

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

**9 MARCH 2021**

**REFERENCE FROM COUNCIL**

**MOTION – MAIDSTONE CYCLE CAMPAIGN FORUM**

At the meeting of the Council held on 24 February 2021, the following motion was moved by Councillor Harper, seconded by Councillor Adkinson:

*Maidstone Council has previously agreed to work in partnership with Maidstone Cycle Campaign Forum (MCCF). This is also reflected in the adopted Local Plan and Walking and Cycling Strategy. However, the Planning Department has continually failed to follow Council policy and does not work with MCCF. Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) today instructs Officers across all departments to implement MBC policy with respect to working in partnership with MCCF, and to that end will in March 2021 organise a round table of MBC Officers, MBC Chairs and Vice-Chairs, and Representatives of MCCF to agree new working protocols to ensure proper partnership working takes place in future.*

During the discussion, with the agreement of the mover and the seconder, the fourth sentence of the motion was amended as follows:

*Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) today instructs Officers across all departments to implement MBC policy with respect to working in partnership with MCCF, and to that end will ~~in March 2021~~ **at the earliest opportunity** organise a round table of MBC Officers, MBC Chairs and Vice-Chairs, and Representatives of MCCF to agree new working protocols to ensure proper partnership working takes place in future.*

It was also suggested that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee should be involved in the discussions.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 18.5, the motion, as amended, was referred to the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee.

A copy of the briefing note which was prepared to assist Members in their consideration of the motion is attached as Appendix A.

**RECOMMENDED: That the Committee consider the motion, as amended, relating to the Maidstone Cycle Campaign Forum.**