

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE**

Decision Made: Wednesday 17 February 2016

**Report of the Head of Finance and Resources - New Homes  
Bonus**

**Issue for Decision**

To agree a response to the 14 questions in the Department for Communities and Local Government consultation document "New Homes Bonus: Sharpening the Incentive".

**Decision Made**

That the proposed responses to the consultation, as set out in Appendix B of the report dated 17 February 2016 be agreed for submission with the response to question 3 amended to read as follows:

"The Council's view is that it should be retained. The current measure, through a recognised and reconciled return to central government, creates consistency and reduces the risk of error or fraud in the calculation. The results are identifiable, meaningful and comprehensible."

Should you wish to refer this decision to Council, please submit a Decision Referral Form, signed by five Councillors, to the Head of Finance and Resources by: 26 February 2016
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