

Meeting: **Council**
Date: **13 March 2019**
Time: **7.00 pm**
Place: **Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone**

To: **All Members of the Council**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a meeting of the Council on the date and at the time and place shown above. The meeting will be open to the press and public.

Anyone who wishes to have information on any matter arising on the Agenda which is not fully covered in these papers is requested to give notice prior to the meeting to the Chairman or appropriate officer.

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Head of Paid Service

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**

Members of the Council should declare any discloseable pecuniary

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interest or any other significant interests in any item/s on this agenda.

3. **Minutes (Pages 5 - 26)**

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the council held on 20 February 2019 and to authorise the Chairman of the Council to sign them as a correct record.

4. **Chairman's Communications**

5. **Petitions**

There are no petitions to be presented.

6. **Questions from the Public**

There are no questions from the public.

7. **Questions from Councillors**

(Questions can be found on www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk from noon 2 days before the meeting, on Modern.gov, under the agenda for this meeting).

Up to 45 minutes is allowed for questions from councillors.

8. **Announcements of the Leader of the Council**

To receive a report from the Leader of the Council on the business of the cabinet and on matters that the leader considers should be drawn to the council's attention. The leader shall have 10 minutes to make his announcements.

The opposition group will have an opportunity to reply to the leader's remarks. The opposition group leader shall have 5 minutes to respond after which the Leader of the Council will have a right of reply. Any right of reply will be for a maximum duration of 5 minutes.

9. **Opposition Business**

The UKIP Group has raised the following matter,:

"We wish to present our view of some of the strategies for the regeneration of High Street Shops and shopping centres and ask the Council to adopt these".

Debates on opposition business shall be limited to 15 minutes. If the time limit is reached or the debate concludes earlier, the leader of the group raising the item shall have a right of reply.

The Council shall:

- a) Note the issue raised and take no further action;
- b) Refer the issue to the cabinet or relevant overview and scrutiny committee, as the case may be for their observations before deciding whether to make a decision on the issue;
- c) Agree to examine the matter as part of a future scrutiny programme;
- d) Adopt the issue raised by opposition business provided that the decision so made is within the policy framework and budget.

10. **Motions on Notice**

The following motions have been placed on the agenda in the order received; up to 60 minutes shall be allowed for debates on motions on notice:

Councillor Meyers:

“I move that this council introduces into its planning policy the mandatory requirement that all ‘New Build Developments’ including Otterpool Garden Town & Princes Parade, make provision for nesting birds. This to be achieved by installing nesting boxes in the form of a ‘Swift Brick’ in all buildings in order to halt the decline of this species in our district”.

Councillor Robinson:

“As you know we councillors get problems given to us from our ward about East Kent Housing mostly due to a poor complaints procedure or repairs.

Is reform needed with East Kent Housing.”

11. **Statement of Principles - Gambling Act 2005 (Pages 27 - 86)**

This report sets out the proposed Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 for the period April 2019 – 2022.

12. **Pay Policy Statement 2019/20 (Pages 87 - 102)**

This report considers the recommendation from the Personnel Committee and presents an updated pay policy statement for 2019/20 for approval.

13. **St Mary in the Marsh Neighbourhood Development Plan (Pages 103 - 112)**

The St Mary in the Marsh Neighbourhood Development Plan has had a successful planning referendum with 87% of those who voted, voting in favour of using the Plan for planning purposes. Following a successful referendum the District Council, as the local planning authority, must now bring the Plan into force (or as the legislation terms it, ‘make’ the plan).

14. **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.’

Part 2 – Exempt Information Item

15. Investment Opportunity (Pages 113 - 128)

This report considers the recommendation of the Cabinet on the opportunity to make an investment to the council’s advantage.

*Explanations as to different levels of interest

(a) A member with a discloseable 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