

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

Date: Wednesday 19 April 2023  
Time: 6.30 p.m.  
Venue: Town Hall, High Street, Maidstone

Membership:

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

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**AGENDA**

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1. Prayers
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Dispensations (if any)
4. Disclosures by Members and Officers
5. Disclosures of Lobbying
6. To consider whether any items should be taken in private because of the possible disclosure of exempt information.
7. Minutes of the meeting of the Borough Council held on 22 February 2023 1 - 14
8. Mayor's Announcements
9. Petitions
10. Question and Answer Session for Local Residents

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**Continued Over/:**

*Alison Broom*

**Alison Broom, Chief Executive**

11. Questions from Members of the Council to:
  - (a) The Leader of the Council
  - (b) Lead Members
  - (c) The Chairmen of Decision-Making Committees
  
12. Current Issues - Report of the Leader of the Council, Response of the Group Leaders and Questions from Council Members
  
13. Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2022/23 15 - 22
  
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16. Notice of Motion - Town Centre Strategy  
 Notice has been given of the following motion to be moved by Councillor Harper, seconded by Councillor Jeffery:

### **Town Centre Strategy**

The Council is currently preparing a new Town Centre Strategy to guide the development of Maidstone for the next 10/30 years. As the report of 4 April 2023 to the Economic Regeneration and Leisure Policy Advisory Committee stated, all party consensus is essential to this project as it will clearly span multiple administrations over that time. Whilst a number of subject stakeholder Groups have been established there is one key group missing. There is no formal stakeholder consultation group set up for the representatives of the residents most closely affected, those in the current wards of Bridge, East, Fant, High Street and North. This can be addressed by establishing a formal stakeholder consultation group of the Councillors for these areas. The needs of residents close to the Town Centre are of a different nature to those who only visit it periodically, it is where local residents go for local shopping needs as well as their local pubs and restaurants and for local leisure and sports needs. It is a Town Centre for where they live on a daily basis rather than visit as a destination.

It is therefore resolved that:

1. The Council continues with the Town Centre Strategy on the basis of obtaining all party support; and
  
2. A Consultation Stakeholder Group of Town Centre Councillors for the current wards of Bridge, East, Fant, High Street and North be established so they can represent the needs of the local communities in and adjacent to the Town Centre area.

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