

Agenda

Policy and Resources Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 18 October 2023

Time 7.00 pm

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

Membership:

Councillors Mike Baldock (Vice-Chair), Monique Bonney, Lloyd Bowen, Derek Carnell, Tim Gibson (Chair), Angela Harrison, Mike Henderson, James Hunt, Mark Last, Rich Lehmann, Richard Palmer, Julien Speed, Mike Whiting, Ashley Wise and Dolley Wooster.

Quorum = 5

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