



**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**JOINT INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

**INDEPENDENT MEMBER REQUIRED**

Maidstone Borough Council has set up a Joint Independent Remuneration Panel with Swale Borough Council. The Panel consists of five Members and there is currently a vacancy for Maidstone for which applications are invited from members of the public.

Serving a term of three years, the successful applicant will take part in making recommendations to the Authority on the amount of allowances that should be payable to elected members for various roles, responsibilities and arrangements. These will include making recommendations on child care allowances, pension arrangements, and travel and subsistence among other considerations.

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2001, the Council is required to have an Independent Remuneration Panel whose purpose is to make recommendations to the Council on its Members' Allowance Scheme and that of Parish Councils.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate political impartiality, a high degree of personal integrity, have some knowledge of the role of a Councillor (although this would be an advantage, it is not essential) and be able to analyse information and reach conclusions for consideration by the Council as a whole.

You should live or work in the Borough but cannot be considered for the appointment if you:-

- Are a Member or Officer of any local authority;
- Are a relative or close friend of a Member or Officer of either Councils;
- Are disqualified from being or becoming a Member of an authority; or
- Work for an organisation that receives grants from any of the Councils.

The Joint Independent Remuneration Panel meet once or twice a year, during the day. The meetings are held alternately in Maidstone and Swale. It may also be necessary, should the situation arise, to be consulted over the phone or by email regarding an urgent matter.

There is no remuneration for this position but subsistence and travelling expenses would be paid.

Please note that shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by a Panel of Members from the Council's Democracy Committee.

For an informal discussion about this appointment, please contact Caroline Matthews, Democratic Services Officer on (01622 602743).

For an application form, please e-mail: [committeeservices@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:committeeservices@maidstone.gov.uk)

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on 3 November 2017.