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Cabinet Member for Community & Leisure Services - Priorities for 2014/15

The priorities for 2014/15 have been identified as follows:-	
Parish Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Charter refresh • Parish Volunteering Policy • Relationship with Parishes <p>The relationship with Parishes will be high priority and will be addressed through the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish a programme to visit as many Parish Councils as possible. - Request evidence supporting Parishes' views on housing numbers and housing allocations. - Attend all meetings of the Maidstone Branch of the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC). - Meet with Joint Parishes Group to discuss issues of concern and evidence to support housing targets and housing allocations. - Refresh the Parish Charter. This is well underway and discussions have already taken place with representatives from KALC. <p>The aim of the above will be to build on the work already undertaken. The objective will be to ensure that there is a balance between urban and rural areas and to reassure rural areas that they are being fairly treated.</p>
Health Inequalities Action Plan	<p>Adults and Older People (incl. people with disabilities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dementia Friendly Communities • Digital inclusion • Fuel poverty • Hoarding <p>Young People (incl. people with disabilities)</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young NEETS (Not in Employment, Education or Training) • Young Carers • Mental Health (self harm)
Safer Maidstone Partnership Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-social behaviour • Reducing Re-offending • Road Safety (Killed or Seriously Injured) • Substance Misuse • Violent Crime: Domestic Abuse • Violent Crime: Night Time Economy
Supporting Disadvantaged Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maidstone Families Matter (Troubled Families) • Financial Inclusion
Parks and Leisure	<p>Activities in this area include, inter alia, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mote Park • Maidstone Leisure Centre managed through Maidstone Leisure Trust and SERCO • Events and sports bookings • Parks and Open Spaces • Play Areas; there are 69 Play Areas. Oversee play area improvement programme • Allotments –managed through Maidstone Allotment Management Committee • Trees and Tree Inspection which covers all MBC trees in the Borough • Cobtree Manor Estate

It is noted that there is some cross over to other Portfolios, most notable being Economic and Commercial Development.