

Agenda

Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 3 April 2024

Time 7.00 pm

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

Quorum = 16

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4. Minutes

To approve the [Minutes](#) of the meeting held on 21 February 2024 (Minute Nos. 666 – 681) as a correct record.

5. Mayor's Announcements

6. 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).

7. 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).

8. Leader's Statement

9. Motion - Action to address violence, threats, harassment, bullying and intimidation against elected representatives

This Council utterly condemns the increasing levels of violence, threats,

harassment, bullying and intimidation against our elected representatives in Parliament and, increasingly, local councils, and calls on the Government to keep up the pressure on Chief Constables to use the legislation they already have at their disposal to deal with it.

This Council calls on The Leader to raise at Kent Leaders with a view to a joint meeting with the PCC and Chief Constable to discuss their plans to deal with this escalation.

Proposed: Cllr Tim Gibson

Seconded: Cllr Hannah Perkin

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| 10. | Motion - Housing Emergency Motion | 5 - 6 |
| | Full motion on Housing Emergency attached. | |
| 11. | Nomination of Mayor | |
| | 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. | |
| 12. | Nomination of Deputy Mayor | |
| | 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. | |
| 13. | Corporate Plan 2023 - 2027 | 7 - 36 |
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