

# LIST OF FORTHCOMING DECISIONS

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

This document sets out the decisions to be taken by the Executive and various Committees of Maidstone Borough Council on a rolling basis. This document will be published as updated with new decisions required to be made.

#### **KEY DECISIONS**

A key decision is an executive decision which is likely to:

- Result in the Maidstone Borough Council incurring expenditure or making savings which is equal to the value of £250,000 or more; or
- Have significant effect on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards in Maidstone.

At Maidstone Borough Council, decisions which we regard as "Key Decisions" because they are likely to have a "significant" effect either in financial terms or on the community include:

- (1) Decisions about expenditure or savings which equal or are more than £250,000.
- (2) Budget reports.
- (3) Policy framework reports.
- (4) Adoption of new policies plans, strategies or changes to established policies, plans or strategies.
- (5) Approval of portfolio plans.
- (6) Decisions that involve significant service developments, significant service reductions, or significant changes in the way that services are delivered, whether Borough-wide or in a particular locality.
- (7) Changes in fees and charges.
- (8) Proposals relating to changes in staff structure affecting more than one section.

Each entry identifies, for that "key decision" -

- the decision maker
- the date on which the decision is due to be taken
- the subject matter of the decision and a brief summary
- the reason it is a key decision
- to whom representations (about the decision) can be made

- whether the decision will be taken in public or private
- what reports/papers are, or will be, available for public inspection

#### **EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**

The Cabinet collectively makes its decisions at a meeting and individual portfolio holders make decisions independently. In addition, Officers can make key decisions and an entry for each of these will be included in this list.

#### **DECISIONS WHICH THE CABINET INTENDS TO MAKE IN PRIVATE**

The Cabinet hereby gives notice that it intends to meet in private after its public meeting to consider reports and/or appendices which contain exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). The private meeting of the Cabinet is open only to Members of the Cabinet, other Councillors and Council officers.

Reports and/or appendices to decisions which the Cabinet will take at its private meeting are indicated in the list below, with the reasons for the decision being made in private. Any person is able to make representations to the Cabinet if he/she believes the decision should instead be made in the public Cabinet meeting. If you want to make such representations, please email <a href="mainto:janetbarnes@maidstone.gov.uk">janetbarnes@maidstone.gov.uk</a>. You will then be sent a response in reply to your representations. Both your representations and the Executive's response will be published on the Council's website at least 5 working days before the Cabinet meeting.

#### **ACCESS TO CABINET REPORTS**

Reports to be considered at the Cabinet's public meeting will be available on the Council's website (<a href="www.maidstone.gov.uk">www.maidstone.gov.uk</a>) a minimum of 5 working days before the meeting.

#### **HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE TO THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS?**

The Council actively encourages people to express their views on decisions it plans to make. This can be done by writing directly to the appropriate Officer or Cabinet Member (details of whom are shown in the list below).

Alternatively, the Cabinet are contactable via our website (<a href="www.maidstone.gov.uk">www.maidstone.gov.uk</a>) where you can submit a question to the Leader of the Council. There is also the opportunity to invite the Leader of the Council to speak at a function you may be organising.

#### WHO ARE THE CABINET?



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Decision Maker and Date of When Decision is Due to be Made:	Title of Report and Brief Summary:	Key Decision and reason (if applicable):	Contact Officer:	Public or Private (if Private the reason why)	Documents to be submitted (other relevant documents may be submitted)
Cabinet  Due Date: Wednesday 4  Dec 2013	Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy  Approval of Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy for public consultation (to be undertaken at the same time as the Maidstone Borough Local Plan).	KEY Reason: Policies, Plans, Strategies	Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management Robjarman@maidsto ne.gov.uk	Public	Green spaces for Maidstone strategy, 2005. Maidstone Open Space DPD, 2006. Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy
Cabinet  Due Date: Wednesday 4  Dec 2013	MAIDSTONE BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION DRAFT - GROUP 2 POLICIES 2nd group of local plan policies for approval by Cabinet	KEY Reason: Affects more than 1 ward	Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management Robjarman@maidsto ne.gov.uk	Public	MAIDSTONE BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION DRAFT – GROUP 2 POLICIES
Licensing Committee  Due Date: Wednesday 4  Dec 2013	Street Trading Application for Jubilee Square, Christmas Market  Street Trading Application for Jubilee Square, Christmas Market		Lorraine Neale lorraineneale@maids tone.gov.uk	Private - Paragraph 3 – because of the financial and business affairs of the applicant	Street Trading Application for Jubilee Square,Christmas Market

