

# Agenda

Meeting: **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
Date: **15 October 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 (Pages 5 - 6)**

Members of the Committee should declare any discloseable pecuniary interest or any other significant interests in any item/s on this agenda.

3. **Minutes (Pages 7 - 22)**

To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2019.

4. **East Kent Housing - Housing Management: future options appraisal**

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**(Pages 23 - 74)**

Report C/19/29 sets out a headline options appraisal of future housing management options, taking into consideration the current arrangements between the four councils (Canterbury City Council, Dover District Council, Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Thanet District) and East Kent Housing.

5. **East Kent Housing - Electrical Testing and Water Risk Assessments (Pages 75 - 82)**

Report C/09/31 has been prepared in response to the safety compliance issues identified in respect of East Kent Housing's management of the housing tenanted properties. The report reviews the current position with EICR compliance and makes recommendations on a new inspection regime. The report further updates the position with regards to water risk assessments and the budget provisions needed for completion of these works. The report ends with a summary of year to date additional costs for compliance improvements mainly related to additional EKH staff.

6. **Flytipping (Pages 83 - 88)**

OS/19/05 is a briefing note on flytipping in Folkestone. It is an item that is part of the Annual Scrutiny Programme 2019/20 for the committee's information.

7. **Medium Term Financial Strategy 20/21 to 22/24 (Pages 89 - 112)**

The Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) is the Council's key financial planning document. It puts the financial perspective on the council's Corporate Plan priorities, expressing the aims and objectives of various plans and strategies in financial terms over the four year period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. It covers both revenue and capital for the General Fund and the Housing Revenue Account. Also included are the Council's reserves policies. The MTFS is a key element of sound corporate governance and financial management.

8. **Refresh of the Council's Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Policy 2019 (Pages 113 - 146)**

The Council is part of the statutory safeguarding role within the wider public sector, with responsibilities to children, young people and vulnerable adults. The safeguarding policy of the Council has been updated and is attached at Appendix 1. A review of safeguarding activity and current status is presented in Appendix 2.

9. **Treasury Management mid-year monitoring report 2019/20 (Pages 147 - 162)**

Report C/19/27 provides an update on the Council's treasury management activities that have taken place during 2019/20 against the agreed strategy

for the year. The report also provides an update on the treasury management indicators approved by Cabinet earlier this year.

10. **Land at Ship Street, Folkestone (Pages 163 - 170)**

Report C/19/30 seeks authority to acquire the former gasworks site in Ship Street, Folkestone (East Folkestone Ward).