

Meeting: **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
Date: **29 January 2019**  
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 5 - 10)**

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To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2018.

4. **Council Tax Empty Homes Premium (Pages 11 - 26)**

From 1 April 2019, billing authorities will be given the ability to amend long term empty home Council Tax premiums. Report C/18/63 reviews these proposals and recommends that some changes are introduced from the new financial year 2019/20.

5. **Investment Strategy (Pages 27 - 46)**

Report C/18/65 sets out the council's proposed strategy for its service and commercial investments in 2019/20 to be approved by full Council.

6. **Folkestone Sports Centre Trust Grant (Pages 47 - 58)**

The grant funding agreement with Folkestone Sports Centre Trust (the Trust) ends in 2020. The Trust, in advance of the end of this agreement, has made a request for a new grant. Report C/18/61 summarises this request, reviews performance of the current grant agreement and makes recommendations on a future grant reward.

7. **Royal Military Canal Rowing Boats (Pages 59 - 64)**

Report C/18/60 summarises the requirement to replace the Council's rowing boats on the Royal Military Canal in Hythe.

8. **'Spirit of the Leas' Folkestone Coastal Park Heritage Lottery Fund Stage Two Grant Application (Pages 65 - 76)**

Following Cabinet approval in September 2016, a Stage One grant application was submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for a project to improve access to Folkestone's Coastal Park. The Stage One application was successful and the HLF awarded FHDC a development grant of up to £40,300 to support a Stage Two submission. Report C/18/67 seeks Cabinet approval for the submission of a Stage Two application and to approve a match funding contribution over the period of the project from June 2019 to November 2020.

9. **Local Development Scheme 2019 update (Pages 77 - 102)**

Report C/18/68 presents a draft updated Local Development Scheme to Cabinet. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out the timetable for preparing the council's development plan documents and outlines their purpose and general content. If approved by Cabinet, the LDS will be

published on the council's website.

**10. Funding for direct action to secure compliance with enforcement notices at Whitehall Farm, Romney Road, Lydd (Pages 103 - 114)**

In March 2017 Corporate Management Team (CMT) agreed funding for direct action to secure compliance with enforcement notices at Whitehall Farm. Report C/18/62 provides an update on the attempts made to secure direct action within the budget agreed and seeks agreement for further funds to be released so that direct action can be secured to achieve compliance with the enforcement notices.

\*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