

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

## **MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Date: Wednesday 28 February 2018  
Time: 6.30 p.m.  
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, Field, 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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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 Extraordinary Meeting of the Borough Council held on 6 December 2017	1 - 2
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10. Petitions	

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**Issued on Tuesday 20 February 2018**

**Continued Over/:**

*Alison Broom*

**Alison Broom, Chief Executive**

11. Question and Answer Session for Members of the Public
12. Questions from Members of the Council to the Chairmen of Committees
13. Current Issues - Report of the Leader of the Council, Response of the Group Leaders and Questions from Council Members
14. Report of the Democracy Committee held on 14 December 2017 - Appointment of Independent Member to the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel 12
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16. Report of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 14 February 2018 - Strategic Plan 2015-20, 2018-19 Refresh 23 - 35
17. Report of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 14 February 2018 - Medium Term Financial Strategy and Budget Proposals 2018/19 36 - 135
18. Report of the Employment Committee held on 15 February 2018 - Pay Policy Statement 2018 136 - 169

19. Notice of Motion - Introduction of Legislation to Reduce the Voting Age to 16

Notice of the following motion has been given by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Harvey:

*"This Council supports reducing the voting age to 16 and agrees that our worshipful Mayor should write an open letter to the Prime Minister urging her to introduce legislation to reduce the voting age to 16."*

We believe that encouraging participation in the political process is a valuable means of engaging young people in modern society and note proposals in both the Welsh Assembly and Scottish Parliament for a reduction of the voting age to 16, along with cross party support at Kent County Council. We recognise the important contribution of 16 and 17 year olds to the Scottish Independence referendum and believe that the young people of Maidstone should also play a role in determining the future of their borough and country.

20. Notice of Motion - High Speed Train Service

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

In light of the all-party support for the continuation of the direct high speed train service from Maidstone West to St Pancras International, this Council resolves to:

1. Formally adopt a position of support for the continuation of the high speed train link.

2. Ask our Members of Parliament to lobby Ministers for the service to be extended throughout the day.
  
21. Report of the Head of Policy, Communications and Governance - Review of Allocation of Seats on Committees/Membership of Committees 170 - 180
  
22. Report of the Head of Policy, Communications and Governance - Calendar of Meetings 2018/19 181 - 185
  
23. Appointment of Mayor Select 2018/19
  
24. Appointment of Deputy Mayor Select 2018/19

**NOTE:**

**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 ITEM 21.**

**PUBLIC SPEAKING AND ALTERNATIVE FORMATS**

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In order to speak at this meeting, please contact Democratic Services using the contact details above, by 5 p.m. one clear working day before the meeting. If asking a question, you will need to provide the full text in writing. If making a statement, you will need to tell us which agenda item you wish to speak on. Please note that slots will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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