

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**RECORD OF DECISION OF THE COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Decision Made: 15 March 2016

**REFERENCE FROM COUNCIL - HOUSING CRISIS - WHERE ARE
THE YOUNG GOING TO LIVE?**

Issue for Decision

To consider the Motion from Council.

Decision Made

That the Committee meet with the various organisations represented at the Council meeting on an informal basis before the April Committee meeting when Officers will then bring a follow up report.

Should you wish to refer this decision to the Policy and Resources Committee, please submit a Decision Referral Form, signed by three Councillors, to the Head of Finance and Resources by: 23 March 2016

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REVIEW AND UPDATE OF CONTAMINATED LAND INSPECTION STRATEGY

Issue for Decision

To approve the updated Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy incorporating revised guidance replacing the current strategy.

Decision Made

That the updated Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy attached as Appendix A to the report of the Head of Housing and Community Services be adopted with effect from 1 April 2016.

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REVIEW OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Issue for Decision

To identify the level of public conveniences provision required to improve Maidstone's attractiveness and to be a destination of choice for visitors.

Decision Made

- (1) That the Committee approves the objective that the provision of public conveniences should support the Council's ambition for Maidstone to be an attractive place for visitors and residents, and therefore should focus on areas where provision is currently insufficient;
- (2) That the Committee agrees to the removal of the Butterfly Urinal from Maidstone High Street;
- (3) That the Committee agrees that the principle of the Community Toilet Scheme should be refreshed and reviewed;
- (4) That the Committee delegates to the Head of Environment and Public Realm in conjunction with the Head of Commercial and Economic Development the authority to agree new Community Toilet arrangements with businesses in the Town Centre which have suitable facilities;
- (5) That the Committee agrees to continue the current payments to support the Parish Councils' service provision until it can be considered as part of the review of the Parish Services Scheme; and
- (6) That the Committee supports the proposal to explore investment opportunities for new facilities as part of the implementation of a modest Business Improvement District and through the collection of Section 106 contributions.

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GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITES FREEHOLD TRANSFER

Issue for Decision

To consider transferring land to Kent County Council

Decision Made

That the freehold transfer of Gypsy and Traveller Sites to Kent County Council (KCC), as detailed in the exempt report of the Head of Housing and Community Services, be approved.

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