

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**RECORD OF DECISION OF THE COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Decision Made: 16 June 2015

Low Emission Strategy

Issue for Decision

To explain the rationale behind the Low Emission Strategy, the issues driving its development, and its main aims.

The Low Emission Strategy will enable the Council to develop a new action plan that is more aligned to the council's responsibilities, available resources and to reflect the latest Strategic Plan.

It is intended that the Low Emission Strategy will evolve to encompass the relevant parts of the Carbon Management Plan, which is over 6 years old and in need of refreshing. This will ensure that the key actions from both documents have a synergy that is tailored to what can be reasonably expected of a district council to deliver.

Decision Made

That:

1. the proposed themes for the Low Emission Strategy, as set out in Appendix A to the report, for consultation with stakeholders and members of the public including investigating the emission benefit from 'shared space schemes' used by some local authorities be agreed;
2. the Head of Housing & Community Services report back to the Committee with the result of the consultation and the draft Low Emission Strategy no later than December 2015; and
3. the Carbon Management Plan 2009 be reviewed and updated, and that a report on progress be prepared. This will be incorporated into the Low Emission Strategy.

Should you wish to refer this decision to the Policy and Resources Committee, please submit a Decision Referral Form, signed by three Councillors, to the Head of Finance and Resources by: 30 June 2015.