

AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 17 February 2016

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT

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Quorum = 16

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1. Emergency Evacuation Procedure

The Chairman will advise the meeting of the evacuation procedures to follow in the event of an emergency.

2. Prayers

3. Apologies for Absence

4. Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 January 2016 (Minute Nos. 445 -458) as a correct record.

5. Declarations of Interest

Councillors should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves or their spouse, civil partner or person with whom they are living with as a spouse or civil partner. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.

The Chairman will ask Members if they have any interests to declare in respect of items on this agenda, under the following headings:

(a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) under the Localism Act 2011. The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared. After declaring a DPI, the Member must leave the meeting and not take part in the discussion or vote. This applies even if there is provision for public speaking.

(b) Disclosable Non Pecuniary (DNPI) under the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council in May 2012. The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared. After declaring a DNPI interest, the Member may stay, speak and vote on the matter.

Advice to Members: If any Councillor has any doubt about the existence or nature of any DPI or DNPI which he/she may have in any item on this agenda, he/she should seek advice from the Director of Corporate Services as Monitoring Officer, the Head of Legal or from other Solicitors in Legal Services as early as possible, and in advance of the Meeting.

6. Mayor's Announcements

7. Questions submitted by the Public

To consider any questions submitted by the public. (The deadline for questions is 4.30 pm the Friday before the meeting – please contact Democratic Services by e-mailing democraticservices@swale.gov.uk or call 01795 417330).

8. Questions submitted by Members

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9. Leader's Statement

Members may ask questions on the Leader's Statement. (To follow).

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Council is asked to note the recommendations of Minute Nos. 471 and 472 from the Cabinet on 3 February 2017 (to follow).

16. Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor 2016/17

If more than one nomination is received for either position a secret ballot will be taken at the start of the meeting and the Mayor will declare at this point in the meeting who has been elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor elect for 2015/16.

If one nomination is received for either position the Mayor will announce the nomination and Council will be asked to approve the appointment.

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