## **AGENDA**

## **CABINET MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, 2 December 2015

Time: 7.00 pm

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

#### Membership:

Councillors Bowles (Chairman), Mike Cosgrove, Duncan Dewar-Whalley, Gerry Lewin (Vice-Chairman), Ken Pugh, David Simmons, Mike Whiting, Ted Wilcox and John Wright

Quorum = 3

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### Apologies for Absence

#### Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 November 2015 (Minute Nos. 307 - 312) and the Extraordinary Cabinet Meeting held on 5 November 2015 (Minute Nos. 313 – 314) as correct records.

#### 3. 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.

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# **URGENT ITEM - Reduction of the Benefits functions at Faversham Area Office**

To give consideration to a proposal to reduce the Housing Benefit presence at the Amicus Horizon premises in Stone Street, Faversham

This is urgent as AmicusHorizon are reducing their opening times at the Stone Street office from 3 January 2016. The report requests reduction of Swale Borough Council's Housing Benefit operating days at Faversham, so that it also becomes effective from 3 January.

The report is to follow.

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