

COUNCIL

25 NOVEMBER 2010

LEADER'S REPORT

Rodney Chambers, Leader of the Council, will give a report on key developments since the last ordinary Council meeting on 14 October 2010.

He will include:

- Local Enterprise Partnership
- City Status
- Visit by HMS Chatham
- Medway's calendar of events
- Decisions made by the Cabinet on 19 October and 9 November 2010.

Record of Cabinet decisions

Tuesday, 19 October 2010

3.00pm to 4.05pm

Date of publication: 21 October 2010

Subject to call-in these decisions will be effective from 29 October 2010

Present:	Councillor Rodney Chambers	Leader of the Council
	Councillor Alan Jarrett	Portfolio Holder for Finance and Deputy Leader
	Councillor Janice Bamber	Portfolio Holder for Customer First and Corporate Services
	Councillor Jane Chitty	Portfolio Holder for Strategic Development and Economic Growth
	Councillor Howard Doe	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Services
	Councillor Phil Filmer	Portfolio Holder for Front Line Services
	Councillor Tom Mason	Portfolio Holder for Adult Services
	Councillor Mike O'Brien	Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Enforcement
	Councillor Les Wicks	Portfolio Holder for Children's Services
	Councillor David Wildey	Portfolio Holder for Children's Social Care

In Attendance: Neil Davies, Chief Executive
Rose Collinson, Director of Children and Adults
Robin Cooper, Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture
Richard Hicks, Assistant Director, Customer First, Leisure, Culture, Democracy and Governance
Julie Keith, Head of Democratic Services
Anthony Law, Cabinet Coordinator
Mick Hayward, Chief Finance Officer
Deborah Upton, Assistant Director, Housing and Corporate Services/Monitoring Officer

Apologies for absence

There were none.

Record of decisions

The record of the meeting held on 28 September 2010 was agreed and signed by the Leader as correct.

Declarations of interest

There were none.

Local Development Framework: Draft Core Strategy (Policy Framework)

This report set out details of the first draft of a new Core Strategy and proposed that this pre-publication version be approved for public consultation, which would end in December 2010.

It was noted that the Council was required by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 to prepare and subsequently keep under review a Local Development Framework for Medway. This consisted of a portfolio of documents that included a Core Strategy, which set out an overall vision and strategy for the area up to 2028 and addressed the strategic issues facing it.

Members were advised as to the content of the Core Strategy, the consultation undertaken and the next steps leading up to the final adoption of the Core Strategy in 2012.

Copies of the draft Core Strategy had been circulated separately from the main agenda, together with two schedules of representations received on the Issues and Options report and a Sustainability Appraisal.

The role of the Local Development Framework Cabinet Advisory Group was noted and Members were advised that the Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee had considered this report on 29 September 2010. Details of the comments and questions raised at the Overview and Scrutiny meeting, along with the officer responses, was set out in the report.

Decision number:

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| 167/2010 | The Cabinet agreed that the ‘pre-publication’ draft Core Strategy be published for public consultation purposes under Regulation 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 as amended, subject to any necessary changes of a minor typographical nature being agreed by the Director for Regeneration, Community and Culture in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Development and Economic Growth. |
| 168/2010 | The Cabinet agreed that the Schedule of Responses to the Issues and Options report be approved for publication alongside the draft Core Strategy. |
| 169/2010 | The Cabinet agreed that the Sustainability Appraisal of the pre-publication draft Core Strategy be approved for publication. |

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Reasons:

To comply with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and ensure that there is an up to date spatial planning framework for the area.

Medway Renaissance - Post March 2011

This report considered the cessation of funding by the Homes and Communities Agency from 31 March 2011 and sought authorisation to commence formal consultation with staff on the closure of the Medway Renaissance Unit as no future funding had been identified.

Members considered the various schemes that the Medway Renaissance Unit had helped deliver or significantly progress since its establishment. Whilst noting the contribution that the unit had made to regeneration in Medway without any guarantee of funding it was necessary to consult on closing the unit from 31 March 2011.

The proposed timetable for consultation with staff and trade unions was attached at Appendix 1 to the report and a diversity impact assessment screening form was attached at Appendix 2.

