

Meeting: **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
Date: **13 November 2018**
Time: **7.00 pm**
Place: **Council Chamber - Civic Centre, Folkestone**

To: **All members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

The committee will consider the matters, listed below, at the date, time and place shown above. The meeting will be open to the press and public.

Members of the committee, who wish to have information on any matter arising on the agenda, which is not fully covered in these papers, are requested to give notice, prior to the meeting, to the Chairman or appropriate officer.

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1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Appointment of Vice-Chairman for the remainder of 2018/19**
3. **Declarations of Interest**

Members of the committee should declare any interests which fall under the following categories*:

- a) disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI);
- b) other significant interests (OSI);
- c) voluntary announcements of other interests.

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4. **Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)**

To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2018.

5. **Core Strategy Review - report on Regulation 18 Consultation and draft Regulation 19 plan (Pages 9 - 246)**

Report C/18/49 provides more detail on the consultation on the Core Strategy Review (Regulation 18) document, the changing national planning policy context and further evidence work being undertaken. The report sets out the draft Core Strategy Review (Regulation 19) document and outlines the main changes from the previous version. Cabinet is asked to agree the Core Strategy Review (Regulation 19) plan prior to consultation and submission.

6. **Fees & Charges 2019/20 (Pages 247 - 278)**

Report C/18/48 focuses on the proposed fees and charges for 2019/20 which will contribute towards meeting the council's 2019/20 budget objectives and Medium Term Financial Strategy.

The Council's Fees and Charges Policy was revised and agreed by Cabinet on 15 November 2017 (Report C/17/54).

7. **Budget Strategy 2019/20 (Pages 279 - 300)**

Report C/18/47 presents the Budget Strategy which sets out the guidelines for preparing the 2019/20 Budget. It supports the Corporate Plan and aligns with the direction and objectives of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

The Budget Strategy takes account of current and future financial issues, sets out the underlying assumptions and initial budget-setting proposals and provides a timetable for delivering a balanced budget in 2019/20.

8. **Communications and Engagement Strategy 2018-23 (Pages 301 - 326)**

Report C/18/41 details the draft Communications and Engagement Strategy 2018-23 and outlines how the Council will use communications to build a stronger reputation, involve and inform residents, engage effectively with stakeholders and improve customer satisfaction.

9. **Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation (Pages 327 - 352)**

Report C/18/45. The current public space protection order (PSPO) declared by the Council is due for replacement on 19th June 2019. Members have previously been informed of the process and work underway to create bespoke PSPOs that will help to tackle more specific issues of antisocial behaviour affecting parts of the District. The process as

required by the Antisocial Behaviour Act 2014 requires us to carry out consultation and this report introduces the consultation document and feedback survey that will be sent to stakeholders and residents and the format that will take.

10. Origin and Destination of S106 monies (Pages 353 - 362)

Report OS/18/03 responds to the request from New Romney Town Council for a topic review on the “origin and destination of section 106 monies” and “lack of transparency on the same”.

The legislative and policy requirements of section 106 contributions and their close relationship with the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) are set out.

The report concludes that the council has sound governance procedures in place to ensure that section 106 contributions are collected and spent in accordance with best practice and legislative requirements.

*Explanations as to different levels of interest

(a) A member with a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) must declare the nature as well as the existence of any such interest and the agenda item(s) to which it relates must be stated. A member who declares a DPI in relation to any item must leave the meeting for that item (unless a relevant dispensation has been granted).

(b) A member with an other significant interest (OSI) under the local code of conduct relating to items on this agenda must declare the nature as well as the existence of any such interest and the agenda item(s) to which it relates must be stated. A member who declares an OSI in relation to any item will need to remove him/herself to the public gallery before the debate and not vote on that item (unless a relevant dispensation has been granted). However, prior to leaving, the member may address the meeting in the same way that a member of the public may do so.

(c) Members may make voluntary announcements of other interests which are not required to be disclosed under (a) and (b). These are announcements made for transparency reasons alone, such as:

- membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items, or
- where a member knows a person involved, but does not have a close association with that person, or
- where an item would affect the well-being of a member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position.

Voluntary announcements do not prevent the member from participating or voting on the relevant item