

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**REPORT OF HEAD OF POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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**1. CORPORATE PLANNING TIMETABLE**

1.1 Issue for Decision

1.1.1 The Strategic Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy are key elements of the corporate planning framework for the Council. They are also a key part of the 'golden thread' which runs from the vision for the borough through to Corporate priorities, performance measures and targets for individuals in appraisals.

1.1.2 Cabinet is asked to agree the timetable for corporate planning for 2014-15.

1.2 Recommendation of Head of Policy and Communications

1.2.1 It is recommended that Cabinet agree to developing a new strategic plan and medium term financial strategy in accordance with the corporate planning timetable set out at Appendix A.

1.3 Reasons for Recommendation

1.3.1 The corporate planning process within the Council ensures the overall vision for the borough is delivered. The priorities and outcomes in the Strategic Plan are developed alongside the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) to ensure a consistent approach between service delivery and budgets. Service planning allows the Council to convert high level objectives from the Strategic Plan into actions for each directorate, service or team across the Council, which then feeds into individual staff appraisals.

1.3.2 The current Strategic Plan finishes in March 2015. A new Strategic Plan is required from 2015 onwards. The Cabinet have been considering revised priorities for 2015 onwards at Cabinet Away Days throughout the summer.



**IS THIS A KEY DECISION REPORT?**

**THIS BOX MUST BE COMPLETED**

Yes

No

If yes, this is a Key Decision because: .....

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Wards/Parishes affected: .....

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