

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL



Thursday, 7th September, 2017

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You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the Thanet District Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent on Thursday, 7 September 2017 at 7.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the business mentioned below.

Timothy Howes

Director of Corporate Governance

To: The Members of Thanet District Council

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AGENDA

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1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** (Pages 5 - 12)

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 13 July 2017, copy attached.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive any announcements from the Chairman, Leader, Members of the Cabinet or Chief Executive in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2 (iv).

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest from Members in accordance with Council Procedure rule 2.2 (v)

5. **PETITIONS**

To receive petitions from the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.

5a **PETITION REGARDING 2017 PARKING CHARGES** (Pages 13 - 16)

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6. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

To receive questions received from the press or public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.

6a **QUESTION 1 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE PRESENCE OF FAR RIGHT HATE GROUPS IN THANET** (Pages 17 - 20)

7. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

To receive questions from Members of the Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.

7a **QUESTION 1 FROM A MEMBER REGARDING ROUGH SLEEPERS** (Pages 21 - 24)

7b **QUESTION 2 FROM A MEMBER REGARDING INVEST THANET** (Pages 25 - 28)

7c **QUESTION 3 FROM A MEMBER REGARDING THE PROPOSED BRITAIN FIRST MARCH** (Pages 29 - 32)

8. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

To receive any Notices of Motion from Members of Council in accordance with the Council Procedure Rule 3.

9. **LEADERS REPORT** (Pages 33 - 34)

To receive a report from the Leader of the Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.4.

10. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL** (Pages 35 - 38)

To receive a report from the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.1.

11. **ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW 2016/17** (Pages 39 - 54)

12. **CHANGES TO COMMITTEES, PANELS AND BOARDS – 2017/18**

Report to follow.

13. **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES** (Pages 55 - 58)

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Declaration of Interests Form

COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2017 at 7.00 pm in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillors Ashbee, Bambridge, Bayford, Braidwood, Brimm, Buckley, Campbell, K Coleman-Cooke, Connor, Constantine, Crow-Brown, Curran, Dawson, Day, Dellar, Dennis, Dexter, Dixon, Evans, J Fairbrass, L Fairbrass, Falcon, Fenner, Game, I Gregory, K Gregory, Grove, Hayton, G Hillman, Howes, Jaye-Jones, Johnston, Matterface, Parsons, Partington, L Piper, S Piper, L Potts, R Potts, Rusiecki, D Saunders, M Saunders, Savage, Shonk, Stummer-Schmertzing, Taylor, Taylor-Smith, Tomlinson, Townend and Wells

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors G Coleman-Cooke, Edwards, Larkins, Martin and Rogers.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Leader and agreed, that the minutes of the meeting of Annual Council held on 11 May 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members stood as a mark of respect as the Chairman presented Councillor Reverend Stuart Piper with the Past Chairman's Badge.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PETITIONS

(a) Ramsgate Sprint Petition

Mr Coombes was unavailable to present the petition, however Members noted that the following petition, containing 39 valid signatures, had been received:

"We the undersigned petition the council to specify any remaining obstacles to the return of the Ramsgate Sprint; and ask TDC to work closely with the organisers and other relevant community groups in Ramsgate to try and ensure that the Ramsgate Sprint takes place in 2018"

In accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme, the petition was referred to Cabinet without debate for report back to the Council within three ordinary meetings.

(b) Clean Up Cliftonville West Petition

Mrs Goodson presented a petition containing 182 valid signatures as follows:

"We the undersigned petition the council to This petition calls on Thanet District Council to firstly clean up, and thereafter regularly maintain, the streets, promenades and beach areas of Cliftonville West - an area persistently blighted by litter, dog fouling and a general lack of cleanliness - in accordance with the standards and statutory obligations imposed on the council by the Environmental Protection Act 1990, and the DEFRA Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse. 1. Remove all litter & dog fouling from the streets, cliff tops, promenades and beaches. Sweep the streets, cliff tops & promenades & remove all detritus & weeds, then maintain this level of cleanliness; 2. Deep clean the area by washing the streets & pavements; 3. Monitor and remove graffiti; 4. Increase the number of bins & dog bins in Cliftonville West; 5. Employ a beach warden for the summer season to stop anti-social behaviour leading to littering, dog fouling & broken glass; 6. Issue enforcement notices for littering, dog fouling & to landowners"

In accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme, the petition was referred to Cabinet without debate for report back to the Council within three ordinary meetings.

(c) **Hodges Gap Petition**

Members noted the report.

(d) **Parking Charges Petition**

Members noted that the petition and recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Panel be referred to Cabinet.

6. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

(a) **QUESTION NO. 1 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC - CLEANLINESS OF CLIFTONVILLE WEST**

Mrs Goodson asked Councillor Brimm the following question:

"Following on from the petition submitted regarding the very poor level of cleanliness of the streets and beaches in Cliftonville West, can the cabinet member responsible answer why no adequate measures have been taken to address this. When will a suitable plan and schedule be put in place?"

