

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF THE CABINET

Decision Made: 12 November 2014

**PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE SCRAIP REGARDING - AMENDMENT TO
DECISION MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS**

Issue for Decision

To consider the SCRAIP (reference number PTD.141103.93.1) issued by the Planning, Transport and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their Special Meeting on 3 November 2014 attached as Appendix A to the report of the Head of Policy and Communications.

Decision Made

That approval is given to the insertion of an additional paragraph in the decision making arrangements for neighbourhood plans as follows:

3a	MBC consulted on submission version of the neighbourhood plan (Ref 16)	Internal consultation with ward members/adjoining ward members/Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member Report to consider MBC comments on submission of draft plan.
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Reasons for Decision

The existing agreed framework does not provide for a formal council response to the submitted version of the plan (Regulation 16). On reflection, it is considered important that the council makes a response at this formal stage and that this response has the weight of a Cabinet Member decision. The Examiner will want to know whether the council, as the local planning authority, is in agreement or not with the plan as it has been submitted and this can best be done through a response during this formal consultation stage.

Alternatives considered and why rejected

The Cabinet could decide not to agree to this additional paragraph but this could result in the council's comments on neighbourhood plans not being formally recorded as part of the Neighbourhood Planning process.

Should you be concerned about this decision and wish to call it in, please submit a call in form signed by any two Non-Executive Members to the Head of Policy and Communications by: **21 November 2014**

