

Meeting: **Cabinet**
Date: **20 January 2021**
Time: **5.00 pm**
Place: **Zoom - remote meeting**

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 9 December 2020.

4. **Romney Marsh Coordinator Post Funding (Pages 13 - 18)**

This report seeks Cabinet agreement to jointly fund the Romney Marsh Partnership Coordinator's post for three years from 1 April 2021 and to seek the remainder of the funding from the Nuclear Decommissioning

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Authority (NDA)/Magnox Socio-economic Fund.

5. **Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2021/22 and Treasury Management Monitoring Report 2020/21 (Pages 19 - 48)**

This report sets out the proposed strategy for treasury management for 2021/22 including Treasury Management Indicators. The report also provides an update on the council's treasury management activities that have taken place during 2020/21 against the agreed strategy for the year.

6. **HRA Budget Monitoring Quarter 3 (Pages 49 - 58)**

This 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 30 November 2020.

7. **General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring - 3rd quarter 2020/21 (Pages 59 - 68)**

This monitoring report provides a projection of the end of year financial position of the General Fund revenue budget, based on expenditure to the 30 November 2020.

8. **Update to the General Fund Medium Term Capital Programme and Budget Monitoring 2020/21 (Pages 69 - 88)**

This report updates the General Fund Medium Term Capital Programme for the five year period ending 31 March 2026. The report provides an updated projected outturn for the General Fund capital programme in 2020/21, based on expenditure to 30 November 2020. The General Fund Medium Term Capital Programme is required to be submitted to full Council for consideration and approval as part of the budget process.

9. **Housing Revenue Account Revenue and Capital Budget 2021/22 (Pages 89 - 102)**

This report sets out the Housing Revenue Account Revenue and Capital Budget for 2021/22 and proposes an increase in weekly rents and an increase in service charges for 2021/22.

10. **Draft General Fund budget 21/22 (Pages 103 - 168)**

This report sets out the Council's Draft General Fund budget for 2021/22.

11. **Private Sector Housing Enforcement and Civil Penalty Policy (Pages 169 - 224)**

The Council currently has a generic enforcement policy which sets out the basic objectives and principles for each enforcement team. Since the Housing and Planning Act 2016 came into force, there have been many additions to the powers and duties of the Private Sector Housing Team, for which a more detailed policy is required.

This new policy amalgamates the principles from the current overarching policy with the new elements required including:-

- a civil penalties policy for specified housing offences
- a statement of principles for penalties associated with smoke and carbon monoxide alarm regulations (which was approved by the Council in 2016)
- a new penalties framework for breach of the minimum energy efficiency standards
- A statement about using the proposed civil penalties policy for offences committed under the new electrical safety regulations 2020.

12. Infrastructure Funding Statement (Pages 225 - 262)

In accordance with the latest revisions made via the Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2019, from December 2020 local authorities must publish an Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS). The IFS document provides a summary of all financial and non-financial developer contributions relating to Section 106 Legal Agreements (S106) and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) within Folkestone & Hythe District for a given financial year. This report seeks approval of the IFS, and identifies the infrastructure needs, the total cost of this infrastructure, anticipated funding from developer contributions, and the choices the authority has made about how these contributions will be used.

13. Customer Access point and New Civic Offices (Pages 263 - 304)

The paper considers in principle decisions relating to: (1) developing a Customer Access Point within Folkestone Town Centre; and (2) developing a more detailed plan for the relocation of reduced office space in a modern, sustainable civic suite facility within the district.

14. Otterpool park - Business plan (Pages 305 - 466)

This report seeks approval of the strategic business plan for Otterpool Park Limited Liability Partnership (LLP), being the Council's delivery vehicle for the Otterpool Park Garden Town. The Business Plan, drawn up by the Board of the LLP and appended to this report, sets out the intended activities and requests the release of monies necessary to achieve the objectives in the Business Plan. It also sets out the details of a proposed strategic land agreement between the Council and LLP, the associated funding arrangements, suggests certain amendments to the Members' Agreement and outlines future actions in respect of corporate oversight and assurance of the project.

15. 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

16. **Otterpool Park - Business Plan (Phase 1 Financial Plan) (Pages 467 - 480)**