

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

Date: Wednesday 27 February 2019
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Town Hall, High Street, Maidstone

Membership:

Councillors Adkinson, Bartlett, Mrs Blackmore, Boughton, Brice, D Burton, M Burton, Chappell-Tay, Clark, Cox, Cuming, Daley, English, Fermor, Field, Fissenden, Fort, Garland, Garten, Mrs Gooch, Greer, Mrs Grigg, Harper, Harvey, Harwood, Hastie, Hinder, Mrs Hinder, Joy, Kimmance, Lewins, McKay, McLoughlin, D Mortimer, Munford, Naghi (Mayor), Newton, Parfitt-Reid, Perry, Powell, Purle, Mrs Ring, Mrs Robertson, Rose, Round, J Sams, T Sams, Spooner, Springett, Mrs Stockell, Vizzard, Webb, de Wiggondene-Sheppard, Wilby and Mrs Wilson

The Chairman will assume that all Members will read the reports before attending the meeting. Officers are asked to assume the same when introducing reports.

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 12 December 2018 1 - 5
8. Mayor's Announcements
9. Petitions
10. Question and Answer Session for Members of the Public

Issued on Tuesday 19 February 2019

Continued Over/:

Alison Broom

Alison Broom, Chief Executive

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. Notice of Motion - Economic Development

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

This Council notes the considerable progress made in economic development over the last 5 years including:

- Maidstone East
- Brunswick Street
- Union Street
- The Business Terrace
- Kent Medical Campus Innovation Centre

Looking forward to the update of the Economic Development Strategy in the future, the Council should promote a positive role in Economic Development which can be achieved through encouraging and directly investing in:

- The arts
- Parks and open spaces improvements
- The destination management plan
- The visitor and leisure economy
- Promoting low or carbon neutral growth
- and also building on our current rich assets

We additionally need to safeguard all current employment land especially when the impact of permitted development rights is considered.

This Council therefore resolves to ensure that the Economic Development Strategy, when next reviewed and updated, takes into account the above areas.

14. Notice of Motion - Four Yearly Elections

Notice of the following motion has been given by Councillor Perry:

I consider that the current system of holding Borough Council elections in three out of the four-year cycle is wasteful, inefficient and generates instability. Research carried out by Maidstone Borough Council indicated overwhelming support for

a change to four yearly elections.

My motion is that the Officers be instructed to investigate the possibility of changing to four yearly elections, which would follow the practice of Kent County Council. This would include an analysis of the potential cost savings if this change were to be implemented. Officers will report their findings to the Democracy Committee in the first instance.

15. Appointment of Mayor Select 2019/20
16. Appointment of Deputy Mayor Select 2019/20
17. Report of the Employment Committee held on 28 January 2019 - Pay Policy Statement 2019 6 - 41
18. Report of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 13 February 2019 - Medium Term Financial Strategy and Budget Proposals 2019/20 42 - 149
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20. Report of the Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transportation Committee held on 8 January 2019 - Community Infrastructure Levy 166 - 180
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23. Report of the Communities, Housing and Environment Committee held on 12 February 2019 - Maidstone Borough Council Policy for Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk 205 - 217
24. Report of the Head of Policy, Communications and Governance - Calendar of Meetings 2019/20 218 - 223
25. Report of the Head of Policy, Communications and Governance - Review of Allocation of Seats on Committees/Membership of Committees 224 - 234

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 25

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND ALTERNATIVE FORMATS

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