

## **MBC Members Report from Cllr Claudine Russell**

**Dated: June 2025**

### **Council**

The leadership at MBC are determined to spend a large amount of money – now £7.7million to refurbish the Maidstone House offices. I fail to see how this represents value for money on a number of reasons, notably it is more than the asset is worth. I have called the item in to Overview and Scrutiny for proper consideration.

### **Overview and Scrutiny**

We have chosen the topics that we will be starting with this year, namely an empty property review, an exercise in examining public trust of MBC and to pick up a review of the CIL charging schedule as the leadership have decided not to review this now.

### **Ward Work**

MARDEN –I was pleased to see that there was a resolution of a longstanding planning enforcement issue within the ward and the inspector found fully in favour of MBC and the structures will need to be removed. I have been trying to get the fly tipped waste outside of the Ballards Close flats removed, it is on private land and is not Golding Homes but I continue to try to secure its removal. NETTLESTEAD – I have shared the petition as far and wide as possible. I continue to work with Cllr Hudson and I have been in contact with the waste team to ensure they are aware of the road closures and to pre-emptively make sure that they will be accessing Gibbs Hill to collect the waste. YALDING – No casework this month.

COLLIER STREET – No casework this month.

HUNTON – No casework this month.

As always, if you need my help, please do not hesitate to email me at

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