

# Communities, Housing and Environment Committee

11/12/18

## 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>	24th October Committee Meeting AGM 15th November

### **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 is continuing to provide services relating to Neighbourhood Disputes, Parent and Teen interactions, Anger Management, Peer Mediation (for some 23 schools) and homelessness.

Following the success of the first set of courses, further courses are being run within the Prison Service to support the ongoing deployment of Prison Mediators.

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, and work is being put in to try to involve more Registered Housing Providers.

There is a need for more volunteers and a free training course on mediation skills will be run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from January 8<sup>th</sup> until 7<sup>th</sup> February. Anyone interested can contact [maidstonemediation@gmail.com](mailto:maidstonemediation@gmail.com)