

Meeting: **Cabinet**
Date: **20 December 2019**
Time: **10.00 am**
Place: **Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone**

To: **All members of the Cabinet**

All Councillors for information

The cabinet will consider the matters listed below on the date and at the 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 3 - 4)**

Members of the Council 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. **East Kent Housing (Pages 5 - 66)**

Concerns have been raised about the performance of East Kent Housing. This has culminated in a censure from the Regulator of Social Housing which is an arm's length body sponsored by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Queries about the agenda? Need a different format?

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An independent report has been commissioned by the Councils who “own” East Kent Housing through an Owners’ Agreement. The Councils are: Canterbury City Council and the District Councils of Dover; Folkestone and Hythe; and Thanet. This report known as the Pennington Report identifies a number of serious concerns. It is recommended that all matters identified form the basis of a Voluntary Undertaking required by the Regulator of Social Housing.

4. **Exclusion of the Public**

To exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that it is likely to disclose exempt information, as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 –

‘Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). “Financial or business affairs” includes contemplated as well as current activities.’

Part 2 – Exempt Information Item

5. **Otterpool Park (Pages 67 - 72)**

This report recommends the acquisition of further interests at Otterpool Park.