

**You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the
MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Date: Wednesday 29 September 2021
Time: 7.00 p.m. or at the conclusion of the extraordinary meeting of the
Borough Council, whichever is the later
Venue: Mote Hall, Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park, Maidstone

Membership:

Councillors Bartlett, Mrs Blackmore, Brice, Brindle, Bryant, Burton, Cannon,
Clark, Coates, Cooke, Cooper, Cox, Cuming, Daley, English,
Eves, Fissenden, Forecast, Fort, Garten, Mrs Gooch (Mayor),
Mrs Grigg, Harper, Harwood, Hastie, Hinder, Holmes, Joy,
Khadka, Kimmance, McKay, McKenna, Mortimer, Munford,
Naghi, Newton, Parfitt-Reid, Perry, Purle, Mrs Ring,
Mrs Robertson, D Rose, M Rose, Round, Russell, J Sams,
T Sams, Spooner, Springett, Trzebinski, R Webb, S Webb,
de Wiggondene-Sheppard, Wilby and Young

AGENDA

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1. Apologies for Absence
2. Dispensations (if any)
3. Disclosures by Members and Officers
4. Disclosures of Lobbying
5. To consider whether any items should be taken in private because of the possible disclosure of exempt information.
6. Minutes of the meeting of the Borough Council held on 14 July 2021 1 - 8
7. Mayor's Announcements
8. Petitions
9. Question and Answer Session for Members of the Public

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Alison Broom

Alison Broom, Chief Executive

10. Questions from Members of the Council to the Chairmen of Committees
11. Current Issues - Report of the Leader of the Council, Response of the Group Leaders and Questions from Council Members
12. Report of the Democracy and General Purposes Committee held on 27 July 2021 - Honorary Alderman - Exceptional Award of Status 9 - 10
13. Report of the Democracy and General Purposes Committee held on 8 September 2021 - Request for An Additional Outside Body 11 - 12
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15. Oral Report of the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee to be held on 21 September 2021 - Otham Neighbourhood Plan 69 - 129
16. Oral Report of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee to be held on 28 September 2021 - Audit, Governance and Standards Committee - Annual Report to Council 2020/21 130 - 139
17. Notice of Motion - Houses of Multiple Occupancy - Fant Ward
Notice of the following motion has been given by Councillor Harper, seconded by Councillor Coates:

The Council will be aware of the continuing problems associated with overdevelopment in the Fant Ward. These issues are accentuated by the ability to convert single family residential homes into Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMOs) with no more than 6 persons under permitted development without the need for planning permission or democratic oversight. This is now a major topic of concern in the Ward.

However, the Council has the ability to serve an Article 4 direction to remove this permitted development right. This will not prevent HMOs in the area being proposed, but will make all HMOs subject to the democratic processes of seeking planning permission (large scale HMOs i.e. more than 6 persons already require planning permission).

It is therefore resolved that "Maidstone Borough Council impose an Article 4 direction to remove permitted development rights to convert residential properties from C3 use to C4 use and C4 use to C3 use in the area of Fant Ward to the east of Fant Lane/ Hackney Road. The uncontrolled development of HMOs under permitted development has had a negative impact in this densely populated and congested area, especially on grounds of sustainability and infrastructure, highlighted by problems associated with parking issues and the continuing inability of HMO conversions to demonstrate car parking provision in accordance with the local development plan."

18. Appointment of Interim Head of Legal Partnership and Monitoring Officer

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19. Reappointment of Councillor Peter Titchener of Ulcombe Parish Council as a Non-Voting Parish Council Representative on the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee (No other Nominations having been Received)

INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC

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