

Meeting: **Cabinet**
Date: **24 November 2021**
Time: **3.30 pm**
Place: **Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone**

To: **All members of the Cabinet**

All Councillors for information

The cabinet will consider the matters listed below on the date and at the time and place shown above.

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Although social distancing rules have been relaxed, for the safety of the public, elected members and staff, we will continue to seat members of the public approximately one metre apart. This means that there will be 13 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.

All attendees at meetings are kindly asked to wear face coverings, unless they are addressing the meeting.

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

Members of the Council should declare any interests which fall under the following categories:

- a) disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI);
- b) other significant interests (OSI);

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c) voluntary announcements of other interests.

3. **Minutes (Pages 7 - 12)**

To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2021.

4. **Safeguarding Policy (Pages 13 - 52)**

The Council is part of the statutory safeguarding role within the wider public sector, with responsibilities to children, young people and vulnerable adults. The children, young people and vulnerable adults safeguarding policy of the Council has been updated and is attached at Appendix 1. Cabinet are advised that the safeguarding policy is refreshed every two years and that the changes made to the 2019 policy include new legislation and changes to practice that are incorporated in the 2021 policy.

5. **District owned street lighting (Pages 53 - 70)**

This proposal will contribute to the council's carbon reduction options plan by converting street lights to low cost/ low carbon LED lighting. This report details issues arising through forced maintenance changes to the council's street lighting stock and proposes the most cost effective long term management of the assets.

6. **Key Performance Indicators review 21/22 and Half Year performance report (Q1 and Q2) (Pages 71 - 98)**

This report provides an update on the Council's performance for the first two quarters of the year covering 1st April 2021 – 30th September 2021. The report enables the Council to assess progress against the approved key performance indicators arising from the Council's new Corporate Action Plan.

Key performance indicators will be monitored during 2021-22 and reported to CLT and Members quarterly.

7. **Queen's Green Canopy (Pages 99 - 108)**

This report explores the opportunity to take part in a nationwide tree planting campaign, known as The Queen's Green Canopy. The purpose of this campaign is to mark the occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee that takes place next year. It introduces the proposed donated tree policy and the resources necessary to deliver this.

8. **HRA Budget Monitoring Quarter 2 (Pages 109 - 118)**

This monitoring report provides a projection of the end of year financial position for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) revenue expenditure and HRA capital programme based on net expenditure to 31 August 2021.

9. **General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring - 2nd quarter 2021/22 (Pages 119 - 124)**

This monitoring report provides a projection of the end of year financial position of the General Fund revenue budget, based on expenditure to the 31 August 2021.

10. **General Fund Capital Programme Budget Monitoring 2021/22 (Pages 125 - 132)**

This monitoring report provides an initial projection of the current financial position for the General Fund capital programme profiled for 2021/22, based on expenditure to 31 August 2021, and identifies variances compared to the latest approved budget.

11. **Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2025/26 (Pages 133 - 160)**

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 2026. 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.

12. **Biggins Wood - Development Update (Pages 161 - 182)**

The report (with redaction to cover commercially sensitive matters) provides an update to Members regarding the current position of the Biggins Wood site. Following the last Cabinet report in July 2019 (C/19/12) the report updates on the sale of the housing land as previously agreed and asks Members to consider new offers made for the commercial element of the site. The report provides details of the Council's successful bid to One Public Estate's, Brownfield Sites Release Fund and outlines the forward programme for ecology, remediating the site, and delivering the associated infrastructure. Members are also asked to note that Officers will be publishing a tender for the remediation and infrastructure works in order to commence works as early as possible in 2022.

Should Members wish to discuss the commercially sensitive matters, the agenda will progress to item 13.

13. **Exclusion of the Public**

To exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that it is likely to disclose exempt information, as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 –

'Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

“Financial or business affairs” includes contemplated as well as current activities.’

Part 2 – Exempt Information Item

14. Biggins Wood - Development update (confidential paper - unredacted version) (Pages 183 - 204)

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