

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF THE MAIDSTONE HOUSE AND LINK ENERGY SAVING

Decision Made: 30 January 2024

Maidstone House and Link energy saving

Issue for Decision

To seek approval for a project to carry out energy saving measures at Maidstone House and the Link, including a replacement low carbon heating system, replacement glazing, full insulation of the building, upgrading of the lights to LED, and installation of a solar PV on the Link/Business Terrace roof. The project is a key component of the Council's Biodiversity and Climate Change Programme.

Decision Made

That:

1. Capital expenditure of up to £3,775,200 million (Council contribution 17%), be agreed; and
2. Delegated authority be given to the Director of Finance, Resources and Business Improvement to select and appoint contractors for applicable services as necessary.

Reasons for Decision

As part of Action 7.1 to "Deliver Maidstone Borough Council 2030 Net Zero Commitment" of the Council's Biodiversity and Climate Change Action Plan adopted on 21st October 2020, officers are seeking to secure funding support for the costs of design development, architectural design and installation of low-carbon technologies, insulation, and glazing to substantially cut the Council's carbon from one of its primary carbon emitters.

Maidstone House and the Link Building are the second largest emissions source of the Council accounting for 17.6% of total emissions (2022-23).

In November officers submitted a largescale bid for Phase 3c of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) of £3,126,536 to retrofit Maidstone House.

This grant is in addition to the Council's Capital Contribution of £648,664 needed to ensure eligibility for the funding, with a total project cost of £3,775,200 required to upgrade Maidstone House and the Link Building.

The PSDS grant application includes

- (i) Project management costs for a consultant organisation to coordinate the project,
- (ii) Cost for detailed designs of each aspect of the project,
- (iii) A replacement low carbon heating system,

The proposal described has been included as part of the Capital Programme for 2024/25 onwards, which had been to the Corporate Services PAC, Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Council.

Alternatives considered and why rejected


Do Nothing.

This option was rejected as doing nothing could jeopardise the Council’s funding bid to support the project proposed as part of the Biodiversity and Climate Change Action Plan.

Background Papers

None.

I have read and approved the above decision for the reasons (including possible alternative options rejected) as set out above.



Signed: _____
Councillor David Burton, Leader of the Council.

Full details of both the report for the decision taken above and any consideration by the relevant Policy Advisory Committee can be found at the following area of the [website](#)

Call-In: This is an urgent decision and will not be subject to call-in in accordance with Part C3, Rule 13.5.1 of the Council’s Constitution. The reason for urgency is that a bid for funding is under active consideration and required confirmation that the Council has approved the project as soon as possible so as not to jeopardise the bid.