

AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 7 October 2020

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Virtual meeting via Skype*

Quorum = 16

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1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes

To approve the [Minutes](#) of the Meeting held on 17 June 2020 (Minute Nos. 697 - 713) as a correct record.

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 Mayor 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 meeting while that item is considered.

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4. Mayor's Announcements

5. Motion - Planning Reform

This Council considers the Government's White Paper on Planning Reform to be counterproductive to good placemaking and anti-democratic.

This Council notes that whilst the wording claims the new proposals will improve delivery of affordable housing and environmental benefits, we believe the impact of the proposals will have a negative affect.

Instead, this Council calls on the Government to give more powers to Local Authorities to set rigorous standards and have the powers to actively enforce them.

We call for the following powers to be given to Local Authorities:

- 1) Abolish the methods used by Developers to Landbank land by giving Local Authorities the ability to rescind Planning Permissions where development has stalled without adequate grounds
- 2) Abolish VAT on the restoration and conversion of buildings.
- 3) Remove Government Targets for housing delivery and allow Local Authorities to deliver Local Plans and Housing Targets based on identified local need without the requirement of a Government Inspector Approval.

This Council calls on the Government to reconsider its current White Paper.

Proposed Mike Baldock

Seconded Richard Palmer

6. Motion - Dementia Friendly

This Council notes that:

- Dementia is one of the biggest health issues facing the UK
- In the UK, 850,000 people are estimated to be living with dementia
- This condition will affect one in three people over the age of 65, that figure is predicted to rise by two thirds by 2030
- Dementia is an umbrella term for a set of symptoms that might be exhibited by people living with one of any number of diseases of the brain; it is not a natural part of aging
- Dementia is not just about losing your memory; it can also affect thinking, communication, inhibitions, and everyday tasks
- With the right care, support and understanding from those around them that it is possible for someone to live well with dementia and to continue to contribute to community life.

This Council commends the work that has been done so far in our Borough by for example but not limited to:

- Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne
- Alzheimer's Society Kent & Medway
- Argo Life & Legacy Ltd
- BlueBird Care
- Dementia Inspired Ltd.
- Helpd Ltd
- Isle of Sheppey dementia friendly community forum
- Kent County Council

- Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS)
- No Place Like Home
- Pulse Cafe
- Sittingbourne Dementia Friendly Community Forum
- The Forum Shopping Centre
- Oasis Academy

This Council realises that as a public service there is more that it could be doing to support our community living with Dementia and the Council commits to:

- All new Council staff appointed to customer-facing roles and all future members of this council participate in Dementia Friends training as part of their induction.
- Existing staff in customer-facing roles participate in Dementia Friends training within twelve months.
- All current members and the Council's Strategic Management Team to participate in Dementia Friends training within 12 months.
- Environmental checks are carried out in Swale House to ensure that the building is Dementia friendly.
- Carry out a review of Council employment practices to ensure that best practice is being followed in offering staff living with dementia, or caring for a family member living with dementia, appropriate ongoing support and flexible working arrangements.
- To write to Secondary schools in Swale to urge them to include information about living with dementia in the local Personal Social and Health Education curriculum delivered to pupils to help develop their understanding of dementia.
- To work closely with existing DAA members to create supportive working relationships.
- To become a signatory of the National Dementia Declaration
- To commit to not using disempowering language in communications and press releases for example: "victim", "suffering from dementia"
- An annual progress report to be brought to Council to coincide with Dementia Awareness Week in May of each year.

Proposed by: Councillor Hannah Perkin

Seconded by: Councillor Derek Carnell

7. 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).

8. 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).

9. Leader's Statement

10. Appointment of Chief Executive - to follow

11. Corporate Plan 2020-2023 and Covid-19 Recovery Plan 7 - 46

12. Economic Recovery - Extension of Parking Concession 47 - 50

13. Climate and Ecological Emergency Action Plan 51 - 106

14. Changes in Portfolio Responsibilities in Cabinet Roles - to follow

15. Changes to the Constitution - to follow

16. Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 107 - 122

17. Policy Development and Review Annual Report 123 - 138

18. Recommendations for Approval

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

Minutes from the General Purposes Committee held on 1 October 2020 (to follow)

Minutes from the Appointments Sub-Committee held on 5 October 2020 (to follow)

Issued on Tuesday, 29 September 2020

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