

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**URGENT ITEM**

**5 DECEMBER 2018**

**REFERENCE FROM STRATEGIC PLANNING, SUSTAINABILITY AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**Reason for Urgency**

The reason for urgency for this item is that the Loose Neighbourhood Plan Consultation closes on 14 December, and this is the only opportunity the Policy and Resources Committee will have to consider this item before the close of the consultation.

**Loose Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Response (Regulation 16)**

At its meeting on 4 December 2018, the Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transportation Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning and Development relating to the Loose Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Response (Regulation 16).

During the debate, the issue of the Council's response to the Loose Neighbourhood Plan as landowner of the Field to the rear of Herts Crescent and McAlpine Close was raised. The response will be submitted by the Director of Finance and Business Improvement under his delegations outlined in the Constitution. The Committee requested that this element of the response be referred to Policy and Resources Committee for their consideration as this falls within the Policy and Resources Committee's Terms of Reference.

The Committee **resolved**:

That a reference be made to the Policy and Resources Committee on 5 December 2018 regarding the Council's response to the Loose Neighbourhood Plan Consultation, with respect to land ownership

**Advice of the Democratic and Administration Services Manager**

The consultation response was provided to the Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transportation Committee for noting only, as the Director of Finance and Business Improvement has confirmed he will be exercising his delegation on this matter. This advice also applies to the Policy and Resources Committee's consideration of this item.

If the Policy and Resources Committee is minded to comment on the response, the comments made will be noted in the minutes of the Committee meeting and the Director of Finance and Business Improvement will take these comments into account when exercising his delegation.

As this matter has already been delegated through the Constitution, and the proper officer is exercising his delegation, then the consultation response will be

submitted through the delegation granted to the Director of Finance and Business Improvement.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the Council's response to the Loose Neighbourhood Plan Consultation is noted.