

Meeting: **Cabinet**  
Date: **23 November 2022**  
Time: **3.00 pm (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME)**  
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.

This meeting will be webcast live to the council's website at <https://folkestone-hythe.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>.

Please note there will be 37 seats available for members of the public, which will be reserved for those speaking or participating at the meeting. The remaining available seats will be given on a first come, first served basis.

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 - 14)**

To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2022.

## **Queries about the agenda? Need a different format?**

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website  
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4. **Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/24 to 2026/27 (Pages 15 - 54)**

The Medium Term Financial Strategy ('MTFS') is the Council's key financial planning document. It puts the financial perspective on the Council's Corporate Plan priorities, expressing the aims and objectives of the various plans and strategies in financial terms over the four year period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027. It covers both revenue and revenue implications for capital spend for the General Fund. Also included are the Council's reserves policies. The MTFS is a key element of sound corporate governance and financial management.

5. **The Rural Prosperity Fund (Pages 55 - 64)**

This report presents an overview of the Governments Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) and details the allocation the Council will receive. The report outlines a recommended approach for use of the funding in an Addendum to the submitted UKSPF Investment Plan and seeks agreement for the delivery of the fund.

6. **New Three Year Grant Agreement (2023 -2026) for Shepway Citizens Advice Bureau (Pages 65 - 92)**

The Council has historically provided grant funding to the Shepway Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) subject to formal three-year Grant Agreement (GAs). In recent years the funding was renewed on a yearly basis due to the global pandemic in 21 /22 and ongoing recovery in 22/23. It was agreed that a more detailed review of the work of the CAB would be carried out during 22/23 for future funding and to inform corporate budget development for future years. This report reviews the work of CAB and recommends that funding is continued for a further three years.

7. **Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund - Wave 1 Update and Wave 2 Bid application (Pages 93 - 98)**

This report provides a progress update to Cabinet on the successful award of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Wave 1 (SHDF) application bid. It also outlines details of the proposed Wave 2 bid. The Wave 2 bid, if successful, will improve the energy efficiency and thermal performance of another 300 of the Council's worst performing housing properties using a 'fabric first' approach over a two-year period.

8. **Otterpool Park Education Provision (Pages 99 - 156)**

This report presents the approach by which it is proposed to deliver the education provision for Otterpool Park new garden town development. The report sets out the strategic principles which will underpin the approach and the role of the Otterpool Park Education Trust. The report also sets out a proposal to make an application for the first primary school at Otterpool Park to be a free school.