

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES GROUP

13 JULY 2009

REFERENCE FROM COUNCIL

1. MOTION – THE TOWN’S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE JUDICIARY

- 1.1 The Council, at its meeting held on 24 June 2009, adopted the following motion moved by Councillor Horne, seconded by Councillor Mrs Stockell:-

The Members of the Council:

RECALLING the historic importance of Maidstone as the County Town of Kent

RECALLING that the first recorded trial in English law took place at Penenden Heath

NOTING that today the Crown Court in Maidstone is the pre-eminent trial centre for Kent

INSPIRED by the appointment of the Recorder of Maidstone as a recognition of that special importance

DESIRING to continue the advancement of the common interest of the Town and the Judiciary by engagement with the High Sheriff in welcoming HM Justices of the High Court in an appropriate manner to Maidstone

REQUEST the Chief Executive to report to them with comment for advancing these proposals.

- 1.2 In order to give effect to this decision, the Council agreed that a report be submitted to the General Purposes Group together with a more general report on the issue of civic functions. These reports will be submitted to the Group in due course.

1.3 RECOMMENDED:

- 1.3.1 That the General Purposes Group note the motion adopted by the Council and the position with regard to the preparation of reports on the issues raised.**