Decision number:

Decision:

170/2010

The Cabinet authorised the Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture to undertake consultation with staff and trade unions on the proposal to close the Medway Renaissance Unit from 31 March 2011.

171/2010

The Cabinet recommended that Council authorise the Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture:

- (i) to consider and determine all consultation responses received in respect of the affected posts within the Medway Renaissance Unit and the post identified within the Business Support Department;**
- (ii) to determine the residual functions from the Medway Renaissance Unit.**

Reasons:

To respond to the cessation of funding from the Homes and Communities Agency.

Amherst Hill Design Brief

This report set out the outcome of consultation on the proposals for the Amherst Hill Design Brief.

The Amherst Hill Design Brief had been produced by Medway Council to satisfy the Local Plan requirement that a detailed design brief must guide the development of the Amherst Hill site in a manner appropriate to its setting adjacent to Fort Amherst and its prominent location.

Cabinet had approved a six-week programme of consultation on 29 June 2010 and details of the comments received along with the proposed Council response to them were set out in Appendix 1 to the report. It was proposed that the draft Design Brief be amended to reflect points that resulted from the consultation.

The Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this report on 29 September 2010 and its comments were set out in section 7 of the report.

A Diversity Impact Assessment had been completed, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, and it was noted that it had not been necessary to carry out a full impact assessment.

Decision number:

Decision:

172/2010 The Cabinet agreed to adopt the Amherst Hill Design Brief as a Supplementary Planning Document and agreed that the design brief be amended in accordance with the consultation responses set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

173/2010 The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Director for Regeneration, Community and Culture, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Development and Economic Growth, to approve minor changes to the Amherst Hill Design Brief to improve its clarity and consistency, prior to its formal publication.

Reasons:

Adoption of the Design Brief as a Supplementary Planning Document will provide the council with a clear policy framework to guide the development of the site and to provide guidance to developers on the site capacity and development quality expected. It will provide landowners and developers with greater certainty as to what is expected by the Local Planning Authority.

The Interface Land Development Framework

This report set out the outcome of consultation on the proposals for the Supplementary Planning Document for the Interface Land, Chatham Maritime.

The Supplementary Planning Document would guide future development for the Interface Land, which forms the last mainly undeveloped site in the former Royal Navy Dockyard, providing a legal planning framework for the development of the area and bringing together the Council's aspiration for the Interface Land to both national and Council planning policy.

It was noted that a four-week programme of public consultation on the development framework for the Interface Lands area of Chatham Historic Dockyard had been completed and the results were set at Appendix 1 to the report.

It was noted that the Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee had considered this report on 29 September 2010 and the comments and recommendation was set out in section 7 of the report.

A Diversity Impact Assessment had been completed, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report, and it was noted that it had not been necessary to carry out a full impact assessment.

Decision number:

174/2010 **The Cabinet agreed to adopt the Interface Lands Development Framework as a supplementary planning document.**

Reasons:

To ensure there is an up-to-date planning framework for this important part of Chatham Historic Dockyard that will guide investment and planning decisions.

Medway Housing Design Standards Supplementary Planning Document and Building for Life Implementation

This report set out details of the proposed Medway Housing Design Standards Supplementary Planning Document and Building for Life assessment tool.

It was reported that the proposed Medway Housing Design Standards Supplementary Planning Document would provide developers, landowners and their advisors with clear advice on minimum layout and space standards that would be expected in the design of new housing and the conversion of existing properties. Compliance will be a consideration in the consideration of planning applications.

Members were advised that Building for Life has been developed by CABE (Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment), and the Home Builders

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Federation. The score derived from the Building for Life assessment tool would be used as a basis for judging the quality of submissions for residential planning permission in Medway.

Cabinet approval was sought to consult with developers, designers and planning agents on both the draft Medway Housing Design Standards and the adoption of the Building for Life document in Medway.

It was noted that the Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee had considered and recommended the Building for Life assessment tool on 29 September 2010.