Councillor Brimm responded with the following points:

- Compared with other areas of the District, Cliftonville West ward received an enhanced service in recognition of its additional need.
- Public bins were emptied more regularly in Cliftonville West than other area, and 30% of the Council's cleaning resource was allocated to the Ward.
- 50% of the properties within the ward received weekly domestic waste collection.
- There were 130 selective licences in the ward, and enforcement and prosecution has taken place where accommodation standards have been found to be unacceptable.
- There was a procedure in place for reporting incidents which should be used by Members and the public.

7. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

(a) **QUESTION NO. 1 FROM A MEMBER - REGARDING HOUSING**

Councillor Matterface asked Councillor L Fairbrass the following question:

"Thanet District Council recently issued a very worrying report on the severity of the housing situation long after Labour councillors warned of a crisis in housing.

Will Cllr Fairbrass support Labour's call for a Scrutiny Day where all agencies and elected members can attend and share best practice?"

Councillor Fairbrass responded with the following points:

- A growing shortage of affordable homes, increasing private sector rents and welfare benefit reforms had combined to make it increasingly difficult for low income individuals to find the homes needed.
- The Council had secured new funding for housing and homelessness and set up new services such as the Thanet Winter Shelter and Aspire project.
- A new housing strategy would be produced this year which would have input from partner organisations and the Overview and Scrutiny Panel.
- There was an agreed process in place to propose scrutiny reviews which should be followed.

Councillor Matterface followed up her question by informing Council that a request for a scrutiny day had been declined. She asked Councillor Fairbrass if she could provide an update on the 52 units of affordable accommodation that had received planning permission and funding during the Labour administration but had not yet been built.

Councillor Fairbrass responded that there were 51 units of affordable accommodation proposed, and that a tender exercise had been conducted. The target dates at each site were as follows:

- Sussex Street – August 2018
- Bright's Place – August 2018
- Chichester Road – May 2018
- Clements Road – May 2018
- Kingston and Lancaster Close – May 2018
- Perkins Avenue – November 2017
- Norman Road – November 2017
- Prince Andrew Road – November 2017
- Princess Ann Road – November 2017

(b) **QUESTION NO. 2 FROM A MEMBER - REGARDING SWEEPING AND RUBBISH REMOVAL IN MARGATE CENTRAL WARD**

Councillor Johnston asked Councillor Brimm the following question:

"Residents and myself in Margate Central constantly have to report the same areas that need sweeping or rubbish removal.

When will you walk the whole ward with them and myself to see for yourself our concerns?"

Councillor Brimm responded with the following points:

- Councillor Brimm asked Councillor Johnston to advise her of the roads in question and offered to visit them with officers.
- Considerable cleaning and enforcement resources had been regularly allocated to the ward, including the identification of 22 high footfall roads which were given a weekly mechanical clean and a daily manual clean.
- In the last few months there had also been a number of additional cleaning activities at;
 - Henry's Alley
 - Primark shop front
 - Woolworths frontage
 - The alley to the rear of the old Margate cinema
 - Hawley Square and surrounding roads
 - Dane Hill, Trinity Square and alley to the rear of Margate caves.
 - Area around flats in King Street
 - Margate High Street.
- A deep clean was planned for the 28 July on Grotto Hill.

- 1400 of the 1750 fixed penalty notices that had been issued in the last 12 months for litter offences, had been issued in Margate Central ward.
- Upgraded bins would be installed at the following locations:
 - Clock Tower, Margate
 - Oval Bandstand
 - Palm Bay Shelter

Councillor Johnston followed up her question by asking if she could have a date when Councillor Brimm would walk through the ward with her and meet the residents.

Councillor Brimm responded that if Councillor Johnston sent her an email highlighting the areas of concern she would walk the roads with officers.

(c) **QUESTION NO. 3 FROM A MEMBER - REGARDING THE COUNCIL'S STREET CLEANING SCHEDULE**

Councillor K Gregory asked Councillor Brimm the following question:

“Could the Cabinet Member for Operational Services please tell me if the District Council's street cleaning schedule for individual areas is available for residents to inspect? And if so where may they see it?”

Councillor Brimm responded with the following points:

- Basic cleaning round information was available on the Council's website.
- A new map and postcode look up system was being developed that would be available on the website in the coming weeks.

Councillor K Gregory followed up his question by asking if the schedule for cleaning could be placed along side Council Tax bills.

Councillor Brimm advised that information about the street cleansing rotas would be published on the Council's website to improve communication with the public.

(d) **QUESTION NO. 4 FROM A MEMBER - REGARDING EDUCATION IN THANET**

Councillor Savage asked Councillor Stummer-Schmertzling the following question:

“Education is an important part of the Corporate Plan in attracting businesses searching for a highly skilled workforce. The closure of The University campus in Broadstairs is therefore catastrophic. What plans is the Cabinet Member formulating to counter the impact on the future of so many of our young people?”

The Leader responded as he had recently met with the University's Vice Chancellor. The Leader responded with the following points:

- The Council has signed a memorandum of understanding with East Kent Collage to ensure that skills and economic growth agendas were run in parallel.
- Christ Church University had promised to continue to support education and disadvantaged students in the area, the Council would work with the University's senior management team to establish what this would look like.
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(e) **QUESTION NO. 5 FROM A MEMBER - REGARDING STREET CLEANING SERVICE STANDARDS**

Councillor Dawson asked Councillor Brimm the following question:

“Could the cabinet member for operational services confirm that the service standard for street cleaning for Birchington is the same for Cliftonville West?”

