

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**30 NOVEMBER 2017**

**REFERENCE FROM POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**BUDGET MONITORING – DEVELOPMENT CONTROL APPEALS**

At its meeting on 20 September 2017 the Policy and Resources Committee considered the Report of the Director of Finance and Business Improvement relating to First Quarter Budget Monitoring 2017/18. This report detailed the current budget position for the Council.

At that meeting the Committee requested that, in view of the financial constraints for this Council, the Planning Committee is requested to pay particular attention to how they can manage planning appeal costs.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That in view of the financial constraints for this Council, the Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transportation Committee and the Planning Committee are requested to pay particular attention to how they can manage planning appeal costs.

**Note:**

The Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transportation Committee considered the reference at the meeting held on 7 November 2017. The reference was noted and the Committee requested a further report be brought back setting out the current and projected appeal costs in detail, so that the Committee could fully understand and appreciate the underlying causes and trends including historical data for the last five years.