



Agenda

Meeting: **Folkestone & Hythe District and Parish Councils' Joint Committee**
Date: **18 November 2021**
Time: **7.00 pm**
Place: **Remote Meeting**

To: **All members of the Folkestone & Hythe District and Parish Councils Joint Committee**

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

Members of the committee who wish to have information on any matter arising on the agenda which is not fully covered are requested to give notice prior to the meeting to the Chairman or appropriate officer.

1. **Appointment of chairman**

The committee must appoint a parish councillor to chair the meeting.

2. **Apologies for absence**

3. **Declarations of interest (Pages 3 - 4)**

Members of the Council should declare any interests which fall under the following categories:

- a) discloseable pecuniary interests (DPI)
- b) other significant interests (OSI)
- c) voluntary announcements of other interests

4. **Minutes (Pages 5 - 6)**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2021.

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website www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

5. **Overview of changes to Health Services Architecture**

A presentation will be given to members by a representative of the East Kent Health and Care Partnership.

6. **Place Plan**

A presentation to be given to members which will provide an update on progress and outline next steps and key milestones.

Declarations of Interest

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)

Where a Member has a new or registered DPI in a matter under consideration they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting.

Other Significant Interest (OSI)

Where a Member is declaring an OSI they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

Voluntary Announcement of Other Interests (VAOI)

Where a Member does not have either a DPI or OSI but is of the opinion that for transparency reasons alone s/he should make an announcement in respect of a matter under consideration, they can make a VAOI. A Member declaring a VAOI may still remain at the meeting and vote on the matter under consideration.

Note to the Code:

Situations in which a Member may wish to make a VAOI include membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items; where a Member knows a person involved, but does not have a close association with that person; or where an item would affect the well-being of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position. It should be emphasised that an effect on the financial position of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc OR an application made by a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc would both probably constitute either an OSI or in some cases a DPI.

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Minutes

Folkestone & Hythe District and Parish Councils' Joint Committee

Held at:	Remote Meeting
Date	Thursday, 16 September 2021
Present	Councillors Graham Allison, Michael Boor, Laszlo Dudas, Tony Hills (In place of Martin Sweeney), Frank Hobbs, Mrs Jennifer Hollingsbee and Terence Mullard
Apologies for Absence	Councillors Martin Sweeney
Officers Present:	Kate Clark (Case Officer - Committee Services), Gavin Edwards (Performance and Improvement Specialist) and Andrew Rush (Regulatory Services & Corporate Contracts Lead Specialist)
Others Present:	None

8. **Appointment of chairman**

Proposed by Councillor Hobbs
Seconded by Councillor Allison

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

9. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

10. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2021 were agreed. The Chairman's signature will be added confirming approval.

11. **Waste Collection Service**

A presentation, by Andrew Rush - Regulatory Services & Corporate Contracts Lead Specialist, was given to members outlining the challenges which had affected the district's waste collection services recently and an overview of

steps taken to address these issues. The presentation is attached to the minutes.

Mr Rush outlined various problems that had occurred as well as noting that the suspension of the garden waste service was a difficult decision due to HGV driver shortages and the immediate impact of Covid-19 related absences.

Actions taken involved staff stabilising the service; the Task and Finish Group set up in July through the Overview & Scrutiny Committee who looked intensively at initial problems, investigation and conclusions reached.

On a positive note, Mr Rush informed members that the Garden Waste Service will resume on 27 September.

Members asked various questions as follows:

- How will the Council communicate the garden waste restart news to residents? The Comms team will arrange for residents to receive letters. Collection days and weekly cycle remain unchanged. Social media and information on the website has commenced.
- Who will meet the costs of writing and sending letters? The Council will seek to recover its costs from the Contractor.
- Why change the routes? Routes had remained unchanged for 10 years, in that time new housing had been built; efficient use of new vehicle fleet; carbon savings to be made from more efficient routes.
- Why were there so many problems? Day to day routes not correctly balanced; local knowledge of crews under-utilised; problems with Contractor new IT systems and data transfer; new operatives working on changed routes; and latterly the national shortage of HGV drivers.
- Ultimately, who will pay for these problems? Contractor penalties will be investigated.
- Does the Council monitor post waste collection and how it is treated? FHDC are the waste collection authority. KCC are the waste disposal authority. KCC monitor the quality of materials collected and report on their website the end destinations for materials.
- Will the garden waste service fee be rebated? This is under consideration at present.

The Chairman and members thanked Mr Rush for the presentation and for his work in resolving this problem. It had obviously been a very difficult period for all officers involved.

12. **Any Other Business**

The Chairman reminded members that the next Planning Forum is scheduled for Thursday 28 October, 5pm start. All district town and parish councils have been invited. This will be a remote meeting, the agenda will be available nearer the date.