Councillor Brimm responded with the following points:

- In the last six months, more street cleaning services had been delivered in Cliftonville West than any other ward in the District.
- Operational Services were part of a waste forum with the A Better Cliftonville (ABC) group, and supported ABC in a lottery funding bid.
- There was a programme to replace all domestic wheeled bins lids, one road at a time in Cliftonville West.
- Cliftonville West would be targeted as a pilot area for the dog fouling campaign.
- Clean up activities had been arranged such as the 'Love where you live' clean up with McDonalds on 26 July and Operational Services staff had attended a number of community events to spread information to residents with campaigns such as 'Wise up to waste'.

Councillor Dawson followed up her question by asking why, after two years in office, the Council had failed to achieve its priority to keep a clean and welcoming environment, as stated in the corporate priorities and in the election pledge.

Councillor Brimm advised that Members should follow the agreed procedure to report incidents.

(f) **QUESTION NO. 6 FROM A MEMBER - REGARDING THE FORMER MANSTON AIRPORT SITE**

Councillor Bayford asked the Leader the following question:

"The Leader has recently commented favourably on the prospect of a new potential investor looking to pursue a CPO in respect of Manston Airport. Can he explain his enthusiasm for this given his assertion that the Avia report demonstrates unequivocally that aviation activity is not viable."

The Leader responded with the following points:

- That he had always had a preference for an airport to be at the site.
- The Avia report was commissioned by the Council in regard to the Local Plan and found that an airport was not viable during the Plan period. Avia were also unable to consider or assess RiverOak's plans.
- What ever happens at the site, it must offer serious employment and economic opportunity for residents.

Councillor Bayford followed up his question by asking; given todays news from the Planning Inspector, how does the Leader think this should impact on the emerging local plan?

The Leader responded that the decision was in relation to a change of use for buildings. Any implication would be considered by the Local Plan Working Group.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION

It was noted that no motions on notice had been received in accordance with council procedure rule 3.

9. LEADERS REPORT

During his report the Leader covered the following areas:

- Attendance of the Local Government Association Conference in the previous week.
- The formal reopening of Dreamland.
- The flap gate maintenance requirements in Ramsgate Harbour.
- Seasonal Car Park costs, and the proposition of a reduce cost for residents.
- Consultation with RiverOak Strategic Partnerships as part of the DCO process.

- The need to agree a local plan in order to protect green space in the district.
- The decision of the Christ Church University to close it's Broadstairs Campus.
- The Leader and Officers had given a presentation at a conference about tackling rogue landlords.
- Following the Grenfell Tower fire, all Council and East Kent Housing building had been checked to ensure residents were as safe as possible.
- The rising cost of social care for an aging population.
- School admission policies and their impact on achieving preference for school places.
- Additional financial pressure for local governments through the loss of the rate support grant and the lack of a finance bill to allow local governments to fully retain business rates.

Councillor Bayford as Leader of the Conservative Party responded with the following points:

- He welcomed the news that the Dreamland reopening was a success.
- It was good that the housing stock appeared to be free of the fire hazards that led to the Grenfell Tower fire disaster.
- RiverOak should present to Council as Council would approve the Local Plan.
- UKIP did not win any seats in the recent county or general elections.
- The former Manston airport site should remain designated as an airport in the local plan.

Councillor Matterface as leader of the Labour Party made the following points:

- The Christ Church University Campus site was donated to the University by the Council, were there any covenants on the land that would restrict its use to education?
- The Chairman of Invest Thanet had resigned, when would a new Chairman be appointed and the committee reconvened?
- How would the parking permits for residents wishing to use the seasonal car parks work, and where would they be made available?
- Some people had been confused and believed the dual charge proposal related to all car parks.
- Selective licensing should be extended across the District.
- Attfield and others verses the London Borough of Barnet was a court case regarding parking charges on the high street that should be considered when looking at high street charges.

The Leader replied to Councillor Matterface's comments with the following points:

- He would check whether the University land had any covenants and respond to Cllr Matterface in writing.
- A new Chairman would be appointed to Invest Thanet.
- Assuming Cabinet agreement, the seasonal car park permits for residents would be 'stick and peel', available online, by post and at the Gateway.
- The proposal was to have dual charging scheme in the District's five seasonal car parks only.
- Selective licensing had been a success in Thanet as it focused on a particular area most in need of help.

Councillor Grove as leader of the Independent Group had no further comments to add.

Councillor Bambridge left the meeting during this item.

10. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Councillor D Saunders, the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (OSP), presented his report and the following points were noted:

- Since the annual report in March the OSP had met on two occasions. The Corporate Performance Review Working Party met on 27 June, the Community Safety Partnership Working Party is scheduled to meet on 20 July and the Dreamland Working Party is scheduled to meet on 31 July.
- There was a typographical error in paragraph 4.2 of the report; it should say that the next meeting of the Panel was scheduled for 15 August.
- Although take up by the public of the opportunity to speak at OSP meetings has been poor, the chairman asked Members to support an extension of the trial which was due to be considered later in the agenda.

