

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Decision Made: 24 June 2015

REFERENCE FROM COUNCIL - CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Issue for Decision

To consider the motion from Council relating to cycling infrastructure.

Decision Made

- 1) That the progress made to date be noted; and
- 2) That any future reports should be taken to the Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transport Committee on the cycling infrastructure for consideration unless there is a delay on the funding, in which case it should come back to this Committee.

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ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2014/15

Issue for Decision

To note the end of year Strategic Plan action updates and Key Performance indicator results for 2014/15 and to agree the Key Performance Indicators and targets.

Decision Made

- 1) That the performance against the 2014/15 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and the end of year Strategic Plan action updates, as set out in Appendix A to the Report of the Head of Policy and Communications be noted;
- 2) That the new Key Performance Indicators set and targets for the Strategic Plan 2015-20 set out in Appendix C to the report be agreed subject to the following amendments:-
 - (a) **Outcome 4: Ensuring there are good Leisure and Cultural Attractions**

Remove - MCL Number of people attending the Mela (NEW)

Include -User satisfaction with the Hazlitt Arts Centre (NEW)
 - (b) **Outcome 7: Promoting a range of employment opportunities and skills required across the borough**

Include - Number of new businesses using the Business Hub in the Gateway Terrace (NEW)
- 3) That the Communities, Housing and Environment Committee be recommended to monitor the performance of the Commercial Waste Service.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Issue for Decision

To consider the responses to the consultation on the draft Economic Development Strategy, consider the Council's response and whether to adopt the Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan, as amended in Appendix 3.

Decision Made

That the changes to the Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan as set out in Appendix 3 to the report of the Director of Regeneration and Communities be agreed and that the draft Economic Development Strategy is adopted as the Council's Strategy to support economic growth and prosperity for the Borough.

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RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS REFRESH

Issue for Decision

To consider plans to refresh Maidstone BC's approach to risk management including clear establishment of roles and responsibilities, creation of a comprehensive and updated risk register and setting out proposals for senior officer and member review.

Decision Made

- 1) That the Committee approved moving ahead with the process to build and maintain a comprehensive risk register as set in Section 4 and Appendix 1 to the report of the Director of Environment and Shared Services;
- 2) That delegated authority is given to the Chief Executive (as the accountable officer) to take operational decisions necessary for the ongoing maintenance and review of the risk register; and
- 3) That the Committee receive and consider bi-annual summary risk register reports for review, scheduled for January and July.

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INSTALLING RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGY

Issue for Decision

To consider a range of recommendations designed to reduce carbon emissions and generate savings through the use of photovoltaic technology.

Decision Made

- 1) That the purchase, installation and operation of photovoltaic technology be approved on the following buildings with the Council's estate:-
 - (a) Lockmeadow Market Hall – 50kw Array
 - (b) Vinters Park Crematorium – 10kw and 4kw Array
 - (c) Magnolia House – 24kw Array
- 2) That the purchase of renewably generated electricity from a third party at Maidstone House be approved;
- 3) That a budget of £125,000 to implement the recommendations be approved;
- 4) That delegated authority be given to the Commercial Projects Manager to spend the budget and enter into the appropriate contracts to implement the recommendations;
- 5) That delegated authority be given to the Commercial Projects Manager to obtain the necessary permissions and licences to implement the recommendations including the registration for Feed in Tariff; sale, export or purchase of electricity; and appropriate agreements with the District Network Operator; and to assign those permissions and licences as appropriate;
- 6) That the progression of the work towards entering into an assignable power purchase agreement with a generator of renewable energy be approved and the trial for Maidstone House and the Gateway be agreed.

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