

Meeting: **Cabinet**
Date: **27 July 2023**
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 3 - 4)**

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. **Local authority Housing Fund Phase 2 (Pages 5 - 8)**

The Government has provisionally offered the Council £584k of Local

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Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) grant, to facilitate the purchase of 4 properties to temporarily accommodate Afghan settlement programme refugees in the district and a further property which can be used to accommodate other homeless households. The Council is required to submit a non-binding memorandum of understanding to the Government by early August to confirm if it wishes to take part in the programme.

4. **Biggins Wood - Update on progress with remediation contract and site disposals (Pages 9 - 52)**

The report provides an update to Members regarding the current position of the Biggins Wood site. Following the last Cabinet report in November 2021 (C/21/51) the report updates on the progress of the remediation contract and the sale of the commercial and housing land as previously agreed. The purchaser of the residential land has withdrawn their offer for the site. The commercial developer has made an offer for the whole site (i.e. both elements of commercial and residential land) and a further offer has been received by the council from a different organisation for the residential element of the site only.

Please note, parts of this report are confidential and have been redacted. The unredacted version of the report and the appendix are both restricted documents. If Members wish to refer to any of the information which is restricted, it is recommended that the public be excluded from the meeting, using the resolution below:

To exclude the public on the grounds that it is likely to disclose exempt information, as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 –

‘Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). “Financial or business affairs” includes contemplated as well as current activities.’