human Resources and the Leader of the Council.

3. That the growth in base budget for the additional posts, on a phased basis during the period 2013/14 to 2015/16, with the use of growth point revenue grant to cover the gap in the base budget to 2015/16 be agreed.

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43. DURATION OF MEETING

9.30 a.m. to 9.50 a.m.