

Agenda

Meeting: **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
Date: **12 November 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 interests which fall under the following categories*:

- a) disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI);
- b) other significant interests (OSI);
- c) voluntary announcements of other interests.

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3. **Minutes (Pages 7 - 14)**

To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2019.

4. **Parking violations in and around New Romney (Pages 15 - 18)**

Briefing report OS/19/06 examines parking violations in and around New Romney and current levels of enforcement. The report has been produced as a result of the Annual Scrutiny Programme 2019/20.

5. **General Fund Capital Budget Monitoring 2019/20 (Pages 19 - 30)**

This monitoring report provides a projection of the current financial position for the General Fund capital programme, based on expenditure to 31 August 2019 and identifies variances compared to the latest approved budget.

6. **Housing Revenue Account (Revenue and Capital) - Budget Monitoring Position 2019/20 (Pages 31 - 38)**

C/19/38 monitoring report 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 August 2019.

7. **General Fund Revenue - Budget Monitoring Position (end July) 2019/20 (Pages 39 - 44)**

Monitoring report C/19/42 provides a projection of the end of year financial position of the General Fund revenue budget, based on expenditure to the 31 August 2019.

8. **Budget Strategy 2020/21 (Pages 45 - 64)**

C/19/40 – This Budget Strategy sets out the guidelines for preparing the 2020/21 Budget. It supports the Corporate Plan and aligns with the direction and objectives of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

The Budget Strategy takes account of current and future financial issues, sets out the underlying assumptions and initial budget-setting proposals and provides a timetable for delivering a balanced budget in 2020/21.

9. **Fees and Charges 2020/21 (Pages 65 - 90)**

Report C/19/41 focuses on the proposed fees and charges for 2020/21 which will contribute towards meeting the council's 2020/21 budget objectives and Medium Term Financial Strategy.

The Council's Fees and Charges Policy was revised and agreed by Cabinet on 15 November 2017 (Report C/17/54).

10. **Proposed changes to ICT service delivery (Pages 91 - 98)**

Report C/19/33 relates to the provision of a future ICT service and the end of the current outsourced ICT contract. Due to changes in technology that are driving digital transformation the 10 year ICT outsourced service contract that was entered into in 2012 is becoming unfit for purpose in a number of ways as it was designed to support a working model of a largely static workforce based in a number of fixed offices. The contract does not take account of the range of devices that are increasingly being deployed and the uptake of the use of mobile working to drive efficiency are changing the requirements for supporting a modern workforce, nor does it take account of technologies such as cloud computing.

The ICT contractor, Sopra Steria, have approached the council to discuss possibility of a mutually agreed early termination of the contract as they are operating at a loss. Officers believe that there are advantages to agreeing to this request in that it will allow the ICT service to be reshaped to fit with the council's wider transformation plans and provide the necessary support moving forwards as new technology is adopted.