

## **MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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

Decision Made: 17 January 2017

#### **Report of the Head of Policy and Communications - Strategic Plan 2015-20, 2017-18 Update**

##### **Issue for Decision**

To review the action areas relevant to the Committee's terms of reference.

##### **Decision Made**

1. That the following amendments to the draft Strategic Plan 2015-20, 2017-18 Update be recommended to Policy and Resources Committee:

<b><u>Page</u></b>	<b><u>As presented</u></b>	<b><u>Committee's amendments</u></b> (additions in <b>bold</b> )
<b><u>Vision, Mission and Values Section</u></b>		
3	Our Vision section followed by Our Mission section.	Reformat so that <b>Our Mission is first section, followed by Our Vision.</b>
<b><u>Action Section</u></b>		
3	Under Action – A home for everyone	<b>'Planning and delivery for sufficient homes to meet our Borough's needs'</b> be re-inserted and <b>'A home for everyone'</b> be taken out
<b><u>Our Values Section</u></b>		
3	STRIVE Section placed on page 3.	Section to be relocated to last page of document.
<b><u>Providing a Clean and Safe Environment</u></b>		
4	First paragraph	Maidstone Borough Council has demonstrated its commitment to deliver cost effective and sustainable waste and recycling services. <b>as a result our recycling rate has improved significantly.</b> Maidstone does not experience high levels of crime. We have with our Community Safety Partnership

		agreed that reducing anti-social behaviour, domestic abuse, reoffending and improving road safety are our priorities up until 2018 <del>During the first year of the Strategic Plan</del> The Council has introduced street cleansing <b>and we will ensure we meet that objective.</b>
4	We mean	People feel safe in the Borough and they live in <del>a clean environment of high quality</del> <b>an attractive a safe</b> and clean environment.
4	We will	<b>Working with partners to deliver the Community Safety Plan Strategy 2017-18.</b>
4	We will	Amend: Deliver the Air Quality <b>Strategy working with partnerships</b>
<b>Respecting the Character and Heritage of our Borough</b>		
5	We mean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not to include - <b>Deliver the blue and green infrastructure strategy</b></li> <li>• Include - <b>Deliver the biodiversity action plan</b></li> </ul>
<b>Ensuring there are good Leisure and Cultural Attractions</b>		
5	Amend first paragraph	There is always something to see or do in Maidstone <b>borough</b> with the river, two museums and a theatre in the town centre, <b>quality parks and open spaces</b> and a well used leisure centre, a castle, various markets and a variety of festivals and events held across the Borough and throughout the year.
5	We will	<p>Keep the bullet point: <b>Maximise the benefits of our leisure and cultural assets through our commercialisation approach to maintain key services</b></p> <p>Delete: <b>Deliver the programme of projects a sustainable future for Mote Park</b></p> <p>Add: <b>Ten year Parks and Open Spaces Strategy</b></p>
<b>A Home for Everyone</b>		
7	Change title – A home for everyone	<b>Planning and delivery for sufficient homes to meet our Borough's needs</b>

7	We mean	<p>Amend sentence to read: Having enough homes to meet our residents' <b>long term</b> needs, <b>to include homes for affordable rent and affordable home ownership. These must be economically sustainable for all our residents.</b></p> <p>Delete: <del>deliver the affordable housing programme.</del></p> <p>Not to include: develop and implement a housing standards strategy</p>
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2. That it be recommended to Policy and Resources Committee that Key Performance Indicators for the action areas be considered by each Service Committee following the finalisation and adoption of the Strategic Plan 2015-20, 2017-18 update.

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**Report of the Director of Finance and Business Improvement - Medium Term Financial Strategy & Budget Proposals 2017/18**

**Issue for Decision**

To set out revenue budget proposals for the Committee for the year 2017/18 and the remainder of the five year medium term strategy planning period.

**Decision Made**

That:

1. The budget proposals for services within the remit of the Committee, as set out in Appendix B to the report of the Director of Finance and Business Improvement, be agreed for submission to Policy and Resources Committee.
2. The extension of the existing Parish Services Scheme for one further year to 31 March 2018 be agreed.

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**Report of the Director of Finance and Business Improvement - Fees and Charges**

**Issue for Decision**

The report sets out the proposed fees and charges for 2017/18 for the services which fall under the responsibility of the Committee and generate income through a charge to the service user.

**Decision Made**

That:

1. The proposed fees and charges for 2017/18 as set out in detail in Appendix A to the report of the Director of Finance and Business Improvement be approved.
2. The fees and charges set by the government for 2017/18, as detailed in Appendix A to the report of the Director of Finance and Business Improvement, be noted.

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**Report of the Head of Commercial and Economic Development - Property Acquisitions - Brunswick Street Redevelopment**

**Issue for Decision**

To seek approval for the freehold acquisition of the premises set out in the exempt report of the Head of Regeneration and Economic Development.

**Decision Made**

That:

1. The draft Heads of Terms, as set out in Appendix 2 to the exempt report of the Head of Regeneration and Economic Development for the freehold acquisition of the premises detailed be agreed.
2. The Director of Finance and Business Improvement be granted delegated authority to conclude negotiations with the owners regarding the acquisition of both sites.
3. The Director of Finance and Business Improvement be granted delegated authority to commence and conclude negotiations with the tenants regarding the early surrender of the lease.
4. The Head of Mid Kent Legal Services be authorised to complete the documentation required for the purchases and early surrender of the lease as agreed by the Director of Finance and Business Improvement.
5. The acquisition costs related to the development of the Brunswick Street car park site be funded from approved resources within the Housing Investments Capital Programme.

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**Report of the Head of Housing and Community Services - Service Level Agreements Review and Grant Budgets**

**Issue for Decision**

To review the Service Level Agreement process.

**Decision Made**

That Option B as set out in paragraphs 3.3 to 3.8 (with the exclusion of paragraph 3.6) in the exempt report of the Head of Housing and Community Services, for funding post April 2017 grants to external organisations under Service Level Agreements with the Council be adopted.

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