

Meeting: **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
Date: **12 March 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.

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.

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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 - 12)**

To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2019 and 19 February 2019.

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4. **Annual Report of Overview and Scrutiny 2018/19 (Pages 13 - 18)**

Report OS/18/03 sets out the work that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee have completed during 2018/2019. This involved the identification of items from the pre-decision scrutiny and monitoring financial and performance monitoring information. The committee also developed their relationships with partners and contributed to the preparation of responses to consultations on various local matters for consideration by the Cabinet.

5. **Quarter 3 Performance Report 2018/19 (Pages 19 - 48)**

Report C/18/80 provides an update on the Council's performance for the third quarter of 2018/19, covering 1 October 2018 to 31 December 2018. The report enables the Council to assess progress against the approved key performance indicators for each service area.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) will be monitored during 2018/19 and reported to CLT and members quarterly.

6. **General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring 2018/19 (3rd quarter) (Pages 49 - 56)**

Report C/18/83 provides a projection of the end of year financial position of the General Fund revenue budget, based on expenditure to the 31 December 2018.

7. **Housing Revenue Account Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring 2018/19 (3rd quarter) (Pages 57 - 66)**

Report C/18/82 provides a projection of the end of year financial position for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) revenue expenditure and HRA capital programme based on net expenditure to 31 December 2018.

8. **Housing Revenue Account Business Plan Update 2019-2049 (Pages 67 - 78)**

Report C/18/77 - The Council is required to produce a comprehensive Business Plan for its housing stock. The Business Plan is focused on improving the quality of the Council's landlord services and sets out the investment priorities for its existing Council stock. The document also provides details of the Council's new build and acquisition housing programme. In view of policy changes implemented by the Government in 2016, it was necessary to reduce the Council's target to deliver up to 300 homes over the next 10 years, to up to 200 homes over the next 10 years. Further Government Policy changes announced in late 2018 and the financial position within the HRA, mean that the Council is once again able to increase its delivery target for new builds and the updated Business Plan is based on delivering up to 300 homes. The report also provides an update on the number of homes delivered to date through the programme and also on the number of sites currently in the pipeline.

9. **New Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) - Results of consultation (Pages 79 - 124)**

On 14 November 2018, Cabinet agreed to consult the public on a proposal to introduce a new Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) as the current one is due to expire on 19 June 2019. The creation of bespoke PSPOs provides officers and partners (Kent Police) an additional tool on top of existing powers and legislation to help tackle specific issues of antisocial behaviour affecting parts of the District. PSPOs were brought in as part of a Government commitment to put victims at the centre of approaches to tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB), focusing on the impact behaviour can have on both communities and individuals, particularly on the most vulnerable.

Report C/18/78 summarises the results of the public consultation which shows that there is public support for all seven measures. The report also provides an insight into the views of the public as well as the Government's recommended position when implementing PSPOs. Members are asked to approve the new PSPO measures outlined in section 2.2.

*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