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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 committeeservices@maidstone.gov.uk. 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 (www.maidstone.gov.uk) 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 (www.maidstone.gov.uk) 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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<i>Decision Maker and Date of When Decision is Due to be Made:</i>	<i>Title of Report and Brief Summary:</i>	<i>Key Decision and reason (if applicable):</i>	<i>Contact Officer:</i>	<i>Public or Private (if Private the reason why)</i>	<i>Documents to be submitted (other relevant documents may be submitted)</i>
Cabinet Member for Economic and Commercial Development Due Date: Friday 18 Jul 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 dawnhudd@maidstone.gov.uk	Public	Maidstone Museums' Collections Development Policy 2013-2018 Maidstone Museums' Collections Development Policy 2013-2018
Council Due Date: Wednesday 23 Jul 2014	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2013-14 2013-14 Annual Report for the Overview and Scrutiny Committees		Tessa Mallett tessamallett@maidstone.gov.uk	Public	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2013-14

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Cabinet Member for Corporate Services Due Date: Friday 25 Jul 2014	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		Stephen McGinnes stephenmcginnes@maidstone.gov.uk	Public	Council Tax, Business Rates and Housing Benefits Overpayments write offs
Cabinet Member for Corporate Services Due Date: Friday 25 Jul 2014	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 Member for Planning, Transport and Development Due Date: Friday 25 Jul 2014	Coxheath Neighbourhood Plan Coxheath Parish Council's neighbourhood plan has been published by MBC for formal public consultation in accordance with Reg.16 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.	KEY Reason: Affects more than 1 ward	Rob Jarman, Head of Planning and Development Robjarman@maidstone.gov.uk	Public	Coxheath Neighbourhood Plan
Leader of the Council Due Date: Friday 25 Jul 2014	Data Quality Policy Review 2013 Review of council's data quality policy	KEY Reason: changes to policy	Clare Wood clarewood@maidstone.gov.uk	Public	Data Quality Policy Review 2013 Data Quality Policy Review 2013

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Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services Due Date: Friday 1 Aug 2014	Homelessness Strategy 2014-19 Adoption of a new Homelessness Strategy.	KEY Reason: Affects more than 1 ward	John Littlemore, Head of Housing & Community Services johnlittlemore@maidstone.gov.uk	Public	Homelessness Review - January 2014 Homelessness Strategy 2014-19 Appendix 1: Draft Homelessness Strategy 2014-19
Cabinet Due Date: Wednesday 13 Aug 2014	Budget Monitoring - 1st Quarter 2014/15 Revenue and Capital budget monitoring update		Paul Riley, Head of Finance & Customer Services paulriley@maidstone.gov.uk	Public	Budget Monitoring - 1st Quarter 2014/15
Leader of the Council Due Date: Before Friday 29 Aug 2014	Equality Objective Update 2013/14 Update on progress towards equality objectives		Angela Woodhouse, Head of Policy and Communications angelawoodhouse@maidstone.gov.uk	Public	Equality Objective Update 2013/14

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Cabinet Member for Corporate Services Due Date: Friday 12 Sep 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	Stephen McGinnes stephenmcginnes@maidstone.gov.uk	Public	Bankruptcy Policy for Council Tax and Business Rates Debt
Audit Committee Due Date: Monday 15 Sep 2014	External Auditor's Audit Findings Report 2013/14 External Auditor's Audit Findings Report 2013/14		Paul Riley, Head of Finance & Customer Services paulriley@maidstone.gov.uk	Public	External Auditor's Audit Findings Report 2013/14

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Cabinet Member for Corporate Services Due Date: Friday 26 Sep 2014	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@maidstone.gov.uk	Private because of commercially sensitive information.	Lease of Giddyhorn Lane Tennis Courts
Cabinet Due Date: Wednesday 12 Nov 2014	Budget Monitoring 2nd Quarter 2014/15 Revenue and Capital budget monitoring update		Paul Riley, Head of Finance & Customer Services paulriley@maidstone.gov.uk	Public	Budget Monitoring 2nd Quarter 2014/15
Cabinet Due Date: Wednesday 12 Nov 2014	Council Tax 2015 16 Collection Fund Adjustments To agree the levels of Collection Fund adjustment	KEY Reason: Budget Reports	Paul Riley, Head of Finance & Customer Services paulriley@maidstone.gov.uk	Public	Council Tax 2015 16 Collection Fund Adjustments

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Cabinet Due Date: Wednesday 12 Nov 2014	Council Tax Tax Base 2015 16 To advise Members of the information currently available on the Tax Base for 2015 16 for Council Tax purposes.		Paul Riley, Head of Finance & Customer Services paulriley@maidstone.gov.uk	Public	Council Tax Tax Base 2015 16
Audit Committee Due Date: Monday 24 Nov 2014	Treasury Management Strategy Mid Year Performance 2014 15 This report sets out the activities of the Treasury Management Function for 2014 15 financial year in accordance with CIPFA's Code of Practice on Treasury Management issued in November 2009.		Paul Riley, Head of Finance & Customer Services paulriley@maidstone.gov.uk	Public	Treasury Management Strategy Mid Year Performance 2014 15

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Audit Committee Due Date: Monday 24 Nov 2014	Treasury Management Strategy 2015 16 To consider future Treasury Management Strategy for 2015 16		Paul Riley, Head of Finance & Customer Services paulriley@maidstone.gov.uk	Public	Treasury Management Strategy 2015 16
Cabinet Due Date: Wednesday 17 Dec 2014	Budget Strategy 2015 16 Onwards To agree a draft Council Tax and Budget Strategy for 2015 16 Onwards	KEY Reason: Budget Reports	Paul Riley, Head of Finance & Customer Services paulriley@maidstone.gov.uk	Public	Budget Strategy 2015 16 Onwards

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Cabinet Due Date: Wednesday 17 Dec 2014	Budget Strategy 2015 16 Fees & Charges To consider the appropriate level of fees and charges for 2015 16 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 2015 16 Fees & Charges

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Cabinet Due Date: Wednesday 11 Feb 2015	Budget Strategy 2015 16 Onwards Agree proposed General Fund revenue and capital estimates for 2015 16 and revised figures for 2014 15 in accordance with the Budget Strategy and Medium Term Financial and Capital Strategies and Projections, and the consequent level of Council Tax for submission to Council.	KEY Reason: Expenditure > £250,000	Paul Riley, Head of Finance & Customer Services paulriley@maidstone.gov.uk	Public	Budget Strategy 2015 16 Onwards

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Cabinet Due Date: Wednesday 11 Feb 2015	Treasury Management Strategy 2015 16 Review Treasury Management for 2014 15 and consider future Treasury Management Strategy for 2015 16. This will include Prudential Borrowing limits and a proposed Approved Investment Strategy. These matters will be submitted to Council.	KEY Reason: Expenditure > £250,000	Paul Riley, Head of Finance & Customer Services paulriley@maidstone.gov.uk	Public	Treasury Management Strategy 2015 16
Council Due Date: Wednesday 25 Feb 2015	Strategic Plan 2015/2020 This document sets out what the council wants to achieve and how it will be achieved.	KEY Reason: Policy Framework Document	Angela Woodhouse, Head of Policy and Communications angelawoodhouse@maidstone.gov.uk	Public	Strategic Plan 2015/2020