

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

27 NOVEMBER 2019

**REFERENCE FROM THE COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ACTING AS THE CRIME
AND DISORDER COMMITTEE**

**REVIEW OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POWERS (INCLUDING
TIGHTENING THE PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS**

The Communities, Housing and Environment Committee, Acting as the Crime and Disorder Committee at its meeting held on 24 September 2019, considered a report by the Community Protection Manager which highlighted the work carried out by the Safer Maidstone Partnership to deliver our Community Safety Priorities of protecting our communities against serious and organised crime and advised Members about the work being undertaken to reduce the threat of violence further by protecting young people and supporting the victims of domestic abuse.

The Committee expressed their concerns about recent matters related to the serious incident in the town centre where a young man lost his life and the resultant perception of some members of the public who felt that the town centre was not a safe place to visit at night. In particular they felt that the Council should review their Licensing Act 2003 Policy to strengthen areas, where possible, which related to crime and disorder (improved security).

RECOMMENDED: That the Committee review its Licensing Act 2003 Policy following the recent serious incident of concern which may include means for improved security.