



Agenda

Meeting: **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
Date: **14 November 2017**
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 for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

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.

3. **Minutes (Pages 5 - 30)**

To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meetings held on 27 September and 10 October 2017.

4. **East Kent Housing - Proposed new formal resident involvement structure (Pages 31 - 38)**

Report OS/17/05 sets out proposals developed with residents, to change the formal resident involvement structure for East Kent Housing, to provide improved governance. The purpose of this report is to seek comments and

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endorsement from the Shepway District Council, Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

5. **Property purchase initiative to increase the supply of affordable and good quality temporary accommodation (Pages 39 - 60)**

Report C/17/58 sets out a proposal to purchase a property to be used as temporary accommodation as an alternative to expensive and less suitable Bed and Breakfast accommodation. The proposed temporary accommodation is the most appropriate and cost effective method for meeting the statutory requirements of the Homelessness Reduction Act.

6. **General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring - 2nd Quarter 2017/18 (Pages 61 - 68)**

Report C/17/60 provides a projection of the end of year financial position of the General Fund revenue budget, based on expenditure to the 31 August 2017.

7. **Housing Revenue Account Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring 2017/18 - 2nd Quarter 2017/18 (Pages 69 - 80)**

Report C/17/57 provides a projection of the end of year financial position for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) revenue expenditure and HRA capital programme based on net expenditure to 30 September 2017.

8. **Budget Strategy 2018/19 (Pages 81 - 104)**

Report C/17/56 This Budget Strategy sets out the guidelines for preparing the 2018/19 Budget. It supports the Corporate Plan and aligns with the direction and objectives of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

The Budget Strategy takes account of current and future financial issues, sets out the underlying assumptions and initial budget-setting proposals and provides a timetable for delivering a balanced budget in 2018/19.

9. **Update to the General Fund Medium Term Capital Programme and Quarter Monitoring 2017/18 (Pages 105 - 116)**

Report C/17/55 provides a projected outturn for the General Fund capital programme in 2017/18, based on expenditure to 30 September 2017, and identifies variances compared to the latest approved budget. The report also seeks full Council's approval to include three new schemes in the General Fund Medium Term Capital Programme previously considered by Cabinet during 2017/18.

10. **Fees and Charges 2018/19 (Pages 117 - 148)**

Report C/17/54 focuses on the proposed fees and charges for 2018/19 which will contribute towards meeting the council's 2018/19 budget objectives and Medium Term Financial Strategy.

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The Council's Fees and Charges Policy was approved by Cabinet on 8 September 2010 (Report C/10/24). This report recommends some changes to the Policy to ensure it remains relevant and up to date.

*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