

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

## **MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Date: Wednesday 6 December 2017

Time: 7.00 p.m. or at the conclusion of the extraordinary meeting of the Borough Council, whichever is the later

Venue: Town Hall, High Street, Maidstone

Membership:

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

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10. Questions from Members of the Council to the Chairmen of Committees	

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**Issued on 28 November 2017**

**Continued Over/:**

*Alison Broom*

**Alison Broom, Chief Executive**

11. Current Issues - Report of the Leader of the Council, Response of the Group Leaders and Questions from Council Members
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16. Oral Report of the Heritage, Culture and Leisure Committee to be held on 28 November 2017 (if any)
17. Oral Report of the Licensing Committee to be held on 4 December 2017 (if any)
18. Oral Report of the Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transportation Committee to be held on 5 December 2017 (if any)
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20. Appointment of the following Committees (if necessary)/Membership of Committees
  - (a) Policy and Resources Committee
  - (b) Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transportation Committee
  - (c) Communities, Housing and Environment Committee
  - (d) Heritage, Culture and Leisure Committee
  - (e) Planning Committee
  - (f) Licensing Committee
  - (g) Employment Committee
  - (h) Joint Transportation Board
  - (i) Democracy Committee
  - (j) Audit, Governance and Standards Committee
  - (k) Planning Referrals Committee
  - (l) Urgency Committee
21. Report of the Head of Policy, Communications and Governance - Review of Allocation of Seats on the Cobtree Manor Estate Charity Committee (if necessary)

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL ACTING AS CORPORATE TRUSTEE OF THE CHARITY KNOWN AS THE COBTREE MANOR ESTATE**

22. Appointment of the Cobtree Manor Estate Charity Committee (if necessary)/Membership of the Cobtree Manor Estate Charity Committee

23. Report of the Head of Policy, Communications and Governance - Review of Allocation of Seats on the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment Museum Trust Committee (if necessary)

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL ACTING AS CORPORATE TRUSTEE OF THE QUEEN'S OWN ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT MUSEUM TRUST**

24. Appointment of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment Museum Trust Committee (if necessary)/Membership of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment Museum Trust Committee

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 17 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989 ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES OUTSIDE THE USUAL POLITICAL BALANCE REQUIREMENTS MAY BE CONSIDERED IN RELATION TO AGENDA ITEMS 19, 21, AND 23 .**

25. Notice of the following Motion has been given by Councillor Harper:

Bridges Gyrotory System

The works on the Bridges Gyrotory System is now eventually finished, as far as Kent County Council is concerned. However for residents from the West of Maidstone, including Fant, Bridge, Heath, Allington and Barming Wards there has been a deterioration in traffic conditions. There are now longer delays for road traffic getting through the Broadway gyrotory to the Bridges Gyrotory. For Pedestrians with the closure of the Underpasses, except that to Medway Street access to the Town Centre has significantly deteriorated. For cyclists there is now only the Medway Street underpass which requires them to dismount on St Peters Bridge as there are no dropped curves.

Overall therefore whilst the works may have improved access to through traffic on the East Bank, for those from the West Bank it is worse than before.

This Council resolves to:

1. Review the Gyrotory system to see how remedial measures can be implemented to improve the access to the Town Centre from Pedestrians and Cyclists from the West of Town.
2. Review the timing of the traffic signals etc. to see if that can improve traffic circulation from the West of Maidstone to the Town Centre.
3. In particular at the main Pedestrian crossing from the Bazalgette Bridge to the bottom of the High Street look to see if a pedestrian phase can be introduced to allow pedestrians to cross both carriageways in one go.

## **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

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## **ALTERNATIVE FORMATS**

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