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| 175/2010 | The Cabinet approved statutory consultation on the draft Medway Housing Design Standards commencing 1 November 2010. |
| 176/2010 | The Cabinet agreed to consultation with developers, designers and planning agents on the implementation of the Building for Life assessment tool for judging the quality of submissions for residential planning permission in Medway. |

Reasons:

To allow progress towards adoption of the draft Medway Housing Design Standards as an Supplementary Planning Document and to support implementation of the Building for Life assessment tool.

Housing Strategy Annual Review

This report reviewed and assessed progress with the delivery of the Housing Strategy, which had been originally agreed by Cabinet on 5 August 2008.

The report detailed the five strategic aims contained with the Housing Strategy and performance against the priority actions:

- Maximising the supply of suitable and affordable housing and meeting housing need
- enabling vulnerable people to live independent lives
- improving the quality and energy efficiency of homes
- developing sustainable communities and promoting neighbourhood renewal
- promoting better and fair access to housing services.

It was noted that there had been significant progress across the strategic aims, with a total of 30 actions having been completed and 37 being on target to be delivered by August 2011.

**Decision
number:**

Decision:

The Cabinet noted the progress against the aims of the Housing Strategy.

Reasons:

The Housing Strategy and its Action Plan sets the strategic direction for Housing Services in Medway, contributing to the Council's core values and strategic priorities and giving context for the attraction and investment of resources.

Recruitment Freeze

This report presented information on vacancies that officers had requested approval to commence recruitment for, following the process agreed by Cabinet on 7 January 2003 (decision number 9/2003).

Appendix 1 to the report provided details of the posts and included supporting Portfolio Holder comments.

**Decision
number:**

Decision:

177/2010

The Cabinet agreed to unfreeze the following posts, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, to enable officers to commence the recruitment process:

Business Support

- a) Senior Service Improvement Officer**
- b) Administration Assistant (Housing Services)**
- c) Data Entry Clerk (Housing Services)**

Children and Adults

- d) Support Services Assistant (Fostering Service).**

Reasons:

The posts presented to Cabinet support the efficient running of the Council.

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Gateway 1 Options Appraisal: Preferred Supplier List for Temporary Staff

This report set out the options appraisal for the establishment of a preferred supplier list for temporary staff to ensure effective use of council resources and to put in place a monitoring regime for use of temporary staff.

The report had been considered by the Procurement Board on 29 September 2010 and its views were set out in paragraph 10 of the report.

Decision number:

178/2010 **The Cabinet agreed the tendering exercise for a preferred supplier list for temporary staff on occasions where the in-house temporary staff pool cannot meet demand.**

Reasons:

This arrangement will enable the Council to better manage the spend on external agencies, ensure the quality of temporary staff and better safeguard the authority on employment issues.

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Leader of the Council

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Date

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Record of Cabinet decisions

Tuesday, 9 November 2010

3.00pm to 3.55pm

Date of publication: 10 November 2010

**Subject to call-in these decisions will be effective from 18 November 2010
The record of decisions are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Cabinet**

Present:	Councillor Rodney Chambers	Leader of the Council
	Councillor Alan Jarrett	Portfolio Holder for Finance and Deputy Leader
	Councillor Janice Bamber	Portfolio Holder for Customer First and Corporate Services
	Councillor Jane Chitty	Portfolio Holder for Strategic Development and Economic Growth
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	Mick Hayward, Chief Finance Officer
	Wayne Hemingway, Cabinet Coordinator
	Richard Hicks, Assistant Director, Customer First, Leisure, Culture, Democracy and Governance
	Julie Keith, Head of Democratic Services
	Deborah Upton, Assistant Director, Housing and Corporate Services/Monitoring Officer

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Filmer.

Record of decisions

The record of the meeting held on 19 October 2010 was agreed and signed by the Leader as correct.

Declarations of interest

There were none.

City Status

This report provided details of the proposed bid for City Status for Medway as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012. The report referred to the loss of Rochester's city status in 1998 and that Medway had previously bid for city status in 2000 and 2002.

The report set out Medway's case for city status together with the benefits of city status and the associated costs of the bid. It was noted that the award of city status was entirely at the discretion of the Queen and there was no formulaic criteria for this process.

