

Note from Cllr Marion Ring

Community & Leisure Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 15th July 2014

<p>Waste and Street Scene</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work towards the 60% recycling target: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information for residents – bin lid stickers - Improvement of bulky collection services to enable greater reuse and recycling of unwanted items - Improvement to recycling services for those living in apartments or flats to include weekly food waste collections • Find a new way to measure local street scene standards including the use of Ward Walks • Introduce mobile technology to enable customer street cleansing requests to be dealt with quickly and efficiently by frontline operatives • Provide new uniform for frontline street cleansing and grounds maintenance staff
<p>Bereavement Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the five year business plan to improve the quality and range of services • Trailing a café and florist at the crematorium
<p>Environmental Enforcement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved outcomes on fly-tipping • Reductions in fly tipping. Increased Enforcement action against fly capture 2014 • Improved outcomes on dog fouling • Increased penalty notices and prosecutions of offenders and reduce the numbers of strays • Take steps towards a great place

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An annual plan setting out some strategic targets and obstacles to overcome to manage the perception that Maidstone is a Great Place to live (environmentally)
Flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold a workshop to share the lessons learned from the winter floods and set out plans for the future
Maidstone town centre Community Toilet Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the scheme to see if it is still working and providing value for money
Licensing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementing the action plan that was agreed following the Local Government Association's peer review. This will include a review and recommendations on powers delegated to the Licensing Committees and officers Actioning the recommendation to reduce from two Committees for Licensing to one
Environmental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring the new MKIP shared service continues to provide an excellent service to businesses and residents in Maidstone. Developing the performance indicators and work programme to enable this to be delivered and measured Drafting a new Low Emission Strategy, which will contribute towards the overall carbon reduction in Maidstone, for your adoption by March 2015
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving access to a range of housing and reducing the need for families to be placed into temporary accommodation Adopting the new Homelessness Strategy by

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	<p>August 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document is commenced and released for consultation by March 2015• The review of the Housing Strategy commences January 2015• The council's new emergency placement accommodation and recently purchased apartments are ready for use and begin to provide homes for applicants on our housing register• The actions identified by the Business
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