

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**RECORD OF DECISION OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING,
SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Decision Made: Tuesday 06 October
2015

**Reference from Heritage, Culture and Leisure Committee -
Destination Management Plan Task and Finish Group
nominations**

Issue for Decision

That the Committee considers nominating Committee representatives to the relevant Destination Management Plan Task and Finish Groups.

Decision Made

That the Committee formally request from the Heritage, Culture and Leisure Committee, additional details of the Destination Management Plan's Task and Finish Groups, to include the terms of reference for each Group, dates and times of meetings and information on other Task and Finish Group members.

Should you wish to refer this decision to Policy and Resources Committee, please submit a Decision Referral Form, signed by three Councillors, to the Head of Finance and Resources by: 15 October 2015

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**Report of the Head of Finance and Resources - Correction to
Decision under Minute 52 of the meeting of 23 July 2015**

Issue for Decision

That the Committee corrects the published decision under Minute 52 of the Minutes from the meeting of 23 July 2015.

Decision Made

That the Committee correct the published decision under Minute 52 of the Minutes from the meeting of this Committee on 23 July 2015 to read:

'The following sites, which have already obtained either Planning Permission or a Resolution to Grant by the Council's Planning Committee, be approved for Public Consultation (according to the relevant stage of the consultation for each site):

H1(39) – Lane at Ulcombe Road, Headcorn (Regulation 19)

H1(61) – Land at Cross Keys, Roundwell, Bearsted (Regulation 19)

H1(65) – Land North of Lenham Road, Headcorn (Regulation 19)'

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**Report of the Director of Environment and Shared Services -
Lease for the Park and Ride site at Sittingbourne Road,
Maidstone**

Issue for Decision

That the Committee considers the recommendation to agree a three month lease with the landowner of the Sittingbourne Road Park and Ride site located at Eclipse Business Park, Maidstone from 8 November 2015 in order that the Council can properly manage vacating the site and modify service arrangements by 8 February 2016.

Decision Made

1. That a new short term lease of three months is agreed with Gallagher properties Limited based on the current lease arrangements;
2. That Arriva Kent and Surrey are issued with a contract variation to amend the service provision from three sites to two from 8 February 2016.

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Report of the Head of Planning and Development - North Loose Neighbourhood Development Plan

Issue for Decision

The Committee to consider the proposed Maidstone Borough Council consultation response to North Loose on their Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Decision Made

1. That the Committee approves the report as the basis for formal representations on the Regulation 16 North Loose Neighbourhood Development Plan (August 2015);
2. That the Committee agrees the Council's consultation responses to the Regulation 16 North Loose Neighbourhood Development Plan (August 2015) summarised below.

The North Loose Neighbourhood Development Plan (August 2015):

- a) Is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the adopted Maidstone Borough-Wide Local Plan 2000;
- b) Has been assessed, at this stage, to not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment or Habitats Regulations Assessment;
- c) Is not in line with national policy in respect that it fails to adequately indicate how it has contributed, and will contribute, to the emerging Maidstone Borough Local Plan's Objectively Assessed Housing Need since the beginning of the emerging Local Plan's period. It is suggested that the forum specifies the site boundaries and quantum of development anticipated for each site;
- d) Is not in line with national and local policy in relation to the Plan's references to low housing density standards across the Neighbourhood Plan area;

- e) Is not in conformity with the emerging Maidstone Borough Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation Draft 2014 (MBLP 2014) in relation to the non-allocation of the New Line Learning draft housing allocation. Related to this, clarification is needed on the identification of open spaces as they relate to this site and countryside links;
- f) Should seek to ensure the Plan is 'future proofed' in relation to references to the Code of Sustainable Homes; and,
- g) Should include adequate justification and detailed costing where policies refer to the seeking of development contributions.

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**Report of the Director of Environment and Shared Services -
Disposal of Land at Brunswick Street, Maidstone**

Issue for Decision

The Committee to consider the disposal of the Brunswick Road Car Park in Maidstone.

Decision Made

That the Committee notes the requirement for fewer parking spaces in Brunswick Street and agrees to collaborate with the Communities, Housing and Environment Committee to consider a new housing development on the site of the existing car park and adjoining land and to re-provide a new smaller car park to meet the existing car parking space needs in the area (target of 33 spaces).

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