In response to the Chairman’s report it was noted that:

- It would not be within the Chairman of OSP’s gift to call a scrutiny day as proposed by Councillor Johnston.
- Specific questions and an understanding of the objective to be achieved were needed for a topic to be effectively scrutinised.
- In reference to the public speaking trail, the Chairman of OSP agreed that he would allow members of the public to register to speak as long as the question is prepared and deemed suitable, was received before the meeting and there was no one already registered to speak on the item.

11. PUBLIC SPEAKING AT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL MEETINGS

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Leader and Members agreed that the Council adopts the draft public participation scheme as outlined in Annex 1 of the report and amends the Council’s constitution as outlined at Annex 2 of the report.

12. AMENDMENTS TO THE PAY POLICY STATEMENT - 2017/18

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Leader and Members agreed to approve the amended Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18 as set out in Annex 1, subject to an amendment to clarify that membership of the Appointment Panel would be agreed by the General Purposes Committee, and be made up of General Purposes Committee Members. Once amended the Statement would be published.

13. CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES, POLITICAL BALANCE, APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, PANELS AND BOARDS

PROPORTIONALITY

The Leader proposed, Councillor Bayford seconded and Members agreed option 1 as detailed at paragraph 2.6.1 of the report, namely;

“There is no change to the current option of achieving proportionality”

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES

Group leaders advised of changes to sit on committees as summarised in the table below.

Committee / Group	Current Position	New Nomination
Planning Committee		
UKIP	Cllr Jaye-Jones	Cllr Rusiecki
Planning Committee Reserves		
Labour	Cllr Matterface	Cllr Campbell
Standards Committee		

UKIP	Cllr Jaye-Jones	Cllr S Piper
Constitutional Review Working Party		
UKIP	Cllr Jaye-Jones	Cllr Rusiecki
Overview & Scrutiny Panel		
UKIP	Cllr Jaye-Jones	Cllr S Piper
Governance and Audit		
UKIP	Cllr Jaye-Jones	TBC
Governance and Audit Reserves		
UKIP	Cllr Evans	TBC
Corporate Performance Review Working Party		
UKIP	Cllr Jaye-Jones	TBC

Councillor S Piper would replace Councillor Jaye-Jones on the Local Plan Working Group.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Leader proposed, Councillor Grove seconded and Members agreed Councillor J Fairbrass be elected Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee for the remainder of 2017/18.

14. RAMSGATE HARBOUR INNER BASIN DOCK GATE AND LIFTING BRIDGE - PROPOSED REFURBISHMENT WORKS

Members noted the report.

Meeting concluded: 8.30 pm

PETITION ON 2017 PARKING CHARGES

Council	07 September 2017
Report Author	Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Crow-Brown, Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance Services
Status	For Information
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No
Ward:	Thanet Wide

Executive Summary:

A petition containing 829 valid signatures was received by the Council regarding the levels of the 2017 parking charges. The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the result of the Cabinet meeting on 27 July.

Recommendation(s):

To note the report.

No further action needs to be taken by the council.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	If any changes are made to the current parking charges then there will be a reduction in income, also there will be a cost to change the tariff software which is carried out by the machine supplier and our pay by phone provider.
Legal	This matter is dealt with under the Council's scheme for dealing with petitions from the public which is contained within the constitution. If the current charges are changed then the parking orders will need amending.
Corporate	In accordance with the Council's petition scheme if a petition has more than 650 but not less than 1,000 signatories, it will be referred to the Overview & Scrutiny Panel and thereafter to the next available ordinary Full Council meetings. Following a review by the Overview & Scrutiny Panel, Council passed the petition to the next available Cabinet meeting for consideration as the matter related to a Cabinet function.
Equalities Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	Walking access can be obtained from free parking along the public highway at Palm Bay Avenue at any time. The main access to the lower promenade is available to all users (walkers/vehicles) to the Hodges Gap lower promenade during the day when the concession is open.

	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report. (tick those relevant)✓	
	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	
	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	
	Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	
<p>There are no specific equity and equalities issues arising from this report.</p> <p>However it is important to be aware of the Council's responsibility under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) and show evidence that due consideration had been given to the equalities impact that may be brought upon communities by the decisions made by Council.</p>		

CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	✓

CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓	
Delivering value for money	
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	✓

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 Under the terms of the Council's petitions scheme, if a petition has more than 650 but less than 1,000 signatories, it will be referred to the Overview & Scrutiny Panel and thereafter to the next available ordinary Full Council meetings. Following a review by the Overview & Scrutiny Panel, Council passed the petition to the next available Cabinet meeting for consideration as the matter related to a Cabinet function.

