

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Decision Made: 28 September 2016

**Report of the Chief Executive - Enhanced Inter-Tier Working
and Devolution**

Issue for Decision

To consider the merits, or otherwise, of further collaboration and partnership working with local government partners in Kent.

Decision Made

RESOLVED:

- 1) That Maidstone Borough Council should continue to engage with other Kent local authorities with the objective of strengthening service delivery resilience, improving cost effectiveness and securing investment in services and community infrastructures;
- 2) That Maidstone Borough Council should seek enhanced Inter tier working on the basis of the strategic priorities and services summarised at paragraph 2.14 of the report of the Chief Executive and that any amendments to this list be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee until such time that local governance arrangements have been considered and established;
- 3) That Maidstone Borough Council should work with district councils across Kent, Medway and Kent County Council to achieve this and in particular with Dartford, Gravesham, Medway, Swale and Kent County Councils;
- 4) That delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, to agree the detail of principles for enhanced inter tier working;
- 5) That Maidstone Borough Council should, when the opportunity arises, participate in discussions across the whole of Kent and Medway with the objective of developing a devolution proposition and that the Leader and Chief Executive will participate fully in these; and

- 6) That Maidstone Borough Council should participate in further development of devolution propositions alongside the North Kent authorities of Gravesham, Dartford, Medway and Swale and KCC for the reasons set out in paragraph 2.33 of the report of the Chief Executive.

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**Report of the Director of Finance and Business Improvement
- First Quarter Budget Monitoring**

Issue for Decision

To provide an overview of the capital and revenue budget and outturn for the first quarter of 2016/17 and highlights other financial matters that may have a material impact on the medium term financial strategy for the balance sheet.

Decision Made

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the revenue position at the end of the first quarter and the actions being taken or proposed to improve the position where significant variances have been identified, as set out in table 1, paragraph 2.8 of the report of the Director of Finance and Business Improvement be noted;
- 2) That the proposed slippage in the capital programme of £4,526,591 into 2017/18 as detailed in paragraph 2.13 of the report of the Director of Finance and Business Improvement be approved;
- 3) That the performance of the collection fund and the estimated level of balances at the year end be noted; and
- 4) That the performance in relation to the treasury management strategy for the first quarter of 2016/17 be noted.

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**Report of the Head of Policy and Communications - Corporate
Planning Timetable**

Issue for Decision

To consider the proposed approach to refreshing the current Strategic Plan and undertaking budget consultation as part of a corporate planning timetable.

Decision Made

RESOLVED: That the process for reviewing the timetable for refreshing the Strategic Plan and creating the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Service Planning be agreed.

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**Report of the Head of Policy and Communications -
Information Management Strategy**

Issue for Decision

To consider the strategy which sets out the Council's approach to information governance and assurance and actions that will be taken in regard to information management.

Decision Made

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the review of the Information Management Strategy as set out in Appendix A to the report of the Head of Policy and Communications be approved;
- 2) That the Chairman of Audit, Governance and Standards Committee act as the Council's Information Management Champion; and
- 3) That the Constitution be amended accordingly to reflect this.

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**Report of the Deputy Head of Legal Partnership - Petition on
Council Tax Enforcement**

Issue for Decision

To consider a report about a petition which requested that the Council changes its procedures for enforcing unpaid Council Tax

Decision Made

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the petition be noted;
- 2) That the procedures put in place currently to enforce unpaid council tax be noted; and
- 3) That the Committee requests Officers to prepare a briefing note on procedures for Council Tax payment of outstanding debt in other Kent authorities.

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**Report of the Head of Commercial and Economic
Development - Enterprise Zone Memorandum of
Understanding**

Issue for Decision

To consider whether to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government confirming Maidstone Borough Council's commitment to the Enterprise Zone and the arrangements for its operation and development.

Decision Made

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as set out in Appendix 1 to the report of the Head of Commercial and Economic Development be agreed and that authorisation be given to the Chief Executive to sign it and submit it to Government; and
- 2) That delegated authority be given to the Director of Regeneration and Place in consultation with the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee to agree the content of the final MOU.

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