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| 179/2010 | The Cabinet endorsed the bid for City Status for Medway and approved the approach set out within the report. |
| 180/2010 | The Cabinet recommended this report to Council, seeking cross-party support for a bid for City Status for Medway once the competition is announced. |

Reasons:

City status would be a fitting accolade to crown Medway's Year of Celebrations in 2012. There is very little downside to making a bid, and much potentially to be gained. Once the competition is announced, a failure to bid could be interpreted as having low aspirations for Medway.

Treasury Management Strategy Mid-Year Review Report 2010/2011

This report provided details of the mid year review of the Council's Treasury Management strategy and performance. This included an overview of the global economy and UK economy together with an analysis of the Council's performance in light of the economic position and it was noted that the Council's Strategy was still fit for purpose and that, overall, the Council's finance and interest budgets would break even for 2010/2011.

The Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this report on 4 November 2010 and its views were set out in addendum report.

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Decision number: **Decision:**

The Cabinet noted the comments of the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

181/2010 The Cabinet noted the report and, in accordance with the Treasury Management Strategy, referred it to Council for consideration.

Reasons:

The Treasury Management Strategy requires that Cabinet receives and considers a mid year review of treasury management strategy and performance.

Petitions and E-Petitions

This report provided details of the Council's proposal for a new petitions scheme in line with the provisions of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009. It was noted that the Act required Local Authorities' petition schemes to meet some minimum standards to ensure minimum entitlements which all citizens could expect including a duty to provide a facility for electronic petitions (e-petitions).

It was noted that the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) had announced in September 2010 that the statutory guidance on petitions scheme had been withdrawn, however, it was necessary to adopt a scheme which fulfilled the minimum requirements of the Act.

Decision number: **Decision:**

182/2010 The Cabinet noted the provisions proposed for a Medway Petitions Scheme as set out in paragraph 3 of the report, and recommended the thresholds for petitions to trigger a Full Council debate (5%) or an officer being held to account at an Overview and Scrutiny Committee (2%) and agreed that only the Chief Executive, Directors and Assistant Directors should be the officers specified in the scheme for this purpose.

183/2010 The Cabinet recommended the petitions scheme attached at Appendix B to the report to Full Council for adoption and inclusion in the Council's Constitution (as Appendix A to the Council rules in Chapter 4) to incorporate the views on Cabinet on the matters specified in decision 182/2010 above.

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- 184/2010** The Cabinet recommend to Full Council that authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer to determine when it would not be appropriate for a petition to be handled under the petitions scheme because it is deemed to be vexatious, abusive, otherwise inappropriate or excluded from the scheme, taking into account relevant law and statutory guidance.
- 185/2010** The Cabinet recommended to Full Council that authority be delegated to the Assistant Director Customer First, Leisure, Culture, Democracy and Governance, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make minor amendments to the provisions in the scheme relating to e-petitioning if required once the system is in place to ensure the scheme accurately reflects the technical aspects of the IT arrangements.
- 186/2010** The Cabinet recommended to Full Council the changes required to the Constitution as a consequence of introduction of a petitions scheme as set out in Appendix C to the report.

Reasons:

The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 places a statutory duty on Local Authorities to adopt a scheme for handling petitions and to set in place a facility for e-petitioning. The proposed petitions scheme will be included within the Council's Constitution.

Change to Designation of Rivermead School, Forge Lane, Gillingham

This report provided details of the outcome of consultation on the Council's proposal to change the designation of Rivermead School from a maintained special school with a designation as a hospital school to a community special school by means of a prescribed alteration. The report set out the background to the proposed change and provided details of the consultation process, noting that there had been 63 responses to the consultation (61 supported the proposal whilst two were opposed).

The Children and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the outcome of consultation on 20 October 2010 and its comments were set out in paragraph 9 of the report.

A Diversity Impact Assessment (DIA) screening form had been completed and was set out in appendix 2 to the report.

