

AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 26 February 2020

Time: 7.00pm

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

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Quorum = 16

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1. Prayers
2. Emergency Evacuation Procedure

The Chairman will advise the meeting of the evacuation procedures to follow in the event of an emergency. This is particularly important for visitors and members of the public who will be unfamiliar with the building and procedures.

The Chairman will inform the meeting whether there is a planned evacuation drill due to take place, what the alarm sounds like (i.e. ringing bells), where the closest emergency exit route is, and where the second closest emergency exit route is, in the event that the closest exit or route is blocked.

The Chairman will inform the meeting that:

(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.

3. Apologies for Absence

4. Minutes

To approve the [Minutes](#) of the Meeting held on 8 January 2020 (Minute Nos. 411 - 424) as a correct record, subject to the removal of questions and response 8, 9 and 10 as the Members were not in attendance at the meeting.

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. Nominations for Mayor - speeches

Each candidate's proposer and seconder will be invited to speak for up to three minutes in support of their nomination.

If more than one nomination is received for the position a secret ballot will be taken.

8. Nominations for Deputy Mayor - speeches

Each candidate's proposer and seconder will be invited to speak for up to three minutes in support of their nomination.

If more than one nomination is received for the position a secret ballot will be taken.

9. Questions submitted by the Public

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

10. Questions submitted by Members

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

11. Leader's Statement

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14. Treasury Management Strategy 2020/21 91 - 106

15. Pay Policy Report 107 - 142

16. Election of Mayor Elect and Deputy Mayor elect

The Mayor will declare at this point in the meeting who has been elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor elect for 2020/21 and Council will be asked to approve the appointment for Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

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Council is asked to note the recommendations from the following meetings:

Standards Committee Meeting held on 16 January 2020
Audit Committee Meeting held on 21 January 2020
General Purposes Committee held on 12 February 2020
Cabinet Meeting held on 12 February 2020

Issued on Tuesday 18 February 2020

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