

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

HERITAGE, CULTURE AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

3 NOVEMBER 2015

**REFERENCE FROM COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE**

1. CARBON MANAGEMENT PLAN OUTCOMES

- 1.1 On 15 September 2015 the Communities, Housing and Environment Committee considered the Report of the Head of Housing and Communities on the Carbon Management Plan Outcomes.
- 1.2 The Council had introduced a Carbon Management Plan in 2009 covering the period from 2009 to 2015.
- 1.3 The plan had committed the Council to a target of reducing its CO₂ emissions by 20% from the 2008/2009 level by the end of the 2014/15 financial year.
- 1.4 In 2013/14 the Council's CO₂ emissions were reduced by 18.4%.
- 1.5 In 2014/15 there was an increase of 4.3%. The primary cause of this increase was the breakdown of the Combined Heat and Power (CHP) plant at Mote Park Leisure Centre which resulted in a large increase in energy consumption. This in turn affected the cumulative target reached at the end of the 6 year period.
- 1.6 The Committee was informed that the CHP plant at the Leisure Centre was quite old. The Committee felt that the Leisure Centre target should be looked at in more detail, resolving that a recommendation be made to the appropriate Committee.

2. RECOMMENDED:

- 2.1 That the Heritage, Culture and Leisure Committee be recommended to consider the targets in relation to the Leisure Centre as set out in the Carbon Management Plan.