

Agenda

Meeting: Cabinet

Date: **24 June 2020**

Time: **5.00 pm**

Place: Online only - Zoom - To watch this meeting live, please go to

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To: All members of the Cabinet

All Councillors for information

The committee will consider the matters, listed below, at the date and time shown above. The meeting will be open to the press and public and streamed live at bit.ly/YouTubeMeetings

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest (Pages 5 - 6)

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. Minutes (Pages 7 - 12)

To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2020.

If members have any particular questions on the reports below, it would help the management of the meeting if they could send them in by Monday 22 June 2020 to committee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk. Members can, of course, also raise matters in the meeting.

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4. General Fund Revenue 2019/20 Provisional Outturn (Pages 13 - 24)

This report summarises the 2019/20 final outturn position (subject to audit) for the General Fund revenue expenditure compared to both the latest approved budget and quarter 3 projections.

5. Housing Revenue Account Revenue and capital Financial Outturn 19/20 (Pages 25 - 38)

This report summarises the 2019/20 provisional outturn position (subject to audit) for the HRA revenue expenditure and HRA capital programme compared to both the latest approved budget and quarter 3 projections.

6. General Fund Capital Programme Outturn 19/20 (Pages 39 - 54)

This report summarises the 2019/20 final outturn position (subject to audit) for the General Fund capital programme compared to the latest approved budget. The report also summarises the outturn position for the approved prudential indicators for capital expenditure in 2019/20.

7. Financial Impact on 2020/21 Budget of COVID-19 (Pages 55 - 62)

This report provides an overview of the financial impact of COVID-19 on the council and also outlines the work underway to address the pressures currently anticipated.

8. District, Parish and Town Council Elections - Kent scale of election fees (Pages 63 - 72)

This report sets out changes to the Kent scale of election fees of Folkestone & Hythe's Returning Officer to undertake the arrangements for managing and conducting district, parish and town council elections.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic all elections have been suspended for this current financial year (2020-2021) in accordance with The Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus) (Postponement of Elections and Referendums) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

In 2021 a new scale of fees will be submitted to Cabinet for the 2021-2022 financial year. This will be used for any election taking place on or after Thursday 6th May 2021

9. COVID-19 Response to Date and Recovery Plan Framework (Pages 73 - 84)

This report provides an overview of the Councils response to date in relation to COVID-19 and seeks approval of a framework which will guide the development and delivery of the Council's COVID-19 Recovery Plan.

10. Play Area Strategy 2020-2030 - Consultation responses and outcome

(Pages 85 - 214)

Report No. **C/19/48** considered the draft Play Area Strategy 2020-2030 as presented to Cabinet on 11/12/2019. The report detailed how high quality play areas will be provided and maintained throughout the District over the next ten years. Cabinet resolved:

- 1. That report C/20/04 be received and noted.
- 2. That the suggestion of sites to be sold in respect of non-strategic play areas be removed.
- 3. That the principles of the draft Play Area Strategy 2020-2030 and associated action plan be approved.
- 4. To proceed to formal consultation.
- 5. That a report be brought back to Cabinet following formal consultation with a view to approving the Strategy from 1st April 2020.

These resolutions have been actioned with the formal consultation beginning 20/12/2019 and concluding on 31/01/2020. This report summarises the consultation responses and minor amendments to the strategy.

11. Community Infrastructure Levy Governance Framework (Pages 215 - 230)

The introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) by Folkestone & Hythe District Council in August 2016 necessitates the development of governance arrangements for spending the money that is to be collected. This report seeks approval of a CIL Governance Framework.

12. Romney Marsh Employment Hub (Land at Mountfield Road Industrial Estate, New Romney) (Pages 231 - 254)

This report seeks authority to accept a grant offer from the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) and to agree the transfer of land into joint ownership with the joint venture partners, East Kent Spatial Development Company (EKSDC), which will enable the construction of a business centre at Mountfield Road Industrial Estate, New Romney to proceed as approved by Cabinet in September 2019 (C/19/22).

The project will make an important contribution to the Council's Covid 19 economic recovery plans and its development will assist the resurgence of the construction sector which usually leads the way out of recession.