

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2024

Attendees:

Committee Members:	Councillors Cox, English, Harwood, Jeffery (Chairman), D Naghi, Summersgill, S Thompson and Wales
Visiting Members:	Councillor Russell

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

2. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

3. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

Councillor Russell was present as a Visiting Member for Item 18 – Annualised Garden Waste Subscriptions.

4. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS OR OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

5. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

Councillor Jeffery stated that he had been lobbied on:

- Item 17 – Council Actions in Response to the Israel Palestine Conflict
- Item 18 – Annualised Garden Waste Subscriptions
- Item 19 – Biodiversity and Climate Change Action Plan Update
- Item 20 – Strategic Development Site Supplementary Planning Documents – Providing Flexibility to Stakeholder Steering Group Terms of Reference

6. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED: That all items be taken in public.

7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2024

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed.

8. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were no petitions.

9. QUESTIONS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS TO THE LEADER OR INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER (AS APPROPRIATE)

There were none.

10. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO THE LEADER OR INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER (AS APPROPRIATE)

There were none.

11. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE CABINET FOR RECONSIDERATION (IF ANY)

There were none.

12. ISSUES ARISING FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (IF ANY)

There were none.

13. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE CABINET BY ANOTHER COMMITTEE (IF ANY)

There were none.

14. ANY MATTER RELATING TO A SERIOUS SERVICE FAILURE OR NUISANCE (IF ANY)

There were none.

15. RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL (IF ANY)

There were none.

16. CABINET FORWARD PLAN

RESOLVED: That the Forward Plan be noted.

17. COUNCIL ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE ISRAEL PALESTINE CONFLICT

RESOLVED: That

1. The Council explores how it can better support and facilitate events for people of all faiths and none, where they can come together and express solidarity and sadness in response to these events;
2. The Council offers appropriate support to any local resident who needs our assistance as a result of these violent events, and;
3. The Leader of the Council writes to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs to call on the UK Government:
 - a) to press all parties to agree:
 - i) to an urgent permanent, bilateral ceasefire in Gaza, Israel, West Bank and Lebanon and to work tirelessly to resume a just and sustainable peace

process;

ii) to guarantee that international humanitarian law is upheld and that civilians are protected in accordance with those laws;

iii) to allow the Red Cross and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) immediate access to hostages and detainees in Gaza and Israel and to ensure that all aid is allowed into the region including unfettered access to medical supplies, food, electricity, other fuel and water.

b) to suspend all arms exports to Israel given the plausible case for genocide and illegality of the occupation of Gaza and West Bank.

c) to exercise international advocacy for the right of return and compensation for all Palestinian refugees and their descendants.

(See Record of Decision)

18. ANNUALISED GARDEN WASTE SUBSCRIPTIONS

RESOLVED: That

1. A fixed annual subscription period from 1 July every year is introduced;
2. Annual permits are provided to all households subscribing to the service;
3. All existing and new subscriptions are transitioned onto the new arrangements as set out in Appendix 1 of the report at the point of renewal or new subscription, and;
4. The design of the sticker is agreed in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Enforcement.

(See Record of Decision)

19. BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

RESOLVED: That progress on the Biodiversity and Climate Change Action plan be noted.

20. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT SITE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS - PROVIDING FLEXIBILITY TO STAKEHOLDER GOVERNANCE GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED: That the Head of Spatial Planning and Economic Development, in consultation with the Council Leader, agree to make changes to the terms of reference for the Strategic Development Site Supplementary Planning Documents.

(See Record of Decision)

21. DURATION OF MEETING

6.30 p.m. to 7.31 p.m.