

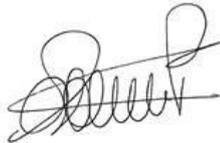
Meeting: **Council**  
Date: **19 February 2020**  
Time: **7.00 pm**  
Place: **Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone**

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.

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Head of Paid Service

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

Members of the Council should declare any discloseable pecuniary

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interest or any other significant interests in any item/s on this agenda.

3. **Minutes (Pages 7 - 10)**

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the council held on 29 January 2020 and to authorise the Chairman of the Council to sign them as a correct record.

4. **Chairman's Communications**

5. **Petitions**

There are no petitions to be presented.

6. **Questions from the Public**

1. **From Mrs Lawes to Councillor Mrs Hollingsbee, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities**

Following a briefing to district councillors in 2016/17 about Community Led Local Developments (CLLD). Now known as Folkestone Community works.

Councillors from the deprived wards of Harbour, East Folkestone and Central were assured that jobs would be created for long term unemployed. With the amount of funding so far distributed from Folkestone Community fund of £2.9 million to a number of New businesses.

Could you let me know how many long term unemployed have gained employment if any, and what type of employment ie: part time, full time or seasonal, zero hours minimum wage?

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**

There is no Opposition Business.

10. **Motions on Notice**

There are no motions on notice.

11. **Update to the General Fund Medium Term Capital Programme and Budget Monitoring 19/20 (Pages 11 - 36)**

This report updates the General Fund Medium Term Capital Programme for the five year period ending 31 March 2025. The report provides an updated projected outturn for the General Fund capital programme in 2019/20, based on expenditure to 30 November 2019. 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. This report also sets out the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for 2020/21 to be approved by full Council. Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this report on 21 January 2020 ahead of Cabinet approving it for submission to full Council on 22 January 2020. The report has been updated to incorporate changes to the Medium Term Capital Programme which have occurred since these meetings.

12. **General Fund Budget and Council Tax 2020/21 (Pages 37 - 62)**

This report concludes the budget setting process for 2020/21. 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.

13. **Housing Revenue Account Revenue and Capital Original Budget 20/21 (Pages 63 - 78)**

This report sets out the Housing Revenue Account Revenue and Capital Budget for 2020/21 and proposes an increase in weekly rents and an increase in service charges for 2020/21

14. **Housing management options appraisal - outcome of formal consultation (Pages 79 - 128)**

An options appraisal was completed in October 2019, reviewing the delivery of housing management services provided by East Kent Housing (EKH) on behalf of Canterbury City Council, Dover District Council, Folkestone and Hythe District Council and Thanet District Council. The four councils agreed that the preferred option for future service provision to the four councils' tenants and leaseholders is that it should become an in-

house service, subject to consultation. The attached Cabinet report sets out the outcomes from the formal consultation exercise undertaken with EKH tenants and leaseholders. It proposes that officers from across the four councils be instructed to negotiate ending the agreement with EKH and to make preparations for the housing management service to be brought in-house.

15. **Housing Revenue Account Business Plan Update 2020 - 2050 (Pages 129 - 140)**

The Council is required to produce a comprehensive Business Plan for its housing stock. The Business Plan is focused on improving the quality of the Council's landlord services and sets out the investment priorities for its existing Council housing stock. The document also provides details of the council's new build and acquisition housing programme. In view of policy changes implemented by the Government in 2018 to abolish the HRA borrowing cap, it was possible for the Council to increase its delivery target for new builds and the Business Plan was revised to deliver up to 300 homes by 2024/25. Following further reviews of the HRA financial position, its borrowing capacity and the Council's priorities the Business Plan has been updated to deliver a further 1,000 homes over the 10 year period from 2025/26 to 2034/35. The revised Business Plan also includes capital investment of £10m into existing housing stock. This report provides the details supporting the updated plan.

16. **Committee Membership Changes (Pages 141 - 144)**

Under the Folkestone and Hythe District Council Constitution, Part 8.1 'Delegation to Officers', paragraph 3.18, the Head of Paid Service is authorised to make appointments to committees or sub-committees at the request of the relevant political group leader. This report sets out the appointments made, under these powers, on the instruction of both the Green and Liberal Democrat Group Leaders, following the changes to Cabinet on 1 February 2020.

17. **Amendment to the Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions made by the Leader of the Council (Pages 145 - 146)**

Under the Council's constitution (part 6, para 1.4.1) the Leader of the Council decides on the delegation of cabinet functions. The Leader may amend the delegations at any time by giving written notice to the Head of the Paid Service. Where such a notice is received the Head of the Paid Service must submit a report on the amendments to the next ordinary meeting of the Council. This report sets out the amendments made by the Leader.