

CABINET

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MAIDSTONE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW: STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND ADDENDUM REPORT

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Jane Chitty, Portfolio Holder for Planning,
Economic Growth and Regulation

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Summary

This addendum report provides Cabinet Members with a version of the Statement of Common Ground with changes proposed by Maidstone Borough Council.

1. Background

1.1. As previously advised, the Statement of Common Ground is the subject of ongoing correspondence and discussions between Maidstone Borough Council and Medway Council. Maidstone Borough Council has proposed further amendments in response to the updated content from Medway Council. The latest amendments proposed, which are set out in Appendix 3 attached to this addendum report, are still under consideration.

2. Advice and analysis

2.1. A number of matters remain unresolved and therefore Medway Council considers that further work is still needed to resolve its concerns about the impacts on services, infrastructure and the environment. The Cabinet is asked to receive the proposed edits by Maidstone Borough Council (as set out at Appendix 3) as information but the original recommendation remains unchanged and is repeated below for ease of reference.

3. Recommendation

3.1. The Cabinet is requested to approve the content of the Statement of Common Ground (as set out at Appendix 2) and delegate authority to the Director of

Place and Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Economic Growth and Regeneration, to make any amendments necessary, following discussions with Maidstone Borough Council to finalise the Statement of Common Ground for signing and submission to the examination of the Maidstone Local Plan Review.

4. Suggested reasons for decision

- 4.1. To provide a robust and effective governance process supporting the legal Duty to Cooperate.

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Appendices

- Appendix 3 Maidstone Borough Council's proposed edits to the Draft Statement of Common Ground between Maidstone Borough Council and Medway Council