

Meeting: **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
Date: **27 June 2023**
Time: **6.00 pm**
Place: **Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone**

To: **All members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

The committee will consider the matters, listed below, at the date, time and place shown above. The meeting will be open to the press and public.

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

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Please note there are 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. **Appointment of Chair**
2. **Appointment of Vice-Chair**
3. **Apologies for Absence**
4. **Declarations of Interest (Pages 5 - 6)**

Members of the committee should declare any interests which fall under

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the following categories:

- a) disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI);
- b) other significant interests (OSI);
- c) voluntary announcements of other interests.

5. **Appointment of members and election of Chairman to the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Sub Committee**

The Sub-Committee is required to be politically balanced. The balance figures are shown below.

	Total	Cons	Green	Labour
Finance and performance sub-cttee	5	1	2	2

The following nominations have been received:

Conservative	Councillor David Godfrey
Green	Councillor James Butcher
Green	Councillor John Wing
Labour	Councillor Connor McConville
Labour	Councillor Laura Davison

The Committee are asked to elect a Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

6. **Minutes (Pages 7 - 34)**

To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2023.

7. **Minutes of the Finance and Performance Sub-Committee (Pages 35 - 36)**

To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 07 March 2023.

8. **Cabinet Member updates**

In accordance with the Constitution Councillor Stephen Scoffham, the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Biodiversity will be attending the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to provide a general update on decisions made within his portfolio.

9. **Levelling Up fund delivery**

FHDC were successful in late January 2023 in their bid to secure a £20m levelling up bid to regenerate Folkstone Town centre called 'Folkestone - a Brighter Future'.

The presentation will give an overview of the Folkestone a Brighter future project and will include:

- Background to how the £22m projects evolved.
- A run through the overall project area and the 3 distinct project zones, Station Arrival and town centre connections, Improved Town centre gateway and Folca, Sandgate Rd and town centre public realm <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/folkestone-place-plan/levelling-up-project>
- Progress to date on the project.
- Engagement Plans
- Programme schedule.

10. Folca 2 proposed Works and Civic Centre Relocation

The council purchased the old Debenhams (now called Folca) in Folkestone town centre in 2020, the aim was to secure control on a key anchor site within the town centre to ensure the future use had a positive outcome for the town centre. The building was also used as a key outlet for the vaccination delivery during the pandemic.

The presentation will give an overview of the background and progress to date which will include:

- Overview of the Folca building
- Background on the feasibility work carried out to date
- Funding that is in place
- Phase one works progress to date and next steps
- Phase two works progress to date and next steps

11. Draft District-Wide Carbon Plan (Pages 37 - 102)

The council has been preparing a draft District-wide Carbon Plan for the council “to play a leadership role in promoting partnerships for a carbon neutral 2030 commitment throughout the district”.

This report presents the draft District-wide Carbon Plan to Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Following the comments of Overview and Scrutiny Committee, it is intended to take the draft plan to Cabinet in July to seek approval to hold a public consultation on the plan.