

Agenda

Eastern Area Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 17 June 2025
Time 7.00 pm,
Venue: Faversham Guildhall, Market Place, Faversham, Kent ME13 7AG*

Membership:

Councillors Lloyd Bowen, Alex Eyre, Charles Gibson (Vice-Chair), Kieran Golding, Alastair Gould, Carole Jackson, Rich Lehmann, Claire Martin, Ben J Martin (Chair), Hannah Perkin, Julien Speed and Terry Thompson.

Quorum = 3

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4. Minutes

To approve the [Minutes](#) of the meeting held on 25 February 2025 (Minute Nos. 675 – 686) and the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2025 (to follow) as correct records.

5. Customer Access Strategy

6. Proposed extension of Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

7. Review of Area Committees

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12. Public Forum

13. Reports/updates from Parish/Town Councils

14. Local issues to be raised
15. Matters referred to Service Committee Chairs for consideration

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