

Meeting: **Council**  
Date: **29 March 2023**  
Time: **7.00 pm**  
Place: **Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone**

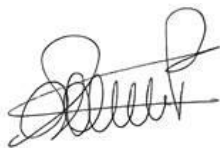
To: **All Members of the Council**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to attend a meeting of the Council on the date and at the time shown above.

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.

This meeting will be webcast live to the council's website at <https://folkestone-hythe.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>.

Please note there will be 37 seats available for members of the public, which will be reserved for those speaking or participating at the meeting. The remaining available seats will be given on a first come, first served basis.



Dr Susan Priest  
Chief Executive

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest (Pages 5 - 6)**

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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 - 22)**

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the council held on 22 February 2023 and to authorise the Chairman of the Council to sign them as a correct record.

4. **Chairman's Communications**

5. **Petitions (Pages 23 - 24)**

A petition asking for the development at Princes Parade to be abandoned and the site re-wilded has been received and has a total of 361 signatures. As per the petitions scheme, set out in part 4 of the constitution, petitions which receive more than 250 signatures can be presented to a meeting of Full Council.

6. **Questions from the Public**

1. **From Ms M Wheeler to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council**

I understand that an offer has been made by Sunningdale to buy the land at Princes Parade and to build the pool. I would like to know what stage the negotiations have reached, is it a fair offer in comparison to what they offered last year and how the Council could keep some control over the progress and quality of the build should the offer be accepted?

7. **Questions from Councillors**

(Questions can be found on [www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](http://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk) from noon 2 days before the meeting, on Modern.gov, under the agenda for this 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 Labour Group has raised the following matter:

Council notes that  
Kent County Council operate a Kent Youth County Council  
This operation is focused on only 3 issues per year  
Other district, Town and Parish councils within Kent operate their own  
separate youth council scheme.

Council believes that:  
The voices of young people are important when shaping decisions  
Having a forum for young people to form ideas, debate issues and  
influence council policy will lead to a more inclusive council environment.  
Providing a platform for young people to engage in politics from an early  
age will only benefit the diversity of future political leadership for the  
district.

Council Resolves

- To refer to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee a report on the benefit of establishing a district-based Folkestone and Hythe Youth District Council.
- To invite the current representatives from the district on the KYCC, to offer their views on the establishment of a FHYDC.
- To produce a short survey aimed at young people in the secondary schools in the district in order to determine the appetite of the districts young people to have a formal structure to discuss and influence local decision-making policy.

Debates on opposition business shall be limited to 30 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. **Motions on Notice**

There are no motions on notice.

11. **Local Authority Housing Fund (Pages 25 - 28)**

The Government has provisionally offered the Council £1.2m of Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) grant, to facilitate the purchase of ten properties to temporarily accommodate Ukrainian and Afghan refugees in the district. The timeframe for the Council to confirm it wishes to accept the grant funding is very short. The Cabinet Member for Housing and Special Projects took an individual member decision and agreed that the Council should submit a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding to the Government by their deadline of 15 March 2023. This decision was considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 22 March 2023.

12. **Pay Policy Statement (Pages 29 - 64)**

This report considers the recommendation from the Personnel Committee and presents the pay policy statement for 2023/24 for approval.

13. **Appointment of an interim Chief Financial Officer (S151 Officer) (Pages 65 - 68)**

This report sets out recommendations on the appointment of an interim Chief Finance officer (Section 151 Officer).

14. **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL): adoption of the Council's Modified CIL Charging Schedule (Pages 69 - 248)**

The council adopted the Core Strategy Review (CSR) in March 2022, and so it has been necessary for the council to amend the adopted CIL Charging Schedule to bring it 'in step' with the adopted CSR, as well as amendments to the CIL Regulations. The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations (2010) as amended, outlines the process for establishing a CIL scheme in an area. At its meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022, the Cabinet approved publication of the Draft Charging Schedule and associated documents for consultation (and public consultation took place between 22 August and 3 October 2022), and authorised the Council to submit the DCS and associated documents to the appointed external Examiner for independent examination in accordance with the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended). The DCS was submitted for external Examination in November 2022, and the Examiner's report was received in February 2023.

15. **Call in and urgency report (Pages 249 - 252)**

The constitution provides that, when an urgent decision is made by the Cabinet or Cabinet Member, for which any delay in implementation, likely to be caused by the call-in process, would seriously prejudice the Council's or public interest, then the 'Call-in Rules of Procedure', Part 6.3, rules 1-6 do not apply. Decisions, taken as a matter of urgency, must be reported to the next available meeting of the Council, together with the reasons for urgency.