

AGENDA

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 6 November 2019

Time: 7.00 pm

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

Membership:

Councillors Lloyd Bowen (Chairman), Richard Darby, Steve Davey, Mike Dendor (Vice-Chairman), Tim Gibson, Alastair Gould, James Hall, Carole Jackson, Elliott Jayes, Denise Knights, Lee McCall, Pete Neal and Ken Pugh.

Quorum = 4

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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. 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; 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. Apologies for Absence and Confirmation of Substitutes

3. Minutes

To approve the [Minutes](#) of the Meeting held on 2 October 2019 (Minute Nos. 262 - 270) as a correct record.

4. 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.

Part One - Substantive Items

5. Scrutiny of 2020/21 Fees and Charges proposals

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The Committee is asked to consider the proposals.

The Leader, the Chief Financial Officer and the Head of Commissioning, Environment and Leisure have been invited to attend for this item.

Updated report added 29 October 2019.

6. Special Projects Fund

The Leader and Chief Financial Officer have been invited to attend for this item.

Members are invited to ask questions.

Part Two - Business Items

7. Other Review Progress Reports

The Committee is asked to consider updates on other reviews:

Regeneration Schemes (other than Sittingbourne Town Centre).

8. Cabinet Forward Plan

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The Committee is asked to consider the Forward Plan with a view to identifying possible items for pre-decision scrutiny.

9. Urgent Business Requests

The Committee is asked to consider any requests from Committee Members to commence a review.

10. Committee Work Programme

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The Committee is asked to note the Committee's Work Programme for the remainder of the year.

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