KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Wednesday, 15 February 2017.

PRESENT: Mr A H T Bowles (Chairman) Mr S C Manion (Vice-Chairman) Mr H Birkby, Mr D L Brazier (Substitute for Mr J N Wedgbury), Mr A D Crowther (Substitute for Mr L Burgess), Mrs V J Dagger, Mr T A Maddison, Mr R A Marsh (Substitute for Mr M J Harrison) and Mr C Simkins

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs J Whittle

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Thompson (Head of Planning Applications Group), Mr R Gregory (Team Leader - Planning Enforcement), Ms A Gerzon (Solicitor) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

EXEMPT ITEMS
(Open access to Minutes)

(Members resolved under Section 100A of the Local government Act 1972 that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 5 and 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.)

8. Update on Planning Enforcement issues at Land adjoining Water Lane, Headcorn

(Item 4)

(1) Mrs J Whittle was present for this item pursuant to Committee Procedure Rule 2.27 and spoke.

(2) The Head of Planning Applications Group informed the Committee that a request had been received from Maidstone BC in respect of planning enforcement issues at Water Lane, Headcorn which according to Appendix 2 Parts 2 and 3 of the Constitution could only be considered by the Committee itself.

(3) The Head of Planning Applications Group explained the circumstances which had led to Maidstone BC's request and recommended that regretfully, for the reasons set out in the report and supported by advice recently received from Counsel, such action would not be appropriate.

(4) In the light of comments made by Members of the Committee and representations from Mrs J Whittle (Local Member), the Committee unanimously agreed the resolution set out in (5) below.

(5) RESOLVED that:-

(a) approval be given to the enforcement strategy outlined in paragraphs 6 to 27 of the report;

(b) the Head of Planning Applications Group be given delegated powers in consultation with the Chairman to progress the County Council's response to the planning enforcement issues at Water Lane, Headcorn with the exception of actions specifically reserved to the Committee within the Constitution; and

(c) the Chairman write on the Committee's behalf to the Leader and Chief Executive of Maidstone BC explaining the reasons that it would not be appropriate for the County Council to take the action requested by the Borough Council. A copy of this letter will be sent to all Members of the Committee, Helen Whately MP, and the Local Member.