

AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 23 June 2021

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: West Faversham Community Centre, Bysing Wood Road, Faversham Kent ME13 7RH

Quorum = 16

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1. Emergency Evacuation Procedure

The Mayor 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 Mayor will inform the meeting that: There is no scheduled test of the fire alarm during this event. If the alarm does sound, please leave the building quickly without collecting any of your possessions, using the doors signed as fire escapes, and assemble in the car park at the front of the building. Await instructions from the Fire Marshal before entering the building. Should anyone require assistance in evacuating the building, please make the volunteer staff in the front office aware of any special needs so that suitable arrangements may be made in the event of an emergency.

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Minutes

To approve the [Minutes](#) of the Annual Council Meeting held on 26 May 2021 (Minute Nos. 1 - 14) 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 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 Interests (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.

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.

5. Mayor's Announcements
6. Leader's Statement
7. Questions submitted by the Public

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

9. Motion to support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill

Motion to Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill Council notes that

- (i) This council declared a climate and ecological emergency on 26th June 2019;
- (ii) Many local authorities are playing an important role in the UK taking action to achieve net zero
- (iii) There is a Bill before Parliament—the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (published as the Climate and Ecology Bill)—according to which the UK Government must develop an emergency strategy that:

- a. requires that the UK plays its fair and proper role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with at least a 66% chance of limiting global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial temperatures; this corresponds to the most ambitious global mitigation pathway available according to the 2018 IPCC 1.5C Report.
- b. ensures that all the UK's consumption emissions are accounted for, including international aviation and passenger shipping;
- c. ensures that steps to mitigate emissions do not damage ecosystems, food and water availability, and human health;
- d. ensures that steps taken to increase the health, abundance, diversity and resilience of species, populations and ecosystems follow the mitigation and conservation hierarchy - avoid, minimise, restore and offset;
- e. restores and expands natural ecosystems, and enhances the management of cultivated ecosystems to protect and enhance biodiversity, ecological processes and ecosystem service provision, including optimising the state of resilient carbon sinks;
- f. includes measures to protect, restore and enhance ecosystems in the United Kingdom and elsewhere, where activity is generated from within the United Kingdom that is harmful to ecosystems;
- g. ensures an end to the exploration, extraction, export and import of fossil fuels by the United Kingdom as rapidly as possible; and
- h. sets up an independent citizens' assembly, representative of the UK's population, to engage with the UK Parliament and UK Government to help develop the emergency strategy.

Council therefore resolves to:

1. Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill;
2. Inform the local media of this decision;
3. Write to local Members of Parliament, asking them to support or thanking them for supporting the CEE Bill; and
4. Write to the CEE Bill Alliance, the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support (campaign@ceebill.uk)

Proposed by: Councillor Tim Valentine

Seconded by: Councillor Alastair Gould

10. Motion - Vaping

This council agrees to extend its Smoking at Work Policy so that it also applies to Members and to amend paragraph 3.1 of the Policy to read as follows:

"3.1 This policy applies to all Members, employees and agency staff. It also applies to consultants and contractors whilst they are working for the Council. It also applies to visitors and members of the public whilst they

are in Council buildings or Council vehicles. "

Proposed by Councillor Mike Whiting
Seconded by Councillor Alan Horton

Issued on Tuesday, 15 June 2021

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