

What outside body are you a member of? (If more than one please list and respond to the questions individually for each outside body)	How many meetings have you attended since becoming a MBC representative of an outside body	How many hours per month would you say you spend on the work associated with this outside body	What has this outside body achieved to the benefit of Maidstone borough residents?	How does the work covered by this outside body link with MBC's priorities
Maidston Area Arts Partnership	Two	Average 1 hour	Puts on events around the borough, mainly music	Making Maidstone an attractive place for all
Maidstone MIND	Monthly board meetings with trustees Four weekly catchup meetings and phone calls with CEO Responsibility for all HR issues so available to all staff 24/7 Attended daily after KCC funding was lost and departure of past CEO		This body is invaluable to the residents of Maidstone and offers a lifeline to service users unable to fund private counselling. It offers social interaction to the lonely, it is a light at the end of a very dark tunnel to the severely depressed and has been a life saver to the suicidal - two of which spoke at a recent AGM held at the Town Hall. 3/4 years ago, I asked the Communities Scrutiny Committee to hold a review of mental health provision within the borough when a Loose resident has a nervous breakdown at 8am on a Sunday morning and, due to the fact that there was only one mental health professional covering the whole of Kent, was not seen by a doctor until 11pm. Another couple wrote to me to say they had to remortgage their home to raise the £40,000 needed to privately help their daughter. Mental health patients can't wait for NHS lists. MBC called KCC and West Kent CCG to account. We interviewed the police (many patients who are severely ill and disturbing the peace are put into custody as there is simply nowhere else for them to go). We spoke to schools and community wardens etc. Changes were made as a result of these meetings. MIND now has a presence at several schools, Community Wardens received basic training in order to assist where doctors were held up etc. However, a couple of years have passed and we are back to square one. I find it unbelievable that KCC have cut the funding for this vital service	Encouraging good health and wellbeing and providing a safe environment.
Maidstone YMCA	Approximately 55 board meetings since 2010 plus additional planning and development meetings - total approx 70	Weekly dealing with various matters which involve the council and general ward work. Monthly estimate would be minimum of 10 hours. Recent work has involved the opening of the new YMCA Tovil Community centre which has increased workload but very enjoyable and beneficial for residents.	Provides support to resident across the borough in terms of many health, social and community aspects. Based on Christian ethos the following statement essentially sums up the benefit to residents: Provides a welcome to members for themselves, in a meeting place which is theirs to share, where friendships can be made and counsel sought. Develop activities which stimulate and challenge its members in an environment that enables them to take responsibility and find a sense of achievement. Involve all members in care and work for others. Create opportunities for exchanging views, so that its members can improve their understanding of the world, of themselves and of one another.	Due to the YMCA having strong relationships with many groups, associations, KCC and the borough council I would say the majority of the YMCA's work does link with the majority of MBC's priorities and actions.
Citizen Advice Bureau	Many	2-4 hours per week - more if Chairman of H&S Committee	CAB supports residents of the borough in lots of ways for MBC with service level agreements	
Rochester Bridge Trust	14 since being appointed in April 2015 and a two day tour of the Rochester Estate	On average 10 hours a month	Historically, the Rochester Bridge Trust has financed the creation of Maidstone Grammar School for Girls and has spent large sums of money on Maidstone Grammar School for Boys. It has financed or part financed a number of bridges in Maidstone. It is an investor in property and land in Maidstone Borough and will provide money for certain education projects and projects relating to the River Medway. It has certainly provided monies in the past to Maidstone Sea Cadets and I believe there is a request pending.	The Trust applies strict control over the monies handed out in grants but the Trust is financially sound and will continue to benefit residents in Medway and Maidstone in particular but also other parts of Kent. It covers more of the Securing a successful economy for Maidstone by helping on the education side but by providing funds for the bridges in the past that also comes under the priority of keeping Maidstone Borough an attractive place for all.
Maidstone Street Pastors	Meetings are 4 times a year, more if needed. Also commissioning service for new Pastors when they have completed their training		Maidstone has a thriving night time economy and Street Pastors have become an imperative service working in partnership with the Police and the Urban Blue Bus. Street Pastors provide a neutral and reassuring presence in our local community. Individual street pastors seek to listen and talk with people to provide information and help as needed, and to discourage anti social behaviour. Street pastors hand out space blankets, flip flops to clubbers, water and chocolate for energy ensuring safety to vulnerable people. They also remove glass bottles on the streets and other potential weapons in order to discourage violence and vandalism. Maidstone Street Pastors have won local community awards for their services.	
PATROL	Six to Seven	1-2 on average	It is the support structure for the borough's decriminalised parking scheme. Without it the scheme could not operate. It is also a good source of technical information.	The decriminalised parking scheme helps maintain a reasonably attractive urban (including large villages) environment. This also helps to maintain the character of the borough.
