

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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

Decision Made: 27 April 2016

**PUBLIC REALM PHASE THREE**

**Issue for Decision**

To seek approval for progression of Phase 3 of the Public Realm - North End of Week Street project.

**Decision Made**

- 1) That approval be given to go out to tender for the appointment of a design team for Phase 3 – North end of Week Street and Gabriel’s Hill subject to the agreement of the design brief as per the recommendations set out below;
- 2) That delegated authority be given to the Director of Regeneration and Place, in consultation with the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Heritage, Culture and Leisure Committee; Communities, Housing and Environment Committee; and Policy and Resources Committee to agree the final design brief;
- 3) That a working group be formed for this project which will act as a sounding board for the design consultants. This group will consist of the chairs and vice-chairs of the Committees outlined in recommendation 2 above or their nominated substitutes;
- 4) That delegated authority be given to the Head of Mid Kent Legal Services to agree and enter into a contract with the successful bidder;
- 5) That the parallel piece of work commissioned to produce a Public Realm Policy for the town centre, as set out in paragraph 2.12 of the report of the Head of Commercial and Economic Development be noted, a draft of which will be presented to the relevant Committees in August 2016;
- 6) That approval be given to submit a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund and any other appropriate fund that may become available for the Townscape Heritage Fund, for Gabriel’s Hill; and

- 7) That approval be given to finance the Public Realm Phase 3 project with estimated capital costs of £3.1m, which includes the design fees and HLF fees.

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: 6 May 2016