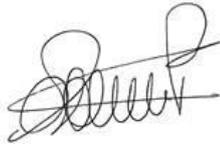


Meeting: **Council**
Date: **25 November 2020**
Time: **7.00 pm**
Place: **Zoom - remote meeting**

To: **All Members of the Council**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a remote meeting of the Council on the date and at the time shown above. The meeting will be open to the press and public, who can watch the meeting live at: bit.ly/YouTubeMeetings

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.



Dr Susan Priest
Chief Executive

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest (Pages 7 - 8)**

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

3. **Chairman's Communications**
4. **Petitions**

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There are no petitions to be presented.

5. **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.

6. **Opposition Business**

The Labour Group has raised the following matter,

This council notes:

- 1 in 4 people will experience a mental health problem in any given year.
- The World Health Organisation predicts that depression will be the second most common health condition worldwide by 2020.
- Mental ill health costs some £105 billion each year in England alone.
- People with a severe mental illness die up to 20 years younger than their peers in the UK.
- That the Corona Virus pandemic has exacerbated the issues surrounding mental health and could potentially leave long lasting effects and challenges for many years to come.

This council believes:

- As a local authority we have a crucial role to play in improving the mental health of everyone in our community and tackling some of the widest and most entrenched inequalities in health.
- Mental health should be a priority across all the local authority's areas of responsibility, including housing, community safety and planning.
- All councillors, whether members of the Executive or Scrutiny and in our community and casework roles, can play a positive role in championing mental health on an individual and strategic basis.
- That our residents, now more than ever, will look to our council and councillors to project positive messaging with regards to mental health and support our local partners as they deliver vital health and wellbeing services.

This council resolves:

- To sign the Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge run by Centre for Mental Health, Mental Health Foundation, AMHP, Mind, Rethink Mental Illness, Royal College of Psychiatrists and YoungMinds.
- We commit to appoint an elected member as 'mental health champion' across the council.

- We will seek to identify a member of staff within the council to act as 'lead officer' for mental health.

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.

7. **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:

1. **From Councillor Miss Susan Carey, Conservative Group**

This Council welcomes the progress made locally in many areas on environmental issues –

- the ambitions for Otterpool Park to be a sustainable development with 20% Biodiversity net gain.
- the many years of pollinator friendly planting in the council's parks.
- the increase in tree planting.
- the commitment to review its present carbon intensive office accommodation.
- the commitment to an accelerated Net Zero target of 2030.
- the 47% recycling of waste from kerbside collections.

We ask that the Carbon Action Plan include commitments to adopt the following policies:

- the Kent & Medway Energy & Low Emissions Strategy.
- the Kent Biodiversity Strategy.
- Kent's Plan Bee; and
- an improved recycling target to benefit from the incentives in the new waste contract.
- More opportunity for those in flats and houses in multiple occupation to recycle.

We also ask that the plan considers:

- a district version of the Climate Change Risk Assessment using the Climate Change Committee's methodology.
- an Adaptation Plan to address the identified risks.

- a 20% Biodiversity Net Gain policy for all new development in the district.
- a 25% Biodiversity Net Gain policy for Otterpool Park.
- Options for where the district can improve natural capital such as wildlife corridors, tiny forests, pocket parks etc.
- Options for investment in renewable energy within the district.
- Switching the council's vehicles to Low Emission Vehicles.
- Increased enforcement against flytipping with more Op Assist interventions with Kent Police.

Bearing in mind the District Councils specific responsibilities in the key areas of housing, development control and environmental health we also ask that the council's action plan for Net Zero pays particular attention to how best to retrofit existing housing stock, that new housing is built to standards that do not require retrofitting to be carbon neutral and that ways are examined to improve air quality including an examination of the effects of bonfires and how these can be minimised.

2. From Councillor Miss Susan Carey, Conservative Group

We propose that this Council reviews its current policies regarding the naming of new streets to allow more input from the local community and more discretion to be applied to the use of street, lane, way etc.

This review is needed in the light of recent experience in Stelling Minnis where the developer, the parish council, the district councillors and County Councillor all support the new road being called Rose Lane as it is next to both the Rose and Crown public house and Crown Lane. Folkestone & Hythe's policy will not allow a no through road to be called a Lane (although the existing Crown Lane is a no through road).

It is also timely to review the policy in advance of major developments such as Otterpool Park where many names will be needed.

8. Update to the General Fund Medium Term Capital Programme (Pages 9 - 16)

This report updates the General Fund Medium Term Capital Programme for decisions which have occurred since the Council approved the budget on 19 February 2020. It also considers a proposal to provide loan funding met from prudential borrowing to Veolia Environmental Services Limited for the provision of the new fleet and equipment required for the new Waste, Recycling and Street Cleansing Contract. Changes to the Capital Programme are required to be submitted to full Council for consideration and approval. The Finance and Performance Scrutiny Sub-Committee considered this report on 3 November 2020 and Cabinet agreed the report to be submitted to full Council for approval on 11 November 2020.

9. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 to 2024/25 (Pages 17 - 42)

The Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) is the Council's key financial

planning document. It puts the financial perspective on the council's Corporate Plan priorities, expressing the aims and objectives of various plans and strategies in financial terms over the four year period ending 31st March 2025. It covers both revenue and capital for the General Fund. Also included are the Council's reserves policies. The MTFS is a key element of sound corporate governance and financial management.