

Meeting: **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
Date: **14 November 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 Chair 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. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest (Pages 5 - 6)**

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

- a) disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI);
- b) other significant interests (OSI);

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c) voluntary announcements of other interests.

3. **Minutes (Pages 7 - 16)**

To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of both meetings held on 31 October 2023.

4. **Cabinet Member updates (Pages 17 - 18)**

In accordance with the Constitution Councillors Tim Prater, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Governance and Jeremy Speakman, Cabinet Member for Assets and Operations will be attending the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to provide a update in relation to the portfolio.

5. **Proposed On-Street Parking Charges (Pages 19 - 30)**

This report seeks the views of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on recommendations to Cabinet for parking charges to be introduced in and around shopping streets in Folkestone, Sandgate, Hythe, and New Romney as shown in appendix 1.

6. **Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan 2023-2053 (Pages 31 - 92)**

This report seeks Cabinet approval for the HRA Business Plan (BP) 30-year model which sets the parameters of the work and spend that is undertaken by the Council's housing team, underpinning every decision taken in the HRA. The BP model aligns with the direction and objectives of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), alongside the commitments of the HRA capital programme and acquisitions and new build ambitions for HRA led housing. The HRA BP ensures that the Council continues to provide a financially balanced housing management service that meets legislation and delivers excellent customer service to our tenants and leaseholders across the district. Once approved by Members, a summary version of the HRA BP will be published in 2024.

7. **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 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 –

'Information relating to any individual.'

8. **Refresh of the Council's Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Policy 2023 and general update. (Pages 93 - 134)**

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The Council is part of the statutory safeguarding role within the wider public sector, with responsibilities to children, young people and vulnerable adults. The children, young people and vulnerable adults safeguarding policy of the Council has been updated and is attached at Appendix 1. OSC are advised of the changes made to the 2021 policy as the refresh takes place every two years. OSC are also advised of the wide range of activity that has taken place over the last year with updates on safeguarding practice.