

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Decision Made: Tuesday 19 January
2016

North Loose Neighbourhood Development Plan

Issue for decision

The Committee were asked to recommend to Full Council to approve the North Loose Neighbourhood Development Plan (NLNDP) for referendum as the final stage of the neighbourhood planning preparation process prior to adoption.

Decision made

That the Committee recommends that Full Council approves the North Loose Neighbourhood Development Plan to proceed to referendum.

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: 27 January 2016

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**Report of the Head of Policy and Communications - Strategic
Plan 2015-20 refresh**

Issue for Decision

The Committee were asked to review the projects and related draft action plan identifying any changes they considered may be required.

The Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transportation Committee have the opportunity to shape the work that delivers the following priority action areas:

- Securing improvements to the transport infrastructure of our Borough
- Planning for sufficient homes to meet our Borough's needs.

Decision made

1. That the Committee considered the projects under the Priority Action areas presented in the Strategic Plan 2015-20 refresh report dated 19 January 2016, noting that there was nothing the Committee wished to add at this point.
2. That the Committee agreed the action plan, milestones and outcomes (attached at Appendix I) to the report.

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**Report of the Head of Finance and Resources - Medium Term
Financial Strategy 2016-17 Onwards - Fees and Charges**

Issue for decision

The Committee was asked to consider proposals for setting the level of fees and charges for 2016/17 for services where the Committee raises income by charging the user of the service and where the setting of the fee or charge is discretionary; and to also note the level of any fees and charges that may be set in accordance with statutory requirements where these apply to the Committee's range of services.

The Committee was also asked to consider the impact of the proposed changes in the level of fees and charges on the Council's medium term financial strategy and the budget for 2017/17.

Decision made

1. That the Committee approves the proposed fees and charges for 2016/17 as set out in detail in Appendix A of the report of 19 January 2016.
2. That the Committee approves the budget increase set out in Appendix A and summarised in Table 1 at paragraph 2.6 of the report of 19 January 2016.

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**Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016-17 Onwards - Final
Update**

Issue for decision

The Committee was asked to consider the resources available to provide the services that are its responsibility and comment to Policy and Resources Committee on any matters for their consideration before a recommendation is made to Council in March 2016.

The Committee was also asked to approve the addition of £20,000 income from Street Naming and Numbering to Appendix B – Additional Savings Proposals for 2016/17.

Decision made

1. That the Committee agrees the additional savings and efficiencies set out in Appendix B of the report with the addition of a further income of £20,000 from Street Naming and Numbering.
2. That the Committee agree the budget proposed for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix C of the report and confirm the decision to Policy and Resources Committee.
3. That the Committee agree the capital programme 2016/17 to 2020/21, for this Committee, as set out in Appendix F of the report subject to the addition of any schemes agreed as part of the Committee's consideration of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and submit the decision to Policy and Resources Committee for inclusion in the full programme.

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**Urgent Item - Report of the Head of Planning and
Development - Maidstone Borough Local Plan - Publication
(Regulation 19)**

Issue for decision

Since the meeting of the Committee on 13 January 2016, officers scrutinised every single development allocation policy. It was found that many of the amendments were subject to approved Section 106 agreements, either fully signed and sealed or in a draft negotiated form following Heads of Terms agreed by way of a clear resolution of the Planning Committee and therefore have superseded the applicable site specific policy criteria. This meant, therefore, that the decision made on 13 January 2016 had to be amended to include reference to this change.

Decision made

That, subject to the reclassification of Coxheath as a Larger Village and the insertion of the Indicative Housing Trajectory, Council are recommended to approve the Maidstone Borough Local Plan 2016 (attached as Appendix A of the report to the Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transportation Committee dated 13 January 2016, revised to reflect (i) insertion of the words 'community and' at line 1 of Policy H1 paragraph 2 on page 78, before the word 'strategic'; and (ii) any previously agreed site-specific infrastructure criterion not covered by (i) which were agreed by the Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transportation Committee or its decision making predecessor and, (iii) except where decisions or resolutions of the Planning Committee and/or the Planning Referrals Committee already supersede (i) and (ii)) for Publication (Regulation 19) and Submission to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (Regulation 22) for examination under Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

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