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Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services  Due Date: Tuesday 10 Dec 2013	Transfer of former Oakwood Cemetery  To consider agreeing to the freehold transfer to the Council of the land known as the former Oakwood Cemetery site, Oakapple Lane, Maidstone		Zena Cooke zenacooke@maidsto ne.gov.uk	Public	Transfer of former Oakwood Cemetery Enc. 1 for Transfer of former Oakwood Cemetery Enc. 2 for Transfer of former Oakwood Cemetery
General Purposes Group  Due Date: Wednesday 11  Dec 2013	Nominations to Outside Bodies  To consider nominations received for Outside Bodies.		Caroline Matthews carolinematthews@ maidstone.gov.uk	Public	Nominations to Outside Bodies

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General Purposes Group  Due Date: Wednesday 11  Dec 2013	Council Tax Tax Base 2014 15  This report advises Members of the information currently available on the Tax Base for 2014/15 for Council Tax purposes. It identifies potential changes to that Tax Base, particularly those that are brought about by the Localisation of Council Tax Support Scheme for 2014/15. It also recommends the Tax Base for 2014/15.		Paul Riley, Head of Finance & Customer Services paulriley@maidstone .gov.uk	Public	Council Tax Tax Base 2014 15
Council  Due Date: Wednesday 11  Dec 2013	Local Council Tax Discount Scheme  Decision on the local council tax discount scheme to be applied for 2014/2015.		Stephen McGinnes stephenmcginnes@ maidstone.gov.uk	Public	Local Council Tax Discount Scheme

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Council  Due Date: Wednesday 11  Dec 2013	Committee Membership  To consider changes to committee membership		Janet Barnes janetbarnes@maidst one.gov.uk	Public	Committee Membership
Council  Due Date: Wednesday 11  Dec 2013	Visiting Members at Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meetings  Amendment to the Constitution		Christian Scade christianscade@mai dstone.gov.uk	Public	Visiting Members at Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meetings
Council  Due Date: Wednesday 11  Dec 2013	Calendar of Meetings  To consider an amendment to the Calendar of Meetings for 2013/14 and the new calendar of Meetings for 2014/15.		Janet Barnes janetbarnes@maidst one.gov.uk	Public	Calendar of Meetings
Council  Due Date: Wednesday 11  Dec 2013	Urgent Decisions Taken by the Executive  To note the urgent decisions taken by the Executive.		Janet Barnes janetbarnes@maidst one.gov.uk	Public	Urgent Decisions Taken by the Executive Urgent Decisions Taken by the Executive

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Council  Due Date: Wednesday 11  Dec 2013	Exempt Appendix to Urgent Decisions Taken by the Executive  Exempt Appendix to report		Janet Barnes janetbarnes@maidst one.gov.uk	Private - 3 - Financial Info/Business Affairs - contains commercially sensitive information	Exempt Appendix to Urgent Decisions Taken by the Executive
Cabinet Member for Corporate Services  Due Date: Friday 13 Dec 2013	Council Tax, Business Rates and Housing Benefits Overpayments write offs  Approval of write offs for irrecoverable debts of Council Tax, Business Rates and Housing Benefit Overpayments		Sheila Coburn sheilacoburn@maids tone.gov.uk	Public	Council Tax, Business Rates and Housing Benefits Overpayments write offs
Cabinet Member for Corporate Services  Due Date: Friday 13 Dec 2013	Discretionary Housing Payment  Future policy for the award of discretionary housing payments.		Stephen McGinnes stephenmcginnes@ maidstone.gov.uk	Public	Discretionary Housing Payment

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Cabinet  Due Date: Wednesday 18  Dec 2013	Budget Strategy 2014 15 Onwards Capital  To determine the strategy for developing the future Capital Programme, for 2014/15 onwards, as part of the consideration of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).	KEY Reason: Budget Reports	Paul Riley, Head of Finance & Customer Services paulriley@maidstone .gov.uk	Public	Budget Strategy 2014 15 Onwards Capital

