

Cabinet

Held at:	Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone
Date	Wednesday, 11 September 2019
Present	Councillors John Collier, David Godfrey, *Mrs Jennifer Hollingsbee (Vice-Chair), David Monk (Chairman), Stuart Peall and David Wimble
Apologies for Absence	Councillors Ian Meyers
Officers Present:	Graham Hammond (Senior Economic Development Officer), Katharine Harvey (Chief Economic Development Officer), John Bunnett (Corporate Director - Place and Commercial Services), Amandeep Khroud (Assistant Director), Susan Priest (Head of Paid Service), Charlotte Spendley (Assistant Director), Jemma West (Senior Committee Services Officer) and David Whittington (Planning Policy Team Leader)
	* For part of the meeting

NOTE: All decisions are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 5pm on Friday 20 September 2019. Decisions not called in may be implemented on Monday 23 September 2019.

18. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declaration of interest at the meeting.

19. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 17 and 31 July 2019 were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

20. **Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 - Policy**

The report set out the Council's policy on the use of directed surveillance and covert human intelligence sources under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.

Proposed by Councillor Monk,
Seconded by Councillor Collier; and

RESOLVED:

1. **To receive and note report C/19/11 be received and noted.**
2. **That the RIPA policy and procedure in appendix 1 to the report be endorsed.**

(Voting figures: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions).

REASON FOR DECISION

The Cabinet was asked to agree the recommendations to endorse the policy as the guidance states that elected members of a local authority should review the authority's use of the 2000 Act and set the policy at least once a year.

21. **Key Performance Indicators Review 2019-20**

The report set out a proposed list of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to be monitored during 2019/20 in line with the Council's Corporate Plan strategic priorities and objectives.

The report had also been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meeting held on 10 September 2019. Their views had been circulated to Cabinet Members at the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Monk,
Seconded by Councillor Godfrey; and

RESOLVED:

1. **That report C/19/20 be received and noted.**
2. **That the proposed KPI measurements for 2019/20, set out in Appendix 1, be approved.**

(Voting figures: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions).

REASONS FOR DECISION:

- a) Relevant key performance indicators (KPIs) are essential to provide a 'golden thread' to the delivery of the Corporate Plan strategic objectives.
- b) The Council needs to ensure that performance is measured, monitored and the results are used to identify where services are working well and where there are failings and appropriate action needs to be taken.

22. **Romney Marsh Employment Hub (Land at Mountfield Road Industrial Estate, New Romney)**

The report sought Cabinet agreement to a financial contribution from Folkestone & Hythe District Council towards the development of a new business centre at Mountfield Road Industrial Estate, New Romney and delegated authority to the Corporate Director for Place and Commercial to finalise the terms of the legal agreements with co-funders.

The report had also been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meeting held on 10 September 2019. Their views had been circulated to Cabinet Members at the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Wimble,
Seconded by Councillor Peall; and

RESOLVED:

1. That report C/19/19 be received and noted.
2. That the development and management of a new business centre at Mountfield Road Industrial Estate, New Romney be jointly funded with the East Kent Spatial Development Company (EKSDC).
3. That a grant contribution be sought from the Magnox Socio-economic Fund towards the cost of the new business centre and, if not forthcoming, the matter return to the Council.
4. That delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director for Place and Commercial to finalise terms for the contractual and operational arrangements for the Council's funding contribution to the business centre.
5. That expressions of interest be invited for the remaining undeveloped land to assess the potential for bringing forward for employment purposes.

(Voting figures: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions).

REASONS FOR DECISION:

The construction of a new business centre at Mountfield Road is required to meet the needs of growing businesses that will help diversify the local economy and create alternative employment to mitigate the loss of some 1000 jobs arising from the de-commissioning of Dungeness A and future closure of Dungeness B power stations.

23. **Folkestone & Hythe District High Streets Fund**

The report set out proposals for investing and managing the Council's £3 million High Streets Regeneration Fund that has been established to support and help high streets in the district adapt for the future.

The report had also been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meeting held on 10 September 2019. Their views had been circulated to Cabinet Members at the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Wimble,
Seconded by Councillor Godfrey; and

RESOLVED:

1. That report C/19/21 be received and noted.
2. That the funding split between high streets in the district be agreed as £2.2 million toward Folkestone Town Centre, and £0.8 million towards other High Streets, identified in paragraph 2.8 of the report.

3. **That the establishment of the Folkestone & Hythe High Streets Fund and the application process as set out in the report, be agreed.**
4. **That the decisions on approving the expenditure of these funds be delegated as set out in paragraphs 2.7 and 3.4.**

(Voting figures: 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions).

Prior to consideration of this item, Councillor Mrs Hollingsbee arrived at the meeting.

REASONS FOR DECISION:

Cabinet was asked to agree the recommendations because approval was required to allocate the £3 million reserve funds earmarked for the regeneration of high streets in the district.