



Agenda

Meeting: **Council**
Date: **22 February 2017**
Time: **7.00 pm**
Place: **Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone**

To: **All Members of the Council**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a meeting of the Council on the date and at the time and place shown above. The meeting will be open to the press and public.

Anyone who wishes to have information on any matter arising on the Agenda which is not fully covered in these papers is requested to give notice prior to the meeting to the Chairman or appropriate officer.

Chief Executive

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Members of the Council should declare any discloseable pecuniary interest or any other significant interests in any item/s on this agenda.

3. **Minutes (Pages 7 - 24)**

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the council held on 18 January 2017 and to authorise the Chairman of the Council to sign them as a correct record.

4. **Chairman's Communications**

Queries about the agenda? Need a different format?

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5. **Petitions**

There are no petitions to be presented.

6. **Questions from the Public**

1. **From Bryan Rylands to Councillor David Monk, Leader of the Council**

Please could SDC provide me with the total sum of any pension deficit they may have and an explanation of how this has come about.

2. **From Graham Corr to Councillor David Monk, Leader of the Council**

Are Investors in Private Capital Ltd the guarantors for Cozumel estates, who have a collaboration agreement with SDC?

3. **From Christopher Deane to Councillor David Monk, Leader of the Council**

In the light of almost daily reports on the crisis in our cash strapped hospitals, and the particular problem of 'bed blocking' brought about by cuts in funding and social care provision for the elderly at a local level, will Shepway District Council be lobbying for the maximum permissible increase Council Tax in order to facilitate the best possible local provision.

4. **From Aaron Roche to Councillor Alan Ewart-James, Cabinet Member for Housing**

Could the Council please detail the exact criteria and methods of assessment for the triggering of the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) and whether there are any instances where these criteria have been met but SWEP not implemented in time this year?

5. **From Nick Southgate to Councillor Alan Ewart-James, Cabinet Member for Housing**

Can the council clarify its position on both social and affordable housing? In particular, how many proposed new-build homes will be utilised for social housing and how much would a first-time buyer need to be earning, assuming they have a 10% deposit, to purchase a new-build 'affordable home'?

7. **Questions from Councillors**

(Questions can be found under the date of the Council meeting - www.shepway.gov.uk from noon 2 days before the meeting).

Up to 45 minutes is allowed for questions from councillors.

8. Announcements of the Leader of the Council

To receive a report from the Leader of the Council on the business of the cabinet and on matters that the leader considers should be drawn to the council's attention. The leader shall have 10 minutes to make his announcements.

The opposition group will have an opportunity to reply to the leader's remarks. The opposition group leader shall have 5 minutes to respond after which the Leader of the Council will have a right of reply. Any right of reply will be for a maximum duration of 5 minutes.

9. Opposition Business

The UKIP Group has raised the following matter, the formation of a cross party working group to consider the impact of Brexit. The working group will carry out a time limited review of the current and likely future impact on Shepway of the UK exiting the EU and consider actions the council could take such as lobbying and local projects to capitalise on the opportunities and challenges that exiting the EU will bring, and then move forward.

Debates on opposition business shall be limited to 15 minutes. If the time limit is reached or the debate concludes earlier, the leader of the group raising the item shall have a right of reply.

The Council shall:

- a) Note the issue raised and take no further action;
- b) Refer the issue to the cabinet or relevant overview and scrutiny committee, as the case may be for their observations before deciding whether to make a decision on the issue;
- c) Agree to examine the matter as part of a future scrutiny programme;
- d) Adopt the issue raised by opposition business provided that the decision so made is within the policy framework and budget.

10. Appointment of External Auditors (Pages 25 - 38)

Report A/16/23 details the arrangements for appointing external auditors following the abolition of the Audit Commission and the end of the transitional arrangements at the conclusion of the 2017/18 audit. It recommends that opting into a Sector Led Body (Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited) to negotiate and make the external auditor appointment be agreed as the preferred procurement route. The appointment of the external auditor is a decision of the Full Council.

11. Housing Revenue Account 2017/18 (Pages 39 - 54)

Report A/16/26 sets out the Housing Revenue Account Revenue and Capital Budget for 2017/18 and proposes a decrease in rents and an increase in service charges for 2017/18.

12. **Update to the General Fund Medium Term Capital Programme and Quarter 3 Monitoring 2016/17 (Pages 55 - 84)**

Report A/16/22 updates the General Fund Medium Term Capital Programme for the five year period ending 31 March 2022. The report provides a projected outturn for the General Fund capital programme in 2016/17, based on expenditure to 30 November 2016. This report also sets out both the prudential indicators for capital expenditure and the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement to be approved by full Council. The General Fund Medium Term Capital Programme is required to be submitted to full Council for consideration and approval as part of the budget process. Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this report on 17 January 2017 ahead of Cabinet approving it on 18 January 2017 to be submitted to full Council.

13. **Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2017/18 including Treasury Management Indicators (Pages 85 - 108)**

Report A/16/24 sets out the proposed strategy for treasury management for 2017/18 including the Annual Investment Strategy and Treasury Management Indicators to be approved by full Council. Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this report on 17 January 2017 ahead of Cabinet approving it on 18 January 2017 to be submitted to full Council.

14. **General Fund budget and Council Tax 2017/18 (Pages 109 - 136)**

Report A/16/25 concludes the budget-making process for 2017/18. It sets out recommendations for setting the council tax after taking into account the district's council tax requirement (including town and parish council requirements and special expenses in respect of the Folkestone Parks and Pleasure Grounds Charity), the precepts of Kent County Council, the Kent Police & Crime Commissioner and the Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue Service

15. **Motions on Notice**

The following motions have been placed on the agenda in the order received; up to 60 minutes shall be allowed for debates on motions on notice:

Councillor Mary Lawes

Should we as a council and society do more to help the 'Homeless' in our district?

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(a) A member with a discloseable pecuniary interest (DPI) must declare the nature as well as the existence of any such interest and the agenda item(s) to which it relates must be stated. A member who declares a DPI in relation to any item must leave the meeting for that item (unless a relevant dispensation has been granted).

(b) A member with an other significant interest (OSI) under the local code of conduct relating to items on this agenda must declare the nature as well as the existence of any such interest and the agenda item(s) to which it relates must be stated. A member who declares an OSI in relation to any item will need to remove him/herself to the public gallery before the debate and not vote on that item (unless a relevant dispensation has been granted). However, prior to leaving, the member may address the meeting in the same way that a member of the public may do so.

(c) Members may make voluntary announcements of other interests which are not required to be disclosed under (a) and (b). These are announcements made for transparency reasons alone, such as:

- membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items, or
- where a member knows a person involved, but does not have a close association with that person, or
- where an item would affect the well-being of a member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position.

Voluntary announcements do not prevent the member from participating or voting on the relevant item