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Cabinet  Due Date: Wednesday 18  Dec 2013	Refresh of the Corporate Improvement Plan for 2014-17  To consider the draft Corporate Improvement Plan 2014-17 before consultation with Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny in January 2014 and adoption of the plan by Cabinet in February 2014. The Corporate Improvement Plan details the Council's improvement journey in terms of the key improvement workstreams and the priority services and projects for improvement.	KEY Reason: Policies, Plans, Strategies	Georgia Hawkes, Head of Business Improvement georgiahawkes@mai dstone.gov.uk	Public	Refresh of the Improvement Plan for 2014-17 AppA_RefreshofImpro vementPlan.pdf Refresh of the Corporate Improvement Plan for 2014-17

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Cabinet  Due Date: Wednesday 18  Dec 2013	Maidstone Enterprise Hub  To consider allocating £700,000 to progress the project at the former Crown Post Office, King Street.	KEY Reason: Expenditure > £250,000	Karen Franek karenfranek@maidst one.gov.uk	Public	Maidstone Enterprise Hub
Cabinet  Due Date: Wednesday 18  Dec 2013	Exempt Appendix - Maidstone Enterprise Hub  Consider proposal to allocate £700,000 to progress the Enterprise Hub Project at the former Post Office building, King Street		Karen Franek karenfranek@maidst one.gov.uk	Private - contains commercially sensitive information	Maidstone Enterprise Hub
Cabinet  Due Date: Wednesday 18  Dec 2013	Maidstone Partnership Board  Changes to the Maidstone Locality Board and proposals for the establishment of a Maidstone Partnership Board	KEY Reason: Policies, Plans, Strategies	Sarah Robson, Community Partnerships Manager, sarahrobson@maids tone.gov.uk	Public	Maidstone Partnership Board

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Cabinet  Due Date: Wednesday 18  Dec 2013	Budget Strategy 2014/15 Onwards  To agree a draft Council Tax and Budget Strategy for 2014/15 onwards.	KEY Reason: Budget Reports	Paul Riley, Head of Finance & Customer Services paulriley@maidstone .gov.uk	Public	Budget Strategy 2014/15 Onwards

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Cabinet  Due Date: Wednesday 18 Dec 2013	Budget Strategy 2014 15 Fees & Charges  To consider the appropriate level of fees and charges for 2014/15 for services where the Council raises income by charging the user of a service and where the setting of the fee to be charged is discretionary. The Council has adopted a policy on the setting of fees and charges to ensure that a rational approach is used that takes account of all factors and creates a result that supports the priorities set out in the strategic plan.	KEY Reason: Fees & Charges	Paul Riley, Head of Finance & Customer Services paulriley@maidstone .gov.uk	Public	Budget Strategy 2014 15 Fees & Samp; Charges

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Cabinet Member for Corporate Services  Due Date: Friday 20 Dec 2013	Lease of Giddyhorn Lane Tennis Courts  Lease renewal to Maidstone Lawn Tennis Club of the tennis courts at Giddyhorn Lane Playing Fields		Lucy Stroud lucystroud@maidsto ne.gov.uk	Private because of commercially sensitive information.	Lease of Giddyhorn Lane Tennis Courts
Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services  Due Date: Tuesday 31 Dec 2013	Warm Homes Eco Pilot Review  Describes progress, upcoming issues and seeks decision on next steps for the Warm Homes scheme in Maidstone	KEY Reason: Affects more than 1 ward	Helen Miller helenmiller@maidst one.gov.uk	public	Warm Homes Eco Pilot Review
Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services Due Date: Before Tuesday 31 Dec 2013	Cabinet Report Heather House Future Options  Future options for Heather House community hall, Park Wood, Maidstone		John Littlemore, Head of Housing & Community Services johnlittlemore@maid stone.gov.uk	Public	Cabinet Report Heather House Future Options

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Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services Due Date: Friday 3 Jan 2014	Health Inequalities Action Plan  Action plan detailing work on reducing health inequalities in Maidstone	KEY Reason: Affects more than 1 ward		Public	Health Inequalities Action Plan
Cabinet  Due Date: Wednesday 15  Jan 2014	Licensing Peer Challenge Findings and Next Steps		John Littlemore, Head of Housing & Community Services johnlittlemore@maid stone.gov.uk	Public	Licensing Peer Challenge
Cabinet Member for Planning, Transport and Development  Due Date: Wednesday 15 Jan 2014	Solar energy advice notes  To consider two planning policy advice notes to be used as guidance in determining solar energy applications.	KEY Reason: Policies, Plans, Strategies	Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management Robjarman@maidsto ne.gov.uk	Public	Solar energy advice notes

