

Maidstone Borough Council

Economic & Commercial Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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Cabinet Member for Economic & Commercial Development – Review of Municipal Year 2013/14

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 On 25th June 2013 the Cabinet Member for Economic and Commercial Development set out his priorities for the municipal year 2013/2014 to the committee. These included:
- High Street phase 2;
 - Kent Institute of Medicine and Surgery (KIMS) phases 1 & 2;
 - Improvements to Gabriels Hill;
 - Possible pedestrianisation of Earl Street;
 - Enabling development at Wrens Cross; and
 - Working with Kent County Council (KCC) on delivering an Enterprise Hub that would be a centre for innovation in the old Post Office building.
- 1.3 This is an opportunity to question the Cabinet Member on the progress of delivering these priorities.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee interview the Cabinet Member for Economic and Commercial Development, consider his update on progress of his priorities for the year and make recommendations as appropriate.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The Economic & Commercial Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee are responsible for holding the Cabinet Member for Economic & Commercial Development Services to account. The areas of responsibility for the Cabinet Member for Economic & Commercial Development are detailed at **Appendix A**.
- 3.4 The Committee may find that there is some cross over with their responsibilities and other Scrutiny Committees. The Committee should focus primarily focus on its terms of reference but can make recommendations to the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee or the Co-ordinating should a piece of work be highlighted that falls outside its jurisdiction.

4. Impact on Corporate Objectives

- 4.1 The Committee will primarily consider reports that deliver against the Council priority: 'For Maidstone to be a growing economy.'
- 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. Actions to deliver these key objectives may therefore include work that the Committee will consider throughout the coming year.