1.2 This report informs Council of the result of the Cabinet meeting of the 27 July.

2.0 The Current Situation

2.1 The petition in question was organised by Mr Roy Irving and was validly signed by 829 persons. The petition prayer reads:

"We the undersigned petition the council to We want Thanet District Council to reconsider their increase in parking charges for 2017. Especially in relation to the increase in off street car park charges. Thanet relies on tourism and visitors and the excessive price increases will have a detrimental effect on visitor numbers. The increase for the first hour of parking from £1.60 to £4.00 is not justified and as well as deterring visitors it may also stop people shopping locally where the car parks are in town centres. Thanet needs to encourage tourism and these new charges can only have a negative effect."

2.2 Mr Irving presented his petition to the Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 23 May, and it was agreed as per the Council's constitution to forward the petition to Cabinet.

2.3.1 Cabinet considered the petition at its meeting on the 27 July during which it was noted that on 18 July, Cabinet introduced a new resident only parking scheme to protect local residents and minimise the impact on local businesses. The meeting was advised that a review of the fees and charges for seasonal car parks in Albion Street, Chandos Square, Broadstairs Harbour, Joss Bay, and Marine Esplanade, had been completed following increases in parking charges for those seasonal car parks from the 1st April 2017.

2.3.2 It was reported that the new scheme would operate in exactly the same way as the current on-street parking peel and seal voucher scheme in that residents of the District only could buy a daily parking voucher or a book of vouchers that would allow them to park in any of the five seasonal car parks all day at a heavily subsidised rate.

2.3.3 The cost of the daily charge for residents will be £2.50 for the entire day instead of the current charge of £12. Also residents will be able to buy a book of 20 vouchers for £40, which further reduces the daily charge to just £2.00 per day. The new peel and seal voucher scheme will be in place from the 31st July 2017.

Contact Officer:	Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer
Reporting to:	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

Annex List

None	N/A
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Ramesh Prashar, Head of Financial Services
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer

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QUESTION NO. 1 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC - REGARDING THE PRESENCE OF FAR RIGHT HATE GROUPS IN THANET

Council **07 September 2017**

Report Author **Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager**

Portfolio Holder **Cllr Wells, Leader of Council**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Key Decision **No**

Ward: **All Wards**

Executive Summary:

The Leader of Council will receive a question from Ms Fiona Crawford, a member of the public in relation to the presence of Far Right hate groups in Thanet.

Recommendation(s):

This report is for information.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	There are no identified financial implications from this report.
Legal	There are no legal implications directly from this report.
Corporate	Council Procedure Rule 14 enables Members of Council to ask a Member of the Cabinet or the Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee questions on matters in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affect the district. No Member, however, can submit more than one question to one meeting.
Equalities Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.	
	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	
	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	
	Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	
There are no specific equity and equalities issues arising from this report.		

CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	x

CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓	
Delivering value for money	
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	x

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The following question, addressed to Councillor Wells, the Leader of Council has been received from Ms Fiona Crawford, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 13.

"Will this council condemn the presence of Far Right hate groups in Thanet? The White Lives Matter march last year in Margate -which enabled people to talk blatantly about eugenics outside the Turner Contemporary and the planned Britain First Rally on the 14th October cannot be acceptable in our area."

- 1.2 Under Council Procedure Rule 13.6, the Chairman will invite the questioner to put their question to the Member named in the notice. If the questioner is not present, the question shall not be put and shall be answered in writing.
- 1.3 Under Council Procedure Rule 13.7, if the Member to whom the question is directed is present they will provide an oral answer. If that Member is not present, the question will be answered by the Leader or another Member nominated by the Leader for the purpose unless it is inappropriate for the Leader to give an oral answer or to nominate another Member to give an oral answer, in which case the question will be dealt with by a written answer.
- 1.4 The total time devoted to questions shall not exceed 30 minutes. Any question which cannot be dealt with during that time will be replied to in writing.

Contact Officer:	Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager (7208)
Reporting to:	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance

Annex List

None	N/A
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Background Papers

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None	N/A

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Ramesh Prashar, Head of Financial Services
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

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QUESTION NO. 1 FROM A MEMBER - REGARDING ROUGH SLEEPERS

Council	07 September 2017
Report Author	Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager
Portfolio Holder	Cllr Piper, Cabinet Member for Housing and Open Spaces
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No
Ward:	All Wards

Executive Summary:

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Open Spaces will receive a question from a Member of Council in relation to rough sleepers.

Recommendation(s):

This report is for information.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	There are no identified financial implications from this report.
Legal	There are no legal implications directly from this report.
Corporate	Council Procedure Rule 14 enables Members of Council to ask a Member of the Cabinet or the Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee questions on matters in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affect the district. No Member, however, can submit more than one question to one meeting.
Equalities Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.	
	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	
	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	
	Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	
There are no specific equity and equalities issues arising from this report.		

CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	x

CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓	
Delivering value for money	
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	x

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The following question, addressed to Councillor Piper, Cabinet Member for Housing and Open Spaces has been received from Councillor Matterface in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 14.

Could the cabinet member please give me the most up to date statistics for rough sleepers and the insecurely-housed in Thanet?

- 1.2 Council Procedure Rule 14.3 states that a Member of the Council may ask

- a Member of the Cabinet; or
- the Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee

a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the district.

- 1.3 Council Procedure Rule 14.7 states that an answer may take the form of:

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- c) where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated within three working days to the questioner.

