



Agenda

Meeting: **Council**
Date: **20 December 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J Stewart'.

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 5 - 14)**

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the council held on 15 November 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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www.shepway.gov.uk

5. **Petitions**

There are no petitions to be presented.

6. **Questions from the Public**

1. From Mr Southgate to Councillor Ewart-James, Cabinet Member for Housing

With reference to the annual Shepway 'homelessness count', can the council please state which areas of Shepway will be (or have been) inspected? Furthermore, can the council disclose how this data is used? (For instance, informing funding for support services etc.)

2. From Mr Rylands to Councillor Dearden, Cabinet Member for Finance

In Report Number AuG/17/11 which went before the Audit & Governance Committee on the 29/11/17 at page 10 of the Report

2.5 Special Projects review 2016/17 it states:

A previous audit of creditors showed retrospective orders for the Council as a whole was 20%. As a result an email was sent to Heads of Service and retrospective orders are now being monitored by the Finance department on a monthly basis. Figures for October 2016 to April 2017 show that retrospective orders, overall, have reduced to a range of 8% to 15%

What does 20% equal as a number eg 100, 1000 and what amount in £'s did it represent?

7. **Questions from Councillors**

(Questions can be found on www.shepway.gov.uk from noon 2 days before the meeting. They can be found in the A-Z index under Q)

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

There is no opposition business.

10. Motions on Notice

There are no motions on notice.

*Explanations as to different levels of interest

(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