MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

COBTREE MANOR ESTATE CHARITY COMMITTEE

9TH JULY 2014

REPORT OF THE COBTREE OFFICER

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1. <u>Cobtree Estate Update Report</u>

- 1.1 Issue for Decision
- 1.1.1 To consider the work being undertaken across the Cobtree Estate as set out in the attached progress report.
- 1.2 <u>Recommendation of the Cobtree Officer</u>

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1.2.1 Note the contents of the progress report attached at **Appendix A**.
- 1.3 <u>Reasons for Recommendation</u>
- 1.3.1 The Committee previously resolved to receive a progress report on the work across the estate at each meeting. Attached at **Appendix A** is the report for the most recent period.
- 1.4 Alternative Action and why not Recommended
- 1.4.1 The alternative course of action is to reject the request for the endorsement of work ongoing across the estate and the ongoing master plan works. This is not recommended as the works are in the best interest of the future of Cobtree Manor Estate and have been endorsed at previous meetings as part of the master plan.
- 1.5 Impact on Charity Objects
- 1.5.1 The work of the estate and the master plan directly supports the achievement of the Charity's objects.

"To hold Cobtree Manor and Cobtree Manor Estate for the benefit of the inhabitants of Maidstone and other members of the general public in one or other or all of the following ways:

- i) By maintaining the Cobtree Manor Estate as an open space as defined by the Open Spaces Act 1906 and if the lessees think fit providing thereat facilities for organised games and other sports".
- With the consent of ...[the Cobtree Charity Trust Limited and the Kent County Council]... in such other way for the benefit of the inhabitants of Maidstone and other members of the general public as the Council shall from time to time think appropriate."

1.6 Risk Management

1.6.1 There are no additional risks arising from this report.

1.7 Other Implications

- 1.7.1
- 1. Financial
- 2. Staffing
- 3. Legal
- 4. Equality Impact Needs Assessment
- 5. Environmental/Sustainable Development
- 6. Community Safety
- 7. Human Rights Act
- 8. Procurement
- 9. Asset Management

1.7.2 There are no further implications arising from this report.

1.8 <u>Relevant Documents</u>

1.8.1 <u>Appendices</u>

Appendix A Cobtree Estate progress report.

1.8.2 Background Documents

Cobtree Manor Park Master Plan

IS THIS A KEY DECISION REPORT?
Yes No X
If yes, when did it first appear in the Forward Plan?
This is a Key Decision because:
Wards/Parishes affected: