

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2012**

Present: **Councillor Garland (Chairman), and
Councillors Greer, Hotson, Mrs Ring and J.A. Wilson**

147. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

148. URGENT ITEMS

The Leader of the Council agreed to take as urgent the report of the Director of Regeneration and Communities because, if awarded funding from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), the Council would need to be in a position to have a signed legal agreement with the HCA in place before 31 March 2012 and be in a position to receive the grant payment within the same time frame.

149. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

There were no visiting Members.

150. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

151. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

152. TO CONSIDER WHETHER ANY ITEMS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN PRIVATE
BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBLE DISCLOSURE OF EXEMPT INFORMATION

RESOLVED: That the items on the Agenda be taken in public as proposed.

153. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 08 February 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

154. CORE STRATEGY: TARGETS FOR GYPSY & TRAVELLER PITCHES AND
TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE PLOTS

DECISION MADE:

1. That the following figures be agreed as the target for Gypsy and Traveller pitches for inclusion in the Publication version of the Core Strategy (Regulation 27 consultation).

	Oct 2011 – March 2016	April 2016 – March 2021	April 2021 – March 2026	Oct 2011 – March 2026
Gypsy Pitch requirement	105	25	27	157

2. That the following figures be agreed as the target for Travelling Showpeople plots for inclusion in the Publication version of the Core Strategy (Regulation 27 consultation).

	Oct 2011 – March 2016	April 2016 – March 2021	April 2021 – March 2026	Oct 2011 – March 2026
TS plot requirement	7	1	1	9

3. That the response to the Scrutiny Committee Recommended Action and Implementation Plan (SCRAIP), attached at Appendix 1 to the report of the Director of Change, Planning and the Environment, following the Local Development Document Task and Finish Scrutiny Panel meeting of 21 February 2012, be agreed.

To view full details of this decision, please click here:-

<http://meetings.maidstone.gov.uk/iedecisiondetails.aspx?aiid=10925>

155. EQUALITY OBJECTIVES

DECISION MADE:

1. That the equality objectives suggested for the Museum, the Healthy Weight Programme, and improving the level to which young people feel informed about the Council, be adopted.
2. That the objectives, as well as progress on the objectives and details of any engagement with stakeholders, be published in an accessible format.
3. That progress on achieving objectives be reported to Corporate Leadership Team and the relevant Portfolio Holder on a 6-monthly basis.
4. That, when conducting future surveys and collecting data on customers, services ask questions about more of the protected characteristics where possible.

5. That new, or revised, objectives must be set by 6th April 2016 but it is recommended that further objectives be set before this date as data becomes available, preferably in accordance with the normal business planning and performance monitoring cycle.
6. That any recommendations made by the Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 6th March 2012 be considered.

To view full details of this decision, please click here:-

<http://meetings.maidstone.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?AIId=11542>

156. CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

DECISION MADE:

1. That progress on the Corporate Improvement Plan (CIP) be noted.
2. That the two remaining outstanding actions in the CIP are moved to the relevant service plans and the CIP be discontinued.

To view full details of this decision, please click here:-

<http://meetings.maidstone.gov.uk/iedecisiondetails.aspx?aiid=11342>

157. RESIDENTS' SATISFACTION SURVEY

The Cabinet considered the joint report of the Head of Communications and Performance and the Scrutiny Officer regarding the Residents' Satisfaction Survey.

RESOLVED:

1. That the results of the 2011-12 residents' satisfaction survey be noted.
2. That it be noted that the findings and residents priorities for actions will be built into corporate service level planning.

158. PHASE II OF THE HIGH STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

DECISION MADE:

1. That delegated authority be given to the Director of Regeneration and Communities, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to negotiate and agree the terms of the grant offer and grant conditions with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).
2. That delegated authority be given to the Head of Legal Services to enter into the grant agreement with the HCA.
3. That the Council's expenditure on Phase II must not exceed the grant awarded by the HCA.

To view full details of this decision, please click here:-

<http://meetings.maidstone.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?AIId=11700>

159. FORWARD PLAN

The Cabinet considered the report of the Leader of the Council regarding the Forward Plan 01 April 2012 to 31 July 2012.

RESOLVED; That the Forward Plan for the period 01 April to 31 July 2012 be noted, subject to the following amendments:

1. Asset Management Plan 2012-15	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	April 2012
2. Hazlitt Theatre and Arts Centre – Operations Review and Examination of Future Governance Arrangements	Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Transport	April 2012
3. Adoption of Dog Control Orders in Maidstone	Cabinet Member for Environment	May 2012
4, Local Council Tax Discount Scheme	Cabinet	13 June 2012

160. DURATION OF MEETING

6.30 pm to 7.18 pm.