Date: 4 August 2016

Briefing paper to: All Members of the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Purpose:

To provide Members with information on the Social Mobility Fund, the Domestic Abuse Fund and an update on Building Better Opportunities

At its meeting on 28 January 2016, the Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee requested further information on the Social Mobility Fund, the Domestic Abuse Fund and an update on Building Better Opportunities. This information is set out below:

Social Mobility Fund

The Council received £160,000 from the Social Mobility Fund to provide Council tenants with the opportunity to secure a deposit to buy their own home.

Delivered by Social Housing Team, Contact: Marc Blowers

Domestic Abuse Fund

The Council received £42,000 from the Domestic Abuse Fund to help victims of domestic abuse secure safe accommodation, as an alternative to Temporary Accommodation.

Delivered by Strategic Housing Team, Contact: Rachel Britt

Building Better Opportunities

Building Better Opportunities has progressed to stage 2 and the Council is working with charities to prepare their final proposals, aligned with Medway’s priorities and needs as best as possible. The Council will align Building Better Opportunities proposals to dovetail with ambitions for Department for Work and Pensions and Skills Funding Agency Funding.

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