

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL**

**10 DECEMBER 2014**

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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1. **URGENT DECISION TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE**

1.1 **RECOMMENDED:**

1.1.1 That the report be noted.

1.2 **CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND DEVELOPMENT**

1.2.1 The Cabinet Member for Planning, Transport and Development agreed on 6 November 2014 that the decision set out below was urgent and needed to be actioned within the call-in period. In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules of the Constitution, the Mayor, in consultation with the Head of Paid Service and the Chairman of the Planning, Transport and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee, agreed that the decision was reasonable in all the circumstances and should be treated as a matter of urgency and not be subject to call-in.

1.2.2 Park and Ride Site Sittingbourne Road

To consider the options available in relation to the Park and Ride site located at Sittingbourne Road following negotiations with the land owner Gallagher Properties Limited.

1.2.3 Decision Made

- a) That the Council enters into a further 12 month lease on the Gallagher Properties site whilst the longer term transport strategy and Local Plan details are finalised;
- b) That a review of the strategic aspects and operational arrangements of Park and Ride is requested of the Planning, Transport and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and
- c) That delegated authority be given to the Director of Environment and Shared Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member to bring the lease negotiations to a successful conclusion.

#### 1.2.4 Reason for Urgency

The Cabinet Member for Planning, Transport and Development determined that his decision was urgent because the lease to occupy the Park and Ride site was due to expire on 8 November 2014 and therefore the decision was considered urgent to enable services to be provided under a new lease agreement as soon as possible.