

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF THE COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Decision Made: 19 January 2016

STRATEGIC PLAN 2015-20 REFRESH

Issue for Decision

To consider the priority action areas for this Committee.

Decision Made

- 1) That the projects under the priority action areas be noted; and
- 2) That the action plan, milestones and outcomes be agreed.

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MAIDSTONE HOUSING STRATEGY 2016-2020

Issue for Decision

To consider the progress made on the Housing Strategy and the feedback from the recent consultation exercise.

Decision Made

That:

- 1) It was noted that a consultation process had been undertaken with relevant stakeholders. A summary of these consultations and responses were included in the report and Appendix B to the report of the Head of Housing and Community Services. The Government changes to National Policy in the Housing and Planning Bill were also noted;
- 2) Following extensive research, analysis and consultation, the Key Priority Themes and stated outcomes identified for the new Maidstone Housing Strategy 2016-2020 be approved;
- 3) Delegated authority be given to the Head of Housing and Community Services to develop the Action Plan (as attached at Appendix A to the report of the Head of Housing and Community Services) and final Maidstone Housing Strategy document, before it is presented to Policy and Resources Committee and full Council for adoption; and
- 4) The first phase of actions that the Council can commence in order to address the current housing situation in the first year of the new Maidstone Housing Strategy be approved.

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**MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2016-17 ONWARDS -
FEES AND CHARGES**

Issue for Decision

To agree the level of fees and charges for services within the committee's responsibilities.

Decision Made

That:

- 1) The proposed fees and charges for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix A to the report of the Head of Finance and Resources be approved; and
- 2) The budget increase as set out in Appendix A to the report of the Head of Finance and Resources and summarised in Table 1, paragraph 2.6 in the report be approved.

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MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2016-17 ONWARDS - FINAL UPDATE

Issue for Decision

Provides a final opportunity for the committee to consider the budget for 2016-17 and the medium term strategy prior to Policy.

Decision Made

That:

- 1) The additional savings and efficiencies set out in Appendix B to the report of the Head of Finance and Resources be approved;
- 2) The budget proposed for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix C to the report of the Head of Finance and Resources be approved and confirms the decision to Policy and Resources Committee;
- 3) The Committee expresses its concerns to Policy and Resources Committee that it cannot agree the capital programme 2016/17 to 2020/21 relating to this Committee until it is given more information; and
- 4) The Committee requests that Officers bring a report back to the next meeting on proposals to mitigate the loss of the freighter service.

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PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS - TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

Issue for Decision

This report makes recommendations as to the acquisition of particular properties for the provision of temporary accommodation for homeless families.

Decision Made

That:

- 1) The purchase of two properties subject to contract, valuation and survey, for use as accommodation for homeless households be approved as set out in the exempt report of the Head of Housing and Community Services;
- 2) The Housing Capital (Support for Social Housing) Programme funds for 2015/16 (£1,664,500) are carried forward into 2016/17, in order to adequately fund these property acquisitions and also leave sufficient capital resources for the Council to consider buying additional properties should further opportunities arise in the market place;
- 3) The Head of Legal Services be authorised to complete the purchases on the agreed terms;
- 4) The Head of Housing and Community Services commissions the appropriate management service provision as set out in the report of the Head of Housing and Community Services; and
- 5) Officers regularly update the Committee on progress of these purchases.

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