Community Rail Partnership	15	10 to 40	The CRP has contributed significantly to making the Medway Valley Line more attractive to use. This helps to encourage passenger numbers and reduce car use. The CRP has also made significant contributions to franchise consultations to Maidstone's benefit	The CRP has made a useful contribution to maintaining and improving the transport infrastructure by its work on the Medway Valley Line and the work on the new rail franchise. This clearly assists in securing economic prosperity.
One Maidstone	Circa 60	From 10 to 60	One Maidstone has recently been established as Community Interest Company; MBC has two representatives on the board. It has replaced the previous Town Centre Management Company and the new Board has reinvigorated the approach taken to partnership working in the town centre. Some strands of work have continued including for the night time economy and street scene. New projects are being considered including for a Business Improvement District. One Maidstone has significantly contributed to improving relationships between MBC and town centre stakeholders, including businesses and promoting events and activities	One Maidstone has helped to enhance the appeal of the town centre and to promote opportunities to bring investment and hence jobs into the town. By running events it helps improve tourism opportunities and to underpin retailing and other businesses.
Maidstone Mediation	23	4 to 6	It provides a mechanism for reducing social tensions and resolving disputes peacefully and promotes community cohesion and assists with the rehabilitation of offenders and the reduction of re-offending	The wide range of services promoting options to avoid violent confrontation obviously protects the safety of the community and assists with encouraging good health and well-being across a range of areas from families, neighbours and schools to offenders.
Cutbush and Corral	4 board meetings each year plus additional as necessary	3 to date	Provides long term quality low cost housing for local residents who are 50 and over. Has 137 Almshouses across 8 sites in central Maidstone. All are within walking distance of the shops. The charity also own 12 Almshouses in East Street, Harrietsham. Properties range from new builds to ancient listed houses. Accommodation can be flatlets overlooking the River Medway at College Road, or one of the many flats or houses located near the town centre.	
South East Employers	Six to seven	Three to four	South East Employers is mainly useful as a source of information and advice. Additionally it can provide a useful range of training for members.	Ensuring that the council is familiar with developments in employment law and practice is important in all areas of the council's work. Additionally it is helpful to have the ability to use its services to improve the skills of elected members.
Upper Medway Drainage Board	6 in the past year	Anything from 2 to 6	The board oversees all water movement, watercourses, small streams and rivers and/or drainage and flooding works that support rivers and streams administered by the Environment Agency. The Board oversees this work and controls the budget and are consulted on new planning and renewals of water systems. The importance of this Board is critical to Maidstone borough in terms of flooding protection and alleviation measures and there is much consultation involved with other agencies. If any new or changed plans affect water movement - before it reaches the main rivers then UMIDB is key to that	Ensuring a clean and safe environment, wellbeing and character etc.
Action for Communities Rural Kent	9 in the past year	Two to three	It has a County remit to support rural communities in terms of good health and wellbeing, character, culture, transport, employment and homes	Good health and wellbeing, character, culture, transport, employment and homes
Headcorn Aerodrome Consultative Committee	4 per year	8 to 12 per year as well as other ad hoc work	This Committee is pertinent to my Ward, it is essential that a Ward member is involved in this group, as it is the forum for wide interaction and discussion about Headcorn Aerodrome: where a great deal goes on. It is still registered as an MOD site for emergency action, and continues to provide certain provision for national security, but it is essentially a civil and privately maintained aerodrome for leisure and pleasure activity. There is a considerable Tourism and small business benefit to the local community with many companies based there. It is also the navigation control centre for the other licensed flying take off and landing areas for planes AND balloons in my Ward and indeed in the Borough. (One other runway in Boughton Malherbe and balloons can take off/land to/from Leeds Castle or Great Danes Hotel. The Committee advises and consults with the Aerodrome "key players" regarding Civil Aviation legislation and safety, including noise and pollution issues. It provides a community perspective. It advises, suggests and reacts. It also can bring benefits for business and Tourism. We also work up projects and events. The Aerodrome attracts 1000s of visitors every week during the longer summer evenings and throughout the year offers many attractions. Several major events attract 1000s over one weekend. Dependent on desire to support then I contribute as much or as little as I choose.	Making the borough an attractive place to live
KCC Youth Advisory Group	Have not been invited to any meetings			
Town Centre Management - One Maidstone			For a year I was regularly updated about forthcoming meetings that never took place and were subject to cancellation. I have heard no more since! I was supposed to be the "rural rep" that brought town and country interaction to the Town Centre! But nothing has happened!	
Maidstone Sea Cadets	30 since May 2014	3	It gives the youth of the borough leisure activity opportunities, sailing skills, engineering skills, and promotes teamwork and discipline	It promotes attractive activity opportunities for the youth of the borough.