

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL



Date: Wednesday 22 April 2009

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Town Hall, High Street,
Maidstone

Membership:

Councillors Mrs Joy (Mayor), Ash, Batt, Beerling,
Mrs Blackmore, Bradshaw, Butler,
Chittenden, Daley, English, Field,
FitzGerald, Garland, Mrs Gibson,
Gooch, Greer, Harwood, Hinder,
Mrs Hinder, Horne, Hotson, Lusty,
Marchant, Marshall, Mrs Marshall,
Moriarty, Mortimer, Moss, Naghi,
Nelson-Gracie, Paine, Parr, Mrs Parvin,
Parvin, Paterson, Pollington, Mrs Ring,
Mrs Robertson, Robertson, Ross,
Sams, Schnell, Sellar, Sherreard,
Mrs Stockell, Thick, Verrall, Vizzard,
Warner, Ms Williams, Mrs Wilson,
J.A. Wilson, J Wilson, Wooding and
Yates

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Issued on 14 April 2009

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16. Notice of Motion

Notice of the following motion has been given by Councillors Batt, English and Chittenden:-

That Maidstone Borough Council

- (1) supports the principle of subsidiarity in the Sustainable Communities Act designed to allow local authorities and their communities to drive the action and assistance that central government gives in promoting thriving, sustainable communities;
- (2) notes that the Act gives local authorities the power to
 - make proposals to government on the action and assistance government must take or give to promote sustainable communities, and that
 - these proposals can lead to a transfer of public money and functions from central to local control;
- (3) notes that the Act defines sustainable communities broadly, and that broad definition has the following four aspects of:
 - the improvement of the local economy,
 - protection of the environment,
 - promotion of social inclusion, and
 - participation in civic and political activity;
- (4) notes that reasons for a local authority choosing to use the Act include gaining new assistance from government, determining that assistance, transferring public monies from central to local control and involving citizens in democracy;
- (5) resolves to respond to the invitation issued by central government in October 2008, to use the Act to prepare and submit proposals on how central government can help by 31 July 2009; and
- (6) further resolves to:
 - inform the local media of this decision;
 - write to local MPs and the Local Government Association, informing them of this decision.

17. Report of the Democratic Services Manager - Councillor Sellar

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