

AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 24 January 2018

Time: 7.00 pm

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

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(a) in the event of the alarm sounding, everybody must leave the building via the nearest safe available exit and gather at the Assembly points at the far side of the Car Park. Nobody must leave the assembly point until everybody can be accounted for and nobody must return to the building until the Chairman has informed them that it is safe to do so; and

(b) the lifts must not be used in the event of an evacuation.

Any officers present at the meeting will aid with the evacuation.

It is important that the Chairman is informed of any person attending who is disabled or unable to use the stairs, so that suitable arrangements may be made in the event of an emergency.

2. Prayers

3. Apologies for Absence

4. Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 December 2017 (Minute Nos. 390 - 401) 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.

(c) Where it is possible that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts would conclude that there was a real possibility that the Member might be predetermined or biased the Member should declare their predetermination or bias and then leave the room while that item is considered.

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 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. Motions submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 15

The following motion has been received:

There is growing acknowledgement on this Council from all sides about the issue of air quality across Swale, together with the need for focussed air quality monitoring, so as to gauge an accurate picture of the current situation facing our residents now and in to the future.

The A2, in particular in the area surrounding the Key Street roundabout, is of prime concern.

With significant development coming forward, such as that at Wises Lane in Borden, increased vehicle movements undoubtedly will adversely impact air quality further.

We believe the Council has a duty of care to its residents and ensure existing levels do not deteriorate further.

It is difficult, therefore, to conclude no adverse impact on air quality will occur from developments when the Council does not have adequate, if any, air quality monitoring systems in place at key potential development sites.

This cannot continue.

This is even more pressing following the Supreme High Court ruling in Newington. This judgement indicated that “both applicant and council need to demonstrate that mitigation measures actually work.”

Additionally, we were shocked to learn from a public meeting held on Saturday 9 December 2017 at Borden Parish Hall, that independent spot checks in the Key Street area showed air quality levels to be considerably worse than those put forward by the developer in their planning application for Wises Lane.

We kindly ask, therefore, that this Council increases the budget for air quality monitoring in the Borough in its Budget for 2018/19 and, as a starter, immediately reviews the air quality monitoring equipment along the A2 and at the Key Street/Chestnut Street/Wises Lane area without undue hesitation.

Proposed by Councillor Nicholas Hampshire and seconded by Councillor Mike Baldock.

8. 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).

9. Questions submitted by Members

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10. Leader's Statement

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

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