

Meeting: **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
Date: **1 May 2018**
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.

This meeting will be webcast live to the council's website at <https://shepway.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>.

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 3 - 10)**

To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2018.

4. **LGA Corporate Peer Challenge - Draft Corporate Position Statement (Pages 11 - 36)**

Queries about the agenda? Need a different format?

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Report C/17/101 outlines the corporate position statement prepared by the Council that set out the council's current position, telling the story of where we are and provides context in preparation for the Peer Team's visit due in June 2018.

5. **Draft Healthier Housing Strategy 2018-2023 (Pages 37 - 84)**

This report introduces the draft Healthier Housing Strategy for the period 2018/2023. The document sets out how the Council and its local partners intend to work together to address the housing and related needs of the district.

6. **Funding for Shepway Citizens Advice (CA) (Pages 85 - 88)**

The District Council has historically supported Citizens Advice (CA) with grant funding. In the financial year 2016 /2017, CA dealt with over 5000 enquiries (a significant increase on previous years) and saw over 2000 clients who were supported with specialist advice and casework services. CA provides a vital service to the community, dealing with complex issues that significantly impact upon people's lives. This report proposes future funding options for the Council to consider.

7. **Annual Scrutiny Programme (Pages 89 - 100)**

Report A/18/07 presents recommendations for the work programme for the overview and scrutiny committee for 2018/19.

*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