- 1.4 A Member may, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.8, ask one supplementary question without notice to the Member to whom the first question was asked. The supplemental question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply.

- 1.5 The questioner shall have two minutes for the initial question and one minute for the supplementary question and the respondent shall have five minutes for the initial reply and two minutes for the supplementary reply. (Council Procedure Rule 14.9 refers)

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Reporting to:	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance

Annex List

<i>None</i>	<i>N/A</i>
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
<i>None</i>	<i>N/A</i>

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Ramesh Prashar, Head of Financial Services
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

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QUESTION NO. 2 FROM A MEMBER - REGARDING INVEST THANET

Council **07 September 2017**

Report Author **Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager**

Portfolio Holder **Cllr Wells, Leader of the Council**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Key Decision **No**

Ward: **All Wards**

Executive Summary:

The Leader of the Council will receive a question from a Member of Council in relation to Invest Thanet.

Recommendation(s):

This report is for information.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	There are no identified financial implications from this report.
Legal	There are no legal implications directly from this report.
Corporate	Council Procedure Rule 14 enables Members of Council to ask a Member of the Cabinet or the Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee questions on matters in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affect the district. No Member, however, can submit more than one question to one meeting.
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	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.	
	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	
	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	
	Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	
There are no specific equity and equalities issues arising from this report.		

CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	x

CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓	
Delivering value for money	
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	x

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The following question, addressed to Councillor Wells, Leader of the Council has been received from Councillor Johnston in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 14.

Could the Leader please confirm if anyone has been found to replace the Chair of Invest Thanet?

- 1.2 Council Procedure Rule 14.3 states that a Member of the Council may ask

- a Member of the Cabinet; or
- the Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee

a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the district.

- 1.3 Council Procedure Rule 14.7 states that an answer may take the form of:

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- c) where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated within three working days to the questioner.

- 1.4 A Member may, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.8, ask one supplementary question without notice to the Member to whom the first question was asked. The supplemental question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply.

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Agenda Item 7b

Contact Officer:	Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager (7208)
Reporting to:	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance

Annex List

<i>None</i>	<i>N/A</i>
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
<i>None</i>	<i>N/A</i>

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Ramesh Prashar, Head of Financial Services
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

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QUESTION NO. 3 FROM A MEMBER - REGARDING THE PROPOSED BRITAIN FIRST MARCH

Council **07 September 2017**

Report Author **Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager**

Portfolio Holder **Cllr Wells, Leader of Council**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Key Decision **No**

Ward: **All Wards**

Executive Summary:

The Leader of Council will receive a question from a Member of Council in relation to the proposed Britain First march that has been planned to take place in Thanet on 14 October 2017.

Recommendation(s):

This report is for information.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	There are no identified financial implications from this report.
Legal	There are no legal implications directly from this report.
Corporate	Council Procedure Rule 14 enables Members of Council to ask a Member of the Cabinet or the Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee questions on matters in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affect the district. No Member, however, can submit more than one question to one meeting.
Equalities Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.	
	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	
	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	
	Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	
	There are no specific equity and equalities issues arising from this report.	

CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	x

CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓	
Delivering value for money	
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	x

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The following question, addressed to Councillor Wells, the Leader of Council has been received from Councillor Constantine in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 14.

What steps has the Council taken to limit the negative impact on the community of Thanet of the proposed Britain First March ([October 14th 2017](#)) given that this group is racist and xenophobic and in the light of recent atrocities in London, Manchester Barcelona, Finland, Charlottesville and other places.

- 1.2 Council Procedure Rule 14.3 states that a Member of the Council may ask

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- the Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee

a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the district.

- 1.3 Council Procedure Rule 14.7 states that an answer may take the form of:

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Reporting to:	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance

Annex List

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Background Papers

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None	N/A

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Ramesh Prashar, Head of Financial Services
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

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LEADER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

Council	07 September 2017
Report Author	Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer
Portfolio Holder	The Leader
Status	For Information
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No

Executive Summary:

To receive a report from the Leader in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.4

Recommendation(s):

None - This report is for information only.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.	
Legal	There are no legal implications arising from this report.	
Corporate	The Leaders report helps to contribute to the promoting open communications corporate value.	
Equalities Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	
	Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.	
	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.	
	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	x
	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	x
Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	x	

Agenda Item 9

	The Council demonstrates due regard to the aims of the Public Sector Equality Duty when conducting its business, this due regard is mirrored in the leaders report which provides an update on key issues arising since the last meeting of Council.
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CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	

CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓	
Delivering value for money	
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	x

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 Council Procedure Rule 2.4 provides that:

<p>The Leader of the Council will make available in writing the content of his oral report to opposition group leaders no later than the Saturday before the meeting. The speech will not exceed ten minutes on key issues arising since the last meeting of Council.</p> <p>The Leaders of any other political group may comment on the Leader's report. The comments of the Leaders of the other political groups shall be limited each to five minutes. The other Group Leaders will comment in an order determined by the number of Councillors within those political groups, with the largest group commenting first, and so on.</p> <p>The Leader has a right of reply to each Group Leader limited to two minutes, in hierarchical order, to any comments made on his/her report.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council, the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of any other political group may appoint substitutes to speak on their behalf.</p> <p>No motions may be moved nor resolutions passed under this item.</p>

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Annex List

None	N/A
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Matt Sanham, Corporate Finance Manager
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL CHAIRMAN’S REPORT TO COUNCIL

Council	07 September 2017
Report Author	Cllr D. Saunders, Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel
Portfolio Holder	Cllr Crow-Brown, Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance
Status	For Information
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No
Ward:	Thanet Wide

Executive Summary:

The purpose of the report is to highlight some of the key activities that have planned for by the Overview & Scrutiny Panel during the course of this municipal year 2017/18 and progress to date regarding implementation of the Panel’s work programme.

