

**You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the**

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**



Date: Wednesday 12 December 2012

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Town Hall, High Street,  
Maidstone

Membership:

Councillors Nelson-Gracie (The Mayor), Ash,  
Barned, Beerling, Black,  
Mrs Blackmore, Brindle, Burton,  
Butler, Chittenden, Collins, Cox,  
Cuming, Daley, English, Garland,  
Mrs Gibson, Mrs Gooch, Greer,  
Ms Griffin, Mrs Grigg, Harwood,  
Mrs Hinder, Hogg, Hotson, Mrs Joy,  
Lusty, McKay, McLoughlin, Moriarty,  
B Mortimer, D Mortimer, Moss,  
Munford, Naghi, Newton, Paine,  
Parvin, Mrs Parvin, Paterson, Pickett,  
Mrs Ring, Mrs Robertson, Ross, Sams,  
Springett, Mrs Stockell, Thick, Vizzard,  
Warner, Mrs Watson, de Wiggondene,  
J.A. Wilson, Mrs Wilson and Yates

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*Alison Broom*

**Alison Broom, Chief Executive, Maidstone Borough Council,  
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2. Apologies for Absence
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 19 September 2012
7. Mayor's Announcements
8. Petitions

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Notice has been given pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11 of the intention to present a petition in the following terms:-

We the undersigned believe that the removal of the Concurrent Functions Grant and its replacement by the proposed Parish Services Scheme will seriously damage the provision of essential local services or lead to a significant percentage increase in the tax burden on residents of parished areas. We further believe that the proposal will cause an unfair difference in the treatment of residents between parished and unparished areas and re-establish double-taxation on Parishes that the Concurrent Functions Grant has addressed over the last 20 years or more. We call upon Maidstone Borough Council to turn away from the proposed abolition of the Concurrent Functions Grant and to continue with current arrangements (that have already been subject to cuts of more than 35% since 2010-11). Alternatively, we call upon Maidstone Borough Council to establish an alternative rating system for Parishes to reflect their lesser absorption of Borough services, while recognising that Parishes must play their part in keeping the overall standards and central services of the Borough at an acceptable level. Should Maidstone Borough Council not commit, as a matter of priority, to maintaining funding for parished areas at the current level (which is already substantially reduced), we call on our Parish Council to arrange an appropriate poll under the 1972 Local Government Act, in co-ordination with other Parishes within the Borough.

9. Question and Answer Session for Members of the Public
10. Questions from Members of the Council to the
  - (a) Leader of the Council
  - (b) Cabinet Members
  - (c) Chairmen of Overview and Scrutiny Committees
  - (d) Chairmen of other Committees

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