

Democracy and General Purposes Committee

11/03/20

Outside Body Report

Outside Body	Maidstone Street Pastors
Councillor(s) represented on the Outside Body	Cllr Denise Joy
Report Author	Cllr Denise Joy
Date of Outside Body Meeting Attended	30/01/20

Purpose of the External Board/Outside Body

Street Pastors engages with people on the streets to care for them, listen to them and help them. They work together with the police and other partners in the night time economy to make communities safer.

They patrol in teams of men and women usually from 10am – 4am to provide emotional, spiritual and practical support to those in need.

Excellent relationships have been built up with business door staff, One Maidstone and the Urban blue bus.

Chairman of the management committee is Revd Arthur Houston and coordinator is Nigel Downes.

As a member of the management committee since 2008 sourcing funding and volunteers are paramount for their work to continue.

And as one of the High Street Ward Councillors this gives me the opportunity to raise the profile of Street Pastors whenever possible.

I am now attending the night-time economy meetings with the local business community who I know support the Pastors in their work.