

2.2.1 COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

Membership: 9 Councillors

Purpose: To take the lead within the Council for ensuring that the Council delivers its strategic objectives with regard to Communities, Housing and the Environment; to ensure inclusive and productive community engagement, Public Health, licensing, housing, other community services and to be the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee.

| FUNCTIONS | DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS |
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| To take the lead within the Council for ensuring that the Council delivers its strategic objectives with regard to Communities, Housing Public Health and the Environment | N/A |
| To take the lead within the Council in ensuring that the Council achieves inclusiveness and productive community engagement | N/A |

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| To act as the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee under section 19 Police and Justice Act 2006 and to meet at least once per annum in this capacity. | N/A |
| To submit to Policy and Resources (P&R) Committee all revenue estimates and capital programmes within the remit of the Committee with a view to P&R determining the budget for submission to Council | N/A |
| To be responsible for all strategic budget related staffing matters within this Committee's Remit | N/A |
| To appoint Members to the outside bodies assigned to the Committee and listed at Part 5 Schedule 2 of the Constitution and to receive annual reports from the appointed outside body representative. | N/A |
| Strategic Planning and Performance Management – to oversee the development, review and implementation of the Council's: | |
| Housing Strategy | Head of Housing and Community Services |
| Community Development Strategy | Head of Housing and Community Services |
| Climate Change Framework | Head of Housing and Community Services |
| Parish Charter, Parishes and Community Governance | Head of Housing and Community Services |
| Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy (and recommend changes to full Council); and Community Safety Strategy to include CCTV | Head of Housing and Community Services |
| Compact with Voluntary and Community Sector | Head of Housing and Community Services |
| Public Health, Healthy Living and Health Inequalities Strategy | Head of Housing and Community Services |
| Waste Management, Waste minimisation and Recycling Strategy | Head of Environment and Public Realm |
| Private Water Management | Head of Housing and |

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| District flood risk management functions | Community Services Director of Finance & Business Improvement Head of Housing & Community Services |
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| Licensing Strategy and Policies (including making recommendations to Council) | |
| Public Conveniences | Head of Environment and Public Realm |
| Street Scene and Environmental Strategy (to include Clean Neighbourhood Enforcement, monitoring. | Director of Regeneration and Place/Head of Environment & Public Realm |
| Enforcement of Air Quality Policies | Head of Housing and Community Services |
| Renewable Energy Strategy | Director of Regeneration and Place |
| Contaminated Land Strategy | Head of Housing & Community Services |
| Community Safety in consultation with the Safer Maidstone Partnership; reviewing the exercise of crime and disorder functions by responsible authorities (Police and Crime Commissioner, Chief Constable, probation, health etc) and to make reports and recommendations with regard to the discharge of those functions – NB any Councillor may refer such a matter to this Committee. | Head of Housing and Community Services |

ROLE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

- Taking the lead within this Committee of working with others in building a vision for the Council and community
- To take the lead within this Committee for external relationships with properly constituted Tenants and Resident's Groups and Parish Councils including the Parish Services Scheme
- To take the lead within this Committee for all aspects of community engagement
- To work with groups such as the Older Person's Forum and the Voluntary Sector including organisations such as the Citizens Advice Bureau, Voluntary Action Maidstone, Maidstone Mediation and other important community organisations
- To represent the Council on all relevant partnerships including the Kent Waste Partnership, the Kent Community Safety Partnership and the Kent Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee. (Health scrutiny shall be

undertaken in accordance with the agreed Kent Protocols for NHS Overview and Scrutiny from time to time.)

- To act as Member Safeguarding Champion and attend the MBC Maidstone Safeguarding Champions Group and Internal Safeguarding Board meetings. This responsibility may be delegated to another Councillor.
- To take the lead on this Committee for ensuring good relationships with funders including Kent County Council and Waste & Resources Action Programme (WRAP), service delivery partners including contractors, voluntary sector and community groups.