Recommendation(s):

1. Members are invited to discuss and note the report.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	There are no financial implications directly arising from this report. The report provides a briefing to Full Council about the current work activities of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel.
Legal	There are no legal implications directly arising from this report. A presentation of the OSP Chairman’s report to Full Council enables the Chairman to fulfil their duty as is required by the Council’s Constitution.
Corporate	<p>There are no corporate risks associated with this report. The report enables discussion by Members at Full Council on the activities of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel.</p> <p>The debate on the OSP Chairman’s report contributes to open communication across the council. A strong scrutiny function contributes to an open democratic process for decision making and delivery of value for money services as council decisions are interrogated by Members before they are implemented. In instances where such decisions are interrogated after implementation, there will be lessons to learn for future policy development.</p>

Equalities Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	<p>Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</p> <p>Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.</p> <p>Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.</p> <p>Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,</p> <p>Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it</p> <p>Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</p> <p>No implications arise directly but the Council needs to retain a strong focus and understanding on issues of diversity amongst the local community and ensure service delivery matches these.</p> <p>It is important to be aware of the Council's responsibility under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) and show evidence that due consideration had been given to the equalities impact that may be brought upon communities by the decisions made by Council.</p>
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CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓		CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment		Delivering value for money	✓
Promoting inward investment and job creation		Supporting the Workforce	
Supporting neighbourhoods	✓	Promoting open communications	✓

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 At each ordinary Full Council meeting, the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel presents a report on the work undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel since the last Council meeting.
- 1.2 Such a report will be subject to comment or debate by Members. This is in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.1 of Part 4 of the Council Constitution.

- 1.3 The report will therefore provide the basis for debate by Members on on-going scrutiny activities and hopefully lead to sharing of views and ideas to enhance the Council's scrutiny function.

2.0 Community Safety Partnership Working Party

- 2.1 The working party met on 20 July and agreed to review two topics; Crime Statistics in Thanet and topical Operational Services issues including parking enforcement (at schools) and fly tipping in the district. Kent Police have agreed to attend a meeting of the working party in September to lead on the discussion about crime statistics in the area. Additional topics for review by the working party will be identified during the course of the year.
- 2.2 Members also recommended to the Panel that a request be forwarded to the executive that a presentation be made at a Members Briefing session on 'Council services to the homeless in Thanet.'

3.0 Corporate Performance Review Working Party

- 3.1 The working party met on 27 June to consider the following reports will meet on 04 September to consider performance reports for the first quarter of the 2017/18 financial year.

4.0 Dreamland Working Group

- 4.1 The sub group met for its fourth and last meeting on 31 July and received a presentation on the Dreamland Project, the historical facts regarding the works undertaken from the initial construction, architectural designs used and current refurbishment works and costs involved.
- 4.2 Members were also briefed of the current progress regarding Phase 2 of the project which would see the Council identifying potential operator(s) for the restaurant, café and bars.
- 4.3 Members concluded that some important lessons had been learnt about project management and were satisfied despite the challenges, that Phase 1 had been successfully carried out and laid a good foundation for Phase 2. The lessons learnt would be used to successfully manage Dreamland Phase 2.

5.0 Scrutinising the Draft Local Plan

- 5.1 The Council is currently working on a draft local Plan that will be formally published early in 2018. It is hoped that once Cabinet has formally resolved to recommend the draft Plan document to Council for Publication, the Overview & Scrutiny Panel will have an opportunity to conduct a pre-decision scrutiny on the proposals in the Plan.
- 5.2 The scrutiny process would be conducted through a sub group. The sub group will hold a series of briefings/workshops facilitated by officers in the Planning Department. This approach would enable Members to study the proposals in the draft Local Plan in more depth at a strategic point in the decision making process. This will offer Members an opportunity to make recommendations for to Cabinet and then Council.
- 5.3 At the August meeting, the Panel agreed the approach detailed above and set up the Local Plan Working Group made up of all members of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel. The working group will conduct the review through three workshops between end of

October and first week of November. The review would end with a formal Panel meeting in November where recommendations would be put forward to cabinet.

6.0 Call-In of Cabinet Decisions

- 6.1 The Panel called-in a key officer decision on the 'Closure of the Ramsgate District Office' and the issue was considered at an extraordinary meeting on 26 July.
- 6.2 Although Members did not suggest any changes to the actual decision made they requested that mitigatory measures be put in place in order to manage the adverse effects the decision might have on some residents.
- 6.3 The Director of East Kent Services, (the decision maker) agreed to take some measures highlighted in the extraordinary Panel minutes in the link provided here: [Extraordinary OSP Minutes](#).

