

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the

## MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL



Date: Wednesday 1 March 2017

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Town Hall, High Street,  
Maidstone

Membership:

Councillors Adkinson, Barned, Mrs Blackmore,  
Boughton, Brice, D Burton, M Burton,  
Butler (Mayor), Clark, Cox, Cuming,  
Daley, Ells, English, Fermor,  
Fissenden, Fort, Garland, Garten,  
Mrs Gooch, Greer, Mrs Grigg, Harper,  
Harvey, Harwood, Hastie, Hemsley,  
Mrs Hinder, Joy, Lewins, McLoughlin,  
B Mortimer, D Mortimer, Munford,  
Naghi, Newton, Perry, Pickett, Powell,  
Prendergast, Revell, Mrs Ring,  
Mrs Robertson, Round, J Sams,  
T Sams, Springett, Mrs Stockell,  
Vizzard, Webb, Webster,  
de Wiggondene, Wilby, Willis and  
Mrs Wilson

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**Issued on 21 February 2017**

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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 7 December 2016 1 - 7
8. Mayor's Announcements
9. Petitions  

Notice has been given pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 12 of the intention to present a petition in the following terms:

We object to the plans by Oakwood Park Grammar School and Saint Augustine's Academy to close the public access and fence off the whole of the Oakwood Park playing fields. We want to keep public access to the site and leave them open as they have been since the 1940's.
10. Question and Answer Session for Members of the Public
11. Questions from Members of the Council to the Chairmen of Committees
12. Current Issues - Report of the Leader of the Council, Response of the Group Leaders and Questions from Council Members
13. Report of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 18 January 2017 - Council Tax Empty Property Discounts 8 - 18
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15. Report of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 15 February 2017 - Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/18 Onwards 33 - 51
16. Report of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee held on 16 January 2017 - Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18 52 - 75
17. Report of the Licensing Committee held on 26 January 2017 - Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Principles 2016/19 76 - 122
18. Report of the Employment Committee held on 1 February 2017 - Pay Policy Statement 2017 123 - 156

19. Oral Report of the Communities, Housing and Environment Committee to be held on 22 February 2017 (if any)

20. Notice of the following motion has been given by Councillor Harper, seconded by Councillor Adkinson:

#### Integrated Transport and Cycling/Walking Strategies

Maidstone Council, through the approved Integrated Transport Strategy and associated Cycling and Walking Strategy, has adopted policies to achieve modal shift away from our town's over reliance on cars. This is needed both in terms of sustainability and as part of the measures to accommodate the planned increase in the local population assumed by the Local Plan to 2031.

It's unfortunate that KCC has raised objections to the proposals to achieve modal shift from cars to public transport and cycling/walking.

The Council is most concerned about the current consultation proposals for reducing bus services in the Borough and particularly in the Fant and Heath wards. This would be contradictory to the Borough's Integrated Transport Strategy and would likely result in modal shift from buses to cars.

It is therefore recommended that:

- (1) This Council objects to the current bus consultation which will reduce bus services to residents of the Borough both in urban and rural areas.
- (2) This Council takes all necessary action to urge KCC to adopt the MBC Integrated Transport Strategy and Cycling and Walking Strategy.
- (3) This Council recognises that cycling and walking are green non-polluting forms of transport as well as benefiting individuals' health and fitness.

21. Report of the Head of Policy and Communications - Calendar of Meetings 2017/18 157 - 160

22. Appointment of Mayor Select 2017/18

23. Appointment of Deputy Mayor Select 2017/18

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

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**PLEASE NOTE**

**MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING WITH THEM TO THE MEETING THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT WHICH HAS BEEN CIRCULATED SEPARATELY:**

**APPENDIX A TO THE REPORT OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE RELATING TO THE MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2017/18 ONWARDS**