

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Decision Made: Wednesday 07 September
2016

**Report of the Director of Finance & Business Improvement -
Medway, Teise and Beult Flood Alleviation**

Issue for Decision

To decide the Council's approach and direction with regard to the Environment Agency's proposals for flood alleviation and resilience.

Decision Made

1. That work be continued with the Environment Agency and Kent County Council as part of the Executive Group, and local communities, to develop flood mitigation measures including property level resilience across the Medway, Teise and Beult catchment area and the affected urban area.
2. That engagement with affected Parish Councils and the Medway, Teise and Beult Flood Group be undertaken.

Should you wish to refer this decision to Council, please submit a Decision Referral Form, signed by five Councillors, to the Head of Policy and Communications by: 16 September 2016

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**Report of the Director of Finance & Business Improvement -
Business Rates Retention Consultation**

Issue for Decision

To seek agreement to the Council's proposed response to the government's consultation on 100% Business Rates.

Decision Made

1. That the commitment to greater devolution implicit in 100% business rates retention be welcomed, and that it be ensured that additional responsibilities are properly funded and are linked to local authorities' role in driving sustainable economic growth.
2. That the draft response to the consultation document 'Self-Sufficient local government: 100% Business Rates Retention' as set out in appendix 2 to the report of the Director of Finance and Business Improvement be agreed subject to the following amendments:
 - a. That the first sentence of the draft response to Question 2 of the consultation be amended to read: 'Expenditure from national agencies, where appropriate, should be channelled through local authorities, which are best placed to ensure that it is invested effectively to meet local needs.'
 - b. That the draft response to Question 7 of the consultation be amended to read: 'We are strongly in favour of rewarding sustainable growth.'

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**Report of the Director of Finance & Business Improvement -
Medium Term Financial Strategy and Efficiency Plan**

Issue for Decision

To agree the draft Medium Term Financial Strategy and Efficiency Plan for recommendation to Council.

Decision Made

1. That the draft Medium Term Financial Strategy and Efficiency Plan set out at Appendix A to the report of the Director of Finance and Business Improvement be agreed.
2. That it be recommended to Council that the Government's offer of a four year funding settlement be accepted, subject to recommendation 3.
3. That it be recommended to Council that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive and the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, to make any amendments to the Efficiency Plan, within the parameters of the agreed Medium Term Financial Strategy, that may be required based on emerging new information between now and the submission deadline.

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