



Agenda

Meeting: **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
Date: **13 December 2016**
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.

1. **Apologies**

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.

2. **Declarations of interest**

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**

To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2016.

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4. **Otterpool Park: A Garden Town of the Future**

This item will be discussed at the Cabinet meeting on 20 December 2016.

The Cabinet at its meeting on 8th June 2016 agreed that:-

1. A proposed new garden town at Otterpool Park has the potential to be a unique opportunity to deliver the strategic objectives of the Corporate Plan relating to boosting the local economy, increasing job opportunities and providing more homes.

2. That the detailed expression of interest, attached to the Cabinet report, be agreed as the Council's formal submission to the Department of Communities and Local Government's prospectus for "Locally Led Garden Villages, Towns and Cities", subject to any changes considered necessary by the Director of Strategic Development in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

3. That a further report be considered by Cabinet to consider the outcome of the expression of interest to Government.

This further report informs the Cabinet of an announcement on the 11th November 2016 by the Department of Communities and Local Government and Gavin Barwell M.P, Minister for Housing and Planning, that Shepway's expression of interest has been successful and that £750,000 of additional Government capacity funding has been made available that will help kick-start work and enable the Council to take forward their proposal.

The report below sets out the planning, master planning and financial implications of the announcement and updates members of the work that is being carried out to progress the project.

5. **Fly-posting protocol**

Report C/16/84 is to provide details of progress and measures taken to reduce the impact of fly-posting in the district and to seek approval for the implementation of a fly-posting protocol to aid enforcement in this area.

This item will be discussed at the Cabinet meeting on 20 December 2016.

6. **Draft General Fund Budget**

This item will be discussed at the Cabinet meeting on 20 December 2016.

Report C/16/86 sets out the Council's Draft General Fund budget for 2017/18.

7. **Exclusion of the public**

To exclude the public from the following items of business, on the grounds

that it is likely to disclose exempt information, as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972: 'Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).' 'Financial or business affairs includes contemplated as well as current activities.

8. Oportunitas Quarterly progress report

This item will be discussed at the Cabinet meeting on 20 December 2016.

Report C/16/83 provides an update from the Board of Oportunitas Ltd for the second quarter of trading in 2016. This report includes a financial statement (appendix 1) in-line with the requirement contained in the Shareholder's Agreement between the Company and the Council.

In addition, this report submits for the consideration of Cabinet, a proposal endorsed by the board of Oportunitas Ltd, to amend the financial modelling for the company.

*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