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Cabinet Member for Corporate Services  Due Date: Friday 24 Jan 2014	Bankruptcy Policy for Council Tax and Business Rates Debt  The approach to be adopted by the council in collecting unpaid council tax and business rates through the use of bankruptcy proceedings.	KEY Reason: Policies, Plans, Strategies	Sheila Coburn sheilacoburn@maids tone.gov.uk	Public	Bankruptcy Policy for Council Tax and Business Rates Debt
Cabinet Member for Economic and Commercial Development  Due Date: Friday 24 Jan 2014	Maidstone Museums' Collections Development Policy 2013 - 2018  To consider the approval of a revised Collections Development Policy for the Council's museums	KEY Reason: Policies, Plans, Strategies	Dawn Hudd, Head of Commercial and Economic Development, dawnhudd@maidsto ne.gov.uk	Public	Maidstone Museums' Collections Development Policy 2013-2018 Maidstone Museums' Collections Development Policy 2013-2018

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Cabinet  Due Date: Monday 27 Jan 2014	Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)  The purpose of the IDP is to identify the infrastructure required to meet the spatial objectives and growth anticipated in the Local Plan and thus demonstrate that the Plan is both realistic and deliverable.	KEY Reason: Affects more than 1 ward	Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management Robjarman@maidsto ne.gov.uk	Public	Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)

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Cabinet  Due Date: Monday 27 Jan 2014	Maidstone Borough Local Plan Draft Spatial Strategy  The report will consider the borough's objectively assessed needs arising from the Strategic Housing Market Assessment. It will seek Member approval of the draft local plan spatial strategy for public consultation, including the targets for new dwellings and employment/retail floorspace.	KEY Reason: Policies, Plans, Strategies	Sue Whiteside suewhiteside@maids tone.gov.uk	Public	Maidstone Borough Local Plan Draft Spatial Strategy
Cabinet  Due Date: Monday 27 Jan 2014	Integrated Transport Strategy 2011-31  To consider the Integrated Transport Strategy 2011-31 for public consultation	KEY Reason: Affects more than 1 ward	Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management Robjarman@maidsto ne.gov.uk	Public	Integrated Transport Strategy 2011-31

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Cabinet  Due Date: Monday 27 Jan 2014	Maidstone Borough Local Plan Public Consultation Draft - Group 3 Policies  This final group of local plan policies will comprise the housing target and spatial distribution of development for the borough, and a number of transport based policies.	KEY Reason: Affects more than 1 ward	Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management Robjarman@maidsto ne.gov.uk	Public	Maidstone Borough Local Plan Public Consultation Draft - Group 3 Policies
Cabinet Member for Environment  Due Date: Before Friday 31 Jan 2014	Review and Progress Update of Waste Strategy  To review the progress which has been made towards the objectives of the Council's 5 year Waste Strategy in preparation for a new Waste Strategy for 2015-2020.		Steve Goulette Stevegoulette@maid stone.gov.uk	Public	Waste Strategy 2010- 2015 Review and Progress Update of Waste Strategy

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Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services  Due Date: Friday 31 Jan 2014	Play Area Improvements Programme 2013/14 A report to consider the allocation for the Play Area Improvements Programme for 2013/14		Amanda Scott amandascott@maids tone.gov.uk	Public	Play Area Improvements Programme 2013/14
Cabinet  Due Date: Wednesday 12 Feb 2014	Budget Monitoring - Third Quarter 2013/14 Revenue and capital budget monitoring		Paul Riley, Head of Finance & Customer Services paulriley@maidstone .gov.uk	Public	Budget Monitoring - Third Quarter 2013/14

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Cabinet  Due Date: Monday 24 Feb 2014	Maidstone Borough Local Plan Public Consultation Draft (Regulation 18)  Report seeking approval to undertake public consultation (Regulation 18) on the draft Maidstone Borough Local Plan	KEY Reason: Policies, Plans, Strategies	Sue Whiteside suewhiteside@maids tone.gov.uk	Public	Maidstone Borough Local Plan Public Consultation Draft (Regulation 18)

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Council  Due Date: Wednesday 26 Feb 2014	Strategic Plan Refresh 2014-15 update for the final year of the strategic plan	KEY Reason: Policy Framework Document	Angela Woodhouse, Head of Policy and Communications angelawoodhouse@ maidstone.gov.uk	public	Strategic Plan Refresh 2014-15