

# Communities, Housing and Environment Committee

12/02/19

## External Board/Outside Body

<b>External Board/Outside Body</b>	Maidstone Mediation
<b>Councillor(s) represented on the Outside Body/External Board</b>	Clive English
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<b>Date of External Board/Outside Body Meeting Attended</b>	01/01/19

### Purpose of the External Board/Outside Body:

To provide Mediation services to the public across a range of provisions to the people of Maidstone, Malling and in some disciplines wider parts of Mid Kent.

### Update:

Maidstone Mediation continues to provide services relating to Neighbourhood Disputes, Parent and Teen interactions, Anger Management, Peer Mediation (for some 23 schools) and homelessness, and is seeking to extend this work in a number of areas, including working with additional local housing providers.

Additional courses are being run within the Prison Service to support the ongoing deployment of Prison Mediators, which can contribute both to reducing tensions and assist with rehabilitation. MMS is currently also contributing to work in the area of restorative justice and hosted the latest meeting of the Restorative Justice Forum on 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Services are capable of being referred to by Housing Providers, MBC or by self-referrals, the Police, or mental health teams, depending on the service.

The current training course for volunteers is underway but there is still a need for more volunteers and anyone interested can contact [madstonemediation@gmail.com](mailto:madstonemediation@gmail.com)