

Meeting: **Cabinet**
Date: **18 March 2020**
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 - 12)**

To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2020.

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4. **Funding for 2020 Folkestone RAF Air Display (Pages 13 - 16)**

This report requests £30,000 for a funding contribution to Folkestone Town Council towards the cost of an RAF Air Display in Folkestone, as part of the Armed Forces Day celebrations.

5. **Investment Strategy 2020/21 (Pages 17 - 32)**

This report sets out the council's proposed strategy for its service and commercial investments in 2020/21 to be approved by full Council.

6. **Capital Strategy 2020/21 (Pages 33 - 46)**

This report sets out the council's proposed strategy in relation to capital expenditure, financing and treasury management in 2020/21 to be approved by full Council. The report also sets out the Prudential Indicators for capital expenditure to be approved by full Council.

7. **Play Strategy Area Strategy 2020-2030 - Consultation responses and outcome (Pages 47 - 176)**

Report No. **C/19/48** considered the draft Play Area Strategy 2020-2030 as presented to Cabinet on 11/12/2019. The report detailed how high quality play areas will be provided and maintained throughout the District over the next ten years. Cabinet resolved:

1. That report C/19/48 be received and noted
2. That the suggestion of sites to be sold in respect of non-strategic play areas be removed
3. That the principles of the draft Play Area Strategy 2020-2030 and associated action plan be approved
4. To proceed to formal consultation
5. That a report be brought back to Cabinet following formal consultation with a view to approving the Strategy from 1st April 2020

These resolutions have been actioned with the formal consultation beginning 20/12/2019 and concluding on 31/01/2020. This report summarises the consultation responses and minor amendments to the strategy.

8. **Report by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman - Complaint Investigation, January 2020 (Pages 177 - 200)**

This report sets out details of an investigation completed by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (Ombudsman) about the lack of support that Mr X alleges he received from the Council when he and his family approached the Council for housing assistance. The Ombudsman's report and timeline of this case and outcomes have been fully reviewed by the Council and externally by independent Counsel. It is recommended that the Council does not accept the findings and recommendations of the Ombudsman's report.

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