

Meeting: **Cabinet**
Date: **16 October 2019**
Time: **5.00 pm**
Place: **Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone**

To: **All members of the Cabinet**

All Councillors for information

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

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1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest (Pages 5 - 6)**

Members of the Council 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.

3. **Minutes (Pages 7 - 10)**

To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2019.

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4. **East Kent Housing - Electrical Installation testing for Housing, Water risk assessments and budget summary (Pages 11 - 18)**

This report has been prepared in response to the safety compliance issues identified in respect of East Kent Housing's management of the housing tenanted properties. The report reviews the current position with EICR compliance and makes recommendations on a new inspection regime. The report further updates the position with regards to water risk assessments and the budget provisions needed for completion of these works. The report ends with a summary of year to date additional costs for compliance improvements mainly related to additional EKH staff.

5. **East Kent Housing - Housing Management: future options appraisal (Pages 19 - 70)**

This report set out a headline options appraisal of future housing management options, taking into consideration the current arrangements between the four councils (Canterbury City Council, Dover District Council, Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Thanet District) and East Kent Housing.

6. **Climate Change Emergency - update following resolution of Council on 24 July 2019 (Pages 71 - 80)**

This report is to update Cabinet on work that has been done to implement the Council resolution of 24 July 2019 on the climate change emergency, including the setting up of a Climate Change and Ecological Emergency Working Group and the recruitment of a Low Carbon Specialist to advise on and guide further work.

7. **Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 to 2023/24 (Pages 81 - 104)**

The Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) is the Council's key financial planning document. It puts the financial perspective on the council's Corporate Plan priorities, expressing the aims and objectives of various plans and strategies in financial terms over the four year period ending 31st March 2024. It covers both revenue and capital for the General Fund and the Housing Revenue Account. Also included are the Council's reserves policies. The MTFS is a key element of sound corporate governance and financial management.

8. **Refresh of the Council's Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Policy 2019 (Pages 105 - 138)**

The Council is part of the statutory safeguarding role within the wider public sector, with responsibilities to children, young people and vulnerable adults. The safeguarding policy of the Council has been updated and is attached at Appendix 1. A review of safeguarding activity and current status is presented in Appendix 2.

9. **Treasury Management mid-year monitoring report 2019/20 (Pages 139 - 154)**

This report provides an update on the council's treasury management activities that have taken place during 2019/20 against the agreed strategy for the year. The report also provides an update on the treasury management indicators approved by Cabinet earlier this year.

10. **Land at Ship Street, Folkestone (Pages 155 - 162)**

This report seeks authority to acquire the former gasworks site in Ship Street, Folkestone (East Folkestone Ward).