

Meeting: **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
Date: **17 July 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.

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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 - 36)**

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To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 5 and 12 June 2018.

4. **Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy 2018-2022 (Pages 37 - 68)**

This report presents the new Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy and highlights the changes and additions made since the previous policy was published in 2012.

5. **Annual Performance Report, Making a difference: a snapshot of our year 2017/18 (Pages 69 - 92)**

This report sets out how the Council has continued to deliver for local people in the district in 2017/18 in response to the Corporate Plan (2017-20) vision of *investing for the next generation ~ delivering more of what matters*.

6. **Risk Management policy and Strategy (Pages 93 - 110)**

This report presents an updated Risk Management Policy & Strategy for adoption by Cabinet which will provide a framework for officers to develop a refreshed Corporate Risk Register as well as Operational, Project & Partnership Registers in due course.

7. **Council Tax Reduction scheme 18/19 - consultation (Pages 111 - 150)**

The existing scheme for Council Tax Reduction (CTR) has existed in its current form since 1 April 2017. This report sets out draft scheme options that can form the basis for consultation.

*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