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Decision number: **Decision:**

- 187/2010** **The Cabinet noted the responses received during the consultation period, and agreed to proceed to formal representation, when statutory notices and full proposals will be published.**
- 188/2010** **The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Children and Adults, in consultation with Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, to determine whether to approve the change of designation proposals at the end of the statutory consultation period, if no objections are received. However if any objections are received during that time then a report will be prepared and placed before Cabinet for determination.**

Reasons:

Redesignating Rivermead to a community special school will: secure the future viability of the school in the eventuality that the PCT make a decision to remove the hospital schoolroom facility; enable the school to organise its curriculum so that it is able to plan for the particular needs of the children it provides for and to ensure that adequate expertise and resource is available; give parents the opportunity to name Rivermead as a preference for their child's education where appropriate and; provide an opportunity for cost saving by enabling pupils to be educated within Medway rather than being placed in expensive provision out of area.

Change of Age Range - Walderslade Primary School: Outcome of Consultation

This report provided details of the outcome of consultation on altering the age range of Walderslade Primary School, Dargets Road, Walderslade, with effect from 2011, to admit children aged 3 years. The report set out the consultation process noting that a total of 33 responses had been received (28 were in support of proposals whilst 5 were opposed).

It was noted that a Diversity Impact Assessment (DIA) had been completed in October 2005, which concluded that, as a universal service, available to all, the development of foundation stage provision at schools would not disproportionately affect one part of the community. A refresh of the DIA screening concurred with this position.

Decision number: **Decision:**

- 189/2010** **The Cabinet agreed to amend the age range of Walderslade Primary School, to permit the admission of children from the age of 3 years, with effect from September 2011.**

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Reasons:

The establishment of a Foundation Stage unit at Walderslade Primary School would be consistent with the Council's duty to secure an education place for all three and four year olds whose parents want one. As the admissions authority for community schools, the Council is responsible for determining whether to make a change to the published age range of the schools. The Council, with the support of the governing body and the headteacher of the school, consider that the change in age range to permit the admission of children from the age of 3 years will be an effective means of raising standards of attainment at the school and improving life chances of children in the area.

Disposal of 78 Woodlands Road, Gillingham

This report provided details of a proposal to declare 78 Woodlands Road, Gillingham (Cemetery Lodge and Mess Room), surplus to enable its disposal at best consideration. The report stated that the property was now vacant and that it was no longer Council policy to re-let lodges to service tenants when they became vacant.

Decision number: ***Decision:***

190/2010 The Cabinet agreed that the site of the lodge/office at 78 Woodlands Road Gillingham, (as shown approximately edged black on the attached plan) be declared surplus and the Assistant Director of Housing and Corporate Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, be given delegated authority to dispose of it at best consideration.

Reasons:

To reduce revenue costs, realise a capital receipt and gain investment in the Medway area.

Recruitment Freeze

This report presented information on vacancies that officers had requested approval to commence recruitment for, following the process agreed by Cabinet on 7 January 2003 (decision number 9/2003).

Appendix 1 to the report provided details of the posts and included supporting Portfolio Holder comments.

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Decision number: **Decision:**

191/2010 **The Cabinet agreed to unfreeze the following posts, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, to enable officers to commence the recruitment process:**

Business Support

a) Train to Gain Administrator

Children and Adults

b) Data Inputter – Gillingham Integrated Team

c) Data Inputter – Strood Integrated Team

d) Data Inputter – Rainham Integrated Team

e) Support Services Assistant 0.5 – Initial Intake Team

Regeneration, Community and Culture

f) Heritage Project Assistant.

Reasons:

The posts presented to Cabinet support the efficient running of the Council.

Gateway 3 Contract Award: Medway Tunnel Systems

This report provided details of the proposed improvements to the Medway Tunnel's control system through a variation to the existing contract with Vital Technology. The original contract with Vital Technology (for the replacement of the Medway Tunnel Electronic Control System) had been awarded by Cabinet in November 2009 and the report set out the improvements that would arise from the variation to the contract including a tunnel radio system, a vehicle and incident detection system and various alterations and improvements to the control rooms and offices.

The Procurement Board considered this report on 20 October 2010 and its comments were set out in paragraph 9 of the report.

Decision number: **Decision:**

192/2010 **The Cabinet approved the award of the additional works to Vital Technology and an exemption to contract rules to allow a variation of greater than 50% of contract value of the existing contract with Vital Technology.**

Reasons:

To upgrade the tunnel systems as quickly and economically as possible and with the minimum disruption to traffic.

