

## **MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **RECORD OF DECISION OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Decision Made: 6 November 2009

#### **Revised Constitution for Maidstone Youth Forum**

##### **Issue for Decision**

To consider the revised constitution of the Maidstone Youth Forum

##### **Decision Made**

That the revised Youth Forum constitution, as attached at Appendix A to the Report of the Assistant Director of Resources and Partnerships, be approved.

##### **Reasons for Decision**

A review of the Youth Forum was undertaken by Internal Audit in May 2009. The ensuing report noted that the provision of the Youth Forum has never been formally approved by the council.

A revised constitution for the Youth Forum which outlines the council's roles and responsibilities in respect of the Forum has been drawn up by officers in consultation with the members of the Youth Forum and agreed by its Advisory Committee.

##### **Alternatives considered and why rejected**

An alternative constitution could be developed. However, given the consultation which has taken place to produce this revised constitution, this is not recommended.

A scoping exercise of all the council's current work on youth engagement, including that of the youth forum, was approved by the Cabinet on 12 August 2009 as part of its response to the Government's Communities in Control White Paper, with a view to improving coordination and efficiency in respect of its approach to youth engagement. It is intended to complete this work by December 2009; alternative courses of action will be considered as part of the exercise and in the context of the overall budget for 2010-2011.

## **Background Papers**

None

Should you be concerned about this decision and wish to call it in, please submit a call in form signed by any two Non-Executive Members to the Scrutiny Manager by: 13 November 2009.

