

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ACTING AS THE CRIME &  
DISORDER COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Attendees:**

<b>Committee Members:</b>	<b>Councillors English (Chairman), Mrs Blackmore, Cannon, Clark, Cleator, Conyard, English, Mrs Gooch, Hinder, Round and S Thompson</b>
<b>Cabinet Members:</b>	<b>Councillor Lottie Parfitt-Reid, Cabinet Member for Housing and Health</b>

89. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Eagle.

90. NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Councillor Jeffery was present as Substitute Member for Councillor Eagle.

91. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items, but the Chairman highlighted that the Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated separately.

92. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

There were no Visiting Members.

93. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

94. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

95. EXEMPT ITEMS

**RESOLVED:** That all items on the agenda be taken in public as proposed.

96. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 JULY 2023

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed.

97. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

98. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

There were no questions from Local Residents.

99. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO THE CHAIRMAN

There were no questions from Members.

100. CABINET SCRAIP - RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - SAFETY IN THE TOWN CENTRE

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Health introduced the Cabinet SCRAIP to the 'Safety in the Town Centre' Review (the review).

In response to questions, the Community and Strategic Partnerships Manager explained that Members needed to individually sign up to the 'My Community Voice' app due to General Data Protection Regulation, and to select their preferences for area updates. The work undertaken by the Community Safety Team was responsive and flexible in its approach, for example, Cluster Ward Meetings often lead to follow-up actions for the Task Force at its next meeting. The Horizon plan was highlighted as it outlined the work being taken across 3, 6 and 12 month periods.

The Committee expressed support for the Cabinet's response to the recommendations made from the review. It was stated that it would be helpful for timelines to be included in the responses where relevant, for example when mentioning a future meeting.

The Cabinet Member encouraged all Members to approach her with any Community Safety concerns they may have.

**RESOLVED:** That the Cabinet SCRAIP – Response to the Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Safety in the Town Centre, be noted.

101. DURATION OF MEETING

9.42 p.m. to 9.57 p.m.