

Notices of Motion Submitted Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 5.17

To receive the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Aikman, seconded by Councillor Worrall:-

“This Council notes the current work of the Board of the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Hospital Trust in assessing the clinical effectiveness and costs of its various services as part of its effort to reduce its financial deficit. The Council further notes that this exercise includes a list of possible service changes which includes the down-grading of the A & E facility at Maidstone Hospital.

The Council is concerned about the potentially adverse consequences of such changes for the residents of the Borough. The lack of transport links between the Maidstone and Kent & Sussex/Pembury Hospitals are exacerbated by the Government’s refusal to sanction essential infrastructure improvements to both the A21 south of Tonbridge, and to the A228 at Colts Hill, which continue to cause difficulties for “ blue light “ trauma cases. The forthcoming upheaval and current uncertainty that surrounds the construction of a new hospital at Pembury is another factor. This Council therefore urges the Board to ensure that it has considered all of the practical and operational consequences prior to any final decision in this matter.”