

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**6 APRIL 2011**

**REFERENCE FROM CABINET**

**1. FUTURE ROLE OF THE STRATEGIC HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

1.1 The Cabinet, at its meeting held on 09 March 2011, considered a recommendation by the Head of Housing and Community Safety to consider the future role of the Strategic Housing Advisory Committee. A copy of the report is attached as an Appendix to this reference.

1.2 The Cabinet agreed to recommend to Council:

1.2.1 That the Strategic Housing Advisory Committee be disbanded

1.2.2 That a new body named the 'Housing Consultative Board' be created, with the terms of reference as set out below:

Revised terms of reference

| <b>Committee and Membership</b>                              | <b>Functions</b>  | <b>Delegated of Functions</b> |
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| Housing Consultative Board<br><br>7 Members of the Authority | To give advice to the Cabinet and the Cabinet Member with responsibility for housing on;<br>a) Housing Strategy, housing needs and the Housing Investment Programme<br><br>b) The provision of housing including the type, size and tenure<br><br>c) The delivery of new affordable homes<br><br>d) Homelessness, temporary accommodation and the provision of housing advice<br><br>e) The council's Allocation Scheme and performance of the housing register<br><br>f) The Supporting People programme<br><br>g) Changes to housing legislation, regulation and policy | Not Applicable                |

- 1.2.3 That the new Housing Consultative Board be reviewed after 12 months to determine its effectiveness and its continued existence.
- 1.2.4 Cabinet also agreed that as part of the review of standing committees, an all-party advisory body for Cabinet and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration be formed with terms of reference as set out above.
- 1.3 **RECOMMENDED: That the Standards Committee evaluate the proposed future role of the Housing Consultative Board.**