



Agenda

Meeting: **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
Date: **27 February 2018**
Time: **6.00 pm (PLEASE NOTE START TIME)**
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 - 38)**

To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meetings held on 16 and 30 January 2018.

4. **Transforming Shepway (Pages 39 - 126)**

As part of its Transforming Shepway programme, Shepway District Council has been considering how it can utilise service redesign and ICT to meet its ambitions to become a more efficient and effective organisation and meet the needs and aspirations of its communities in the context of

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increasing pressures to reduce costs. This document provides the conclusions of work to redesign the Council's services supported by Cabinet at its meeting in June 2017. This report includes the business case, future operating model and high level implementation plan. It also outlines that by adopting a refreshed ICT Strategy and making an investment in its ICT infrastructure and changing its business operations, the Council can achieve improvements in services for residents and deliver a genuine efficiency without cutting services.

5. **General Fund Budget and Council Tax 2018/19 (Pages 127 - 138)**

Report C/17/83 sets out the final General Fund budget and council tax requirement for 2018/19, including that part of the local tax covering district and parish services.

6. **Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for 2018/19 (Pages 139 - 170)**

Report C/17/78 sets out the proposed strategy for treasury management for 2018/19 including the Annual Investment Strategy and Treasury Management Indicators to be approved by full Council. This report also sets out both the Prudential Indicators for capital expenditure and the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for 2018/19 to be approved by full Council.

7. **Future Strategy - Oportunitas Ltd (Pages 171 - 184)**

Report C/17/81 recommends a future direction for the Council's Regeneration & Housing Company, Oportunitas. It positions the future of the company in the context of the Council's Corporate Plan and Investment Strategy, and draws heavily on the outcomes of a financial remodelling exercise undertaken by the Council as the sole Shareholder, to identify the required level of investment and the appropriate debt to equity funding structure, to ensure that income returns to the Council are optimised while also allowing Oportunitas to become financially sustainable.

8. **Exclusion of the Public**

To exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that it is likely to disclose exempt information, as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to 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.'

9. **PREVENT update (Pages 185 - 188)**

Report OS/17/06: On 12th September 2017 the Overview and Scrutiny

Committee (OSC) received an annual report on safeguarding activity conducted during 16/17 and advised of the new refreshed safeguarding policy. The committee were keen to receive an overview of PREVENT and current counter terrorism activity as some of this work now features under the safeguarding policy. The Counter terrorism and Security Act 2015 placed a duty on specified authorities to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. Authorities subject to the provisions must have regard to the PREVENT duty guidance when carrying out the duty (this includes Local Authorities).

Nick Wilkinson County PREVENT will be giving a private presentation.

10. **Potential Freehold Disposal of Folkestone Indoor Bowls site, Cheriton Road, Folkestone (Pages 189 - 196)**

Report C/17/79 reviews the current position of the Folkestone Indoor Bowls (FIB) club, Cheriton Road Folkestone and considers two offers that have been received for the site from national budget supermarket chains.

*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