

Meeting: **Folkestone & Hythe District and Parish Councils' Joint Committee**

Date: **19 September 2019**

Time: **7.00 pm**

Place: **Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Folkestone**

To: **All members of the Folkestone & Hythe District and Parish Councils Joint Committee**

The committee will consider the matters listed below at the date, time and place shown above. The meeting is 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.

1. **Appointment of chairman**

The committee must appoint a parish councillor to chair the meeting.

2. **Apologies for absence**

3. **Declarations of interest**

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

- a) discloseable pecuniary interests (DPI)
- b) other significant interests (OSI)
- c) voluntary announcements of other interests

4. **Minutes (Pages 3 - 32)**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2019.

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5. Council Tax

A presentation will be given to the Committee regarding discounts/benefits and shortfall responsibility relating to Council Tax. This will also include information on empty homes policy.

6. Councillors' Code of Conduct

A presentation will be given with regard to the Code of Conduct. The Monitoring Officer will be in attendance.

7. Joint Transportation Board Membership and voting rights

The Parish/Town representative for the Folkestone and Hythe Joint Transportation Board does not have any voting rights and is unable to add items onto the agenda unless through another member which is mentioned in the agreement with Kent County Council. A suitable way forward would be to request a new updated agreement with Kent Council Council.

*Explanations as to different levels of interest

(a) A member with a discloseable 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