

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the

## MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL



Date: Wednesday 20 July 2016

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Town Hall, High Street,  
Maidstone

Membership:

Councillors Adkinson, Mrs Blackmore, Boughton, Brice, D Burton, M Burton, Butler (Mayor), Clark, Cox, Cuming, Daley, Ells, English, Fermor, Fissenden, Fort, Garland, Garten, Mrs Gooch, Greer, Mrs Grigg, Harper, Harvey, Harwood, Hastie, Hemsley, Mrs Hinder, Joy, Lewins, McLoughlin, B Mortimer, D Mortimer, Munford, Naghi, Newton, Perry, Pickett, Powell, Prendergast, Revell, Mrs Ring, Mrs Robertson, Round, J Sams, T Sams, Springett, Mrs Stockell, Vizzard, Webb, Webster, de Wiggondene, Wilby, Willis and Mrs Wilson

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**Alison Broom, Chief Executive, Maidstone Borough Council,  
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1. Prayers
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Dispensations (if any)
4. Disclosures by Members and Officers
5. Disclosures of Lobbying
6. To consider whether any items should be taken in private because of the possible disclosure of exempt information.
7. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Borough Council held on 21 May 2016 1 - 7
8. Mayor's Announcements
9. Petitions
10. Question and Answer Session for Members of the Public
11. Questions from Members of the Council to the Chairmen of Committees
12. Current Issues - Report of the Leader of the Council, Response of the Group Leaders and Questions from Council Members
13. Report of the Democracy Committee held on 7 July 2016 - Amendments to the Council's Constitution 8
14. Oral Report of the Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transportation Committee to be held on 12 July 2016 (if any)
15. Oral Report of the Communities, Housing and Environment Committee to be held on 19 July 2016 (if any)
16. Notice of Motion

Notice of the following motion has been given by Councillor Harper, seconded by Councillor Adkinson:

Maidstone Celebrates being a Multi-Cultural Society

Following the EU referendum campaign the UK has voted to leave the EU after 43 years. For EU citizens living in the Borough and UK as well as our ethnic minority communities, this has led to a feeling of insecurity and of not being welcomed.

Race hate crimes have increased considerably in recent weeks and this Council needs to send out strong messages of our support for a multi-cultural society.

Maidstone Council welcomes all communities to our Borough (including EU citizens) and all who make a home here, work

here or visit our Borough.

The Council will do all it can to ensure that Maidstone is a welcoming and culturally inclusive Borough.

The recent rise of hate crimes and xenophobia across the UK including our Borough since the referendum campaign is a disgrace.

The Council therefore resolves that it will:

- (1) Do everything in its power to celebrate the cultural diversity of the Borough.
- (2) Undertake the strongest action to tackle any race hate that occurs in the Borough.
- (3) Urge the Borough's two MPs and the new Prime Minister to make a clear statement that EU citizens currently living and working in the UK are welcomed and respected as valuable members of our community.

17. Appointment of Two Non-Voting Parish Councillor Representatives to Serve on the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee

KALC Maidstone has nominated Councillor Mrs Eileen Riden (Chairman of Sutton Valence Parish Council) and Councillor Peter Coulling (Chairman of Teston Parish Council) to serve as the non-voting Parish Councillor representatives on the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee.

It is suggested that the appointments be for the period until the Annual Meeting of the Borough Council in 2019.

18. Membership of Committees

The Council is asked to approve the following changes to reflect the wishes of the Leader of the Conservative Group:

Audit, Governance and Standards Committee – Delete Councillor Cuming as a Substitute Member

Democracy Committee – Add Councillor Cuming as a Substitute Member

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

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