

## AGENDA

### POLICY, FINANCE AND HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 13 October 2021

Time: 7.00 pm

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

Membership:

Councillors Lloyd Bowen, Simon Clark, Steve Davey, Oliver Eakin, Tim Gibson (Vice-Chairman), Alastair Gould, Alan Horton, Ken Ingleton, Lee McCall (Chairman), Hannah Perkin, David Simmons, Paul Stephen, Mike Whiting and Corrie Woodford

Quorum = 3

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

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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. Confirmation of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

To confirm the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Municipal Year 2021/2022.

## 3. Apologies for Absence

4. Minutes

To approve the [Minutes](#) of the Meeting held on 13 July 2021.

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 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.

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