Gateway 4 Contract Management: Highways Minor Works Contract

This report provided details with performance information of the Highways Minor Works Contractor (VolkerHighways) for August 2009-July 2010 together with a recommendation to award a one year extension to the contract in accordance with the conditions of the contract.

The Procurement Board considered this report on 20 October 2010 and its comments were set out in paragraph 9 of the report.

Decision number: **Decision:**

The Cabinet noted the performance of the Highways Maintenance Term Contractor, VolkerHighways, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

193/2010 The Cabinet awarded a third one year extension to VolkerHighways for the Highways Minor Works Contract, in accordance with the conditions of contract, which was originally procured through the council's procurement procedures, and noted the 1.3% discount on the contract price figure (CPF) figure, which, assuming the forecast increase is correct, will mean an increase year on year of less than 1%.

Reasons:

Medway is contractually obliged to consider the performance of the Highways Minor Works Contractor annually and to consider awarding a yearly extension after each completed year of service delivery.

Outline Business Case for Brompton Academy

This report presented the Outline Business Case (OBC) for Brompton Academy for Cabinet approval and onward submission to Partnerships for Schools (PfS) to secure funding. The outline business case document outlined the options appraisal, cost estimates, affordability assessment and procurement strategy for Brompton Academy. An executive summary of the OBC was set out in Appendix A to the report. The full Outline Business Case, including appendices and associated documents, had been sent separately to Members as an exempt document.

The report also provided details of a number of ancillary issues. These included a number of third party issues on the Brompton site, proposals for the relocation of

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tenants to the former Temple school site, and proposals for the relocation of Bradfields post-16 further education centre for pupils with special educational needs.

<i>Decision number:</i>	<i>Decision:</i>
194/2010	The Cabinet approved the Outline Business Case for Brompton Academy and gives delegated authority to the Director of Children and Adults in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer to make minor changes to the OBC after it has been subjected to the PfS Peer Review for ratification on behalf of the Council.
195/2010	The Cabinet Authorised the Director of Children and Adults, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, to utilise part of the vacated Temple school buildings to allow the relocation of tenants of Youth House, including Key Training outlined in section 5.1 and to seek to obtain vacant possession of Youth House.
196/2010	The Cabinet authorised the Assistant Director of Housing and Corporate Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance to grant leases for existing occupiers of Youth House to occupy parts of the Temple School Block 3 and ancillary buildings.
197/2010	The Cabinet authorised the Assistant Director of Housing and Corporate Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance to enter into negotiations with Medway NHS for a lease of part of the Temple School Block 3 and ancillary buildings and to grant such lease subject to suitable terms being agreed.
198/2010	The Cabinet authorised the Assistant Director of Housing and Corporate services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, to enter in to an agreement with the MoD to vary the restrictive covenant outlined in section 5.4 of the report.
199/2010	The Cabinet authorised the Assistant Director of Housing and Corporate services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Frontline Services, to undertake the process to the divert the footpath described in section 5.5 of the report, including the consideration of any representations.
200/2010	The Cabinet recommended that Full Council agrees and declares that part of the Temple school site shown edged black on site plan Appendix D surplus and be available for disposal.

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201/2010 The Cabinet recommended to Full Council that a scheme be included in the capital programme, funded from the proceeds of the sale of the surplus Temple site, to fund the variation of the restrictive covenant and to facilitate the moves of the current occupants of Youth House to their new locations. In the first instance this be a sum of £350,000 for the adaptations to the Temple buildings with a further report on the proposal for relocating the Bradfields post-16 unit.

Reasons:

The submission of a completed Outline Business Case is required by PfS, in order to secure funding for the scheme.

The covenant will need to be varied before the development can go ahead.

In order to include the Youth House/Wing in the development site, there will be consequential moves needed.

After consultation on all options for the location of the new buildings, the Youth House site provides the best solution as a site for the development, which means that vacant possession of this part of the site will be required in time for construction works to commence.

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Leader of the Council

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Date

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