

Agenda

Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 4 December 2024

Time 7.00 pm

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

Quorum = 16

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2. Apologies for Absence

3. Minutes

To approve the [Minutes](#) of the meeting held on 2 October 2024 (Minute Nos. 285 – 302) as a correct record.

4. Declarations of Interest

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5. Mayor's Announcements

6. Questions submitted by the Public

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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 - School Breakfast Clubs

Swale Council welcomes the Chancellor providing £30m in the Government's Budget for thousands of schools to set up breakfast clubs.

By providing free breakfasts, schools will be ensuring all students start the day fed and ready to learn irrespective of their home situation. Families will additionally benefit from the peace of mind knowing that cost of living pressures will not ever result in their children starting the school day hungry and attendance will not be affected by something so solvable as hunger.

Swale Council resolves to ask the Leader of the Council to write to write to both MPs representing Swale to welcome this new government funding for school breakfast clubs and to seek their support for all schools in Swale to be able to take advantage of it.

Proposed by: Councillor Dolley Wooster
Seconded by: Councillor Karen Watson

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| 10. | Urgent Motion - White Ribbon Day 2024 | 5 - 6 |
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| 12. | Audit Committee Annual Report - 2023/24 | 9 - 24 |
| 13. | Faversham Neighbourhood Plan Referendum - to follow | |
| 14. | Local Plan Review - Local Plan Employment Sites | 25 - 64 |
| 15. | Vision, Objectives and Growth - to follow | |
| 16. | Local Development Scheme - to follow | |

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