

Meeting: **Cabinet**
Date: **14 December 2022**
Time: **5.00 pm**
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 - 12)**

To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting

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held on 23 November 2022.

4. Quarter 2 Performance report 2022-23 (Pages 13 - 42)

This report provides an update on the Council's performance for the second quarter of the year covering 1st July 2022 – 30th September 2022. The report enables the Council to assess progress against the approved key performance indicators arising from the Council's new Corporate Action Plan.

Key performance indicators will be monitored during 2022-23 and reported to CLT and Members quarterly.

5. Fees and charges 2023/24 (Pages 43 - 70)

This report focuses on the proposed fees and charges for 2023/24 which will contribute towards meeting the council's 2023/24 budget objectives and Medium Term Financial Strategy.

The Council's Fees and Charges Policy was revised and agreed by Cabinet on 15 November 2017 (Report C/17/54).

6. Budget Strategy 2023/24 (Pages 71 - 100)

This Budget Strategy sets out the guidelines for preparing the 2023/24 Budget. It supports the Corporate Plan and aligns with the direction and objectives of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

In terms of financial planning, the Budget Strategy takes account of current and future financial and economic conditions including the outcome of the Government's recent Autumn Statement announced on 17 November 2022.

The Budget Strategy also sets out the underlying assumptions and initial budget-setting proposals and provides a timetable for delivering a balanced budget for approval and final Council Tax setting by Full Council on 22 February 2023.

7. Empty Homes Premiums (Pages 101 - 110)

From 1 April 2024, billing authorities will be given the ability to add a Council Tax premium to second homes and to amend existing long term empty home Council Tax premiums. This report reviews these proposals and recommends that some changes are introduced from the financial year 2024/25.

8. New Grant Agreement - Folkestone Sport Centre Trust (Pages 111 - 154)

The grant agreement with Folkestone Sport Centre Trust ends in March 2023. The current grant is for £150,000 per annum. Folkestone Sports Centre Trust have developed with the support of consultants, a business

plan to assist the recovery of the business from the pandemic. To support the new business plan, the Trust have made a request to council for its continued financial support through a new grant agreement for £150,000 for five-years. The report recommendation is to agree a grant award for a shorter period of three-years.

9. **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) Update (Pages 155 - 216)**

The purpose of this report is to update Cabinet on the outcome of the public consultation and set out recommended changes to the document before adoption.

10. **Housing Disabled Adaptations Policy (Pages 217 - 242)**

The following report sets out the rationale for the adoption of a new policy, to assist in the management and administration of housing adaptations to Folkestone & Hythe District Council (F&HDC) tenants.

11. **Princes Parade project - Options (Pages 243 - 270)**

In November 2022, due to the significantly changed and difficult economic climate, the decision was taken to pause spending on the Princes Parade Project and for officers to re-evaluate available options and to propose a way forward (Report C/22/56). This report outlines a small number of headline options for consideration.