

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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

Decision Made: Wednesday 07 September  
2016

**Report of the Director of Finance & Business Improvement -  
Business Rates Retention Consultation**

**Issue for Decision**

To seek agreement to the Council's proposed response to the government's consultation on 100% Business Rates.

**Decision Made**

1. That the commitment to greater devolution implicit in 100% business rates retention be welcomed, and that it be ensured that additional responsibilities are properly funded and are linked to local authorities' role in driving sustainable economic growth.
2. That the draft response to the consultation document 'Self-Sufficient local government: 100% Business Rates Retention' as set out in appendix 2 to the report of the Director of Finance and Business Improvement be agreed subject to the following amendments:
  - a. That the first sentence of the draft response to Question 2 of the consultation be amended to read: 'Expenditure from national agencies, where appropriate, should be channelled through local authorities, which are best placed to ensure that it is invested effectively to meet local needs.'
  - b. That the draft response to Question 7 of the consultation be amended to read: 'We are strongly in favour of rewarding sustainable growth.'

Should you wish to refer this decision to Council, please submit a Decision Referral Form, signed by five Councillors, to the Head of Policy and Communications by: 16 September 2016
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