7.0 Cabinet Presentations at OSP Meetings

- 7.1 There were no Cabinet Member presentations since the last Full Council meeting. The Leader of Council will be giving a presentation at the Panel meeting on 24 October. This will be an update on 'the proposals for the East Kent Merger and the implications arising from the decision by Cabinet not to pursuing that initiative further as a result of similar decision being made by the neighbouring local authorities.'

8.0 OSP Recommendations to Cabinet - Implementation Monitoring

- 8.1 The Panel considered a petition on Parking Charges for 2017/18 that had been referred to the Panel Full Council and recommended that Cabinet reconsiders the decision made by Council and revert the parking charges to the 2016/17 levels. Full council further referred the petition to Cabinet who in turn considered the issue on 27 July.
- 8.2 The petition scheme requires that all Council referrals would need to go back to Full Council for information. This issue is reported else on the Council agenda.

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Annex List

None	N/A
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Ramesh Prashar, Head of Financial Services
Legal	Sophia Nartey, Interim Head of Legal Services & Deputy Monitoring Officer

ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW 2016/17

Council	07 September 2017
Report Author	Tim Willis, Section 151 Officer
Portfolio Holder	Portfolio Holder for Financial Services and Estates
Status	For Decision
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No
Reasons for Key	N/A
Previously Considered by	Governance and Audit Committee – 28 June 2017 Cabinet – 27 July 2017
Ward:	N/A

Executive Summary:

This report summarises treasury management activity and prudential/ treasury indicators for 2016/17.

Recommendation(s):

That Council:

- Notes the actual 2016/17 prudential and treasury indicators in this report.
- Approves the Annual Treasury Management report for 2016/17.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	The financial implications are highlighted in this report.
Legal	Section 151 of the 1972 Local Government Act requires a suitably qualified named officer to keep control of the Council's finances. For this Council, this is the Director of Corporate Resources, Tim Willis, and this report is helping to carry out that function.
Corporate	Failure to undertake this process will impact on the Council's compliance with the Treasury Management Code of Practice.
Equalities Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	There are no equity and equalities implications arising directly from this report, but the Council needs to retain a strong focus and understanding on issues of diversity amongst the local community and ensure service delivery matches these.

	It is important to be aware of the Council’s responsibility under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) and show evidence that due consideration had been given to the equalities impact that may be brought upon communities by the decisions made by Council.
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CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	

CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓	
Delivering value for money	✓
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 This Council is required by regulations issued under the Local Government Finance Act 2003 to produce an annual treasury management review of activities and the actual prudential and treasury indicators for 2016/17. This report meets the requirements of both the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code) and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (the Prudential Code).
- 1.2 During 2016/17 the minimum reporting requirements were that the full Council should receive the following reports:
- an annual treasury strategy in advance of the year (Council 04/02/2016)
 - a mid-year treasury update report (Council 09/02/2017)
 - an annual review following the end of the year describing the activity compared to the strategy (this report)
- 1.3 The regulatory environment places responsibility on members for the review and scrutiny of treasury management policy and activities. This report is, therefore, important in that respect, as it provides details of the outturn position for treasury activities and highlights compliance with the Council’s policies previously approved by members.
- 1.4 This Council confirms that it has complied with the requirement under the Code to give prior scrutiny to all of the above treasury management reports by the Governance and Audit Committee before they were reported to the full Council. Member training on treasury management issues was last undertaken on 21/09/2015 in order to support members’ scrutiny role. The Council’s external treasury management advisor is Capita Asset Services (Capita).
- 1.5 The Council’s 2016/17 accounts have not yet been audited and hence the figures in this report are subject to change.

2.0 Capita's Review of the Economy and Interest Rates (issued by Capita in April 2017)

- 2.1 The two major landmark events that had a significant influence on financial markets in the 2016/17 financial year were the UK EU referendum on 23 June and the election of President Trump in the USA on 9 November. The first event had an immediate impact in terms of market expectations of when the first increase in Bank Rate would happen, pushing it back from quarter 3 2018 to quarter 4 2019. At its 4 August meeting, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) cut Bank Rate from 0.5% to 0.25% and the Bank of England's Inflation Report produced forecasts warning of a major shock to economic activity in the UK, which would cause economic growth to fall almost to zero in the second half of 2016. The MPC also warned that it would be considering cutting Bank Rate again towards the end of 2016 in order to support growth. In addition, it restarted quantitative easing with purchases of £60bn of gilts and £10bn of corporate bonds, and also introduced the Term Funding Scheme whereby potentially £100bn of cheap financing was made available to banks.
- 2.2 In the second half of 2016, the UK economy confounded the Bank's pessimistic forecasts of August. After a disappointing quarter 1 of only +0.2% GDP growth, the three subsequent quarters of 2016 came in at +0.6%, +0.5% and +0.7% to produce an annual growth for 2016 overall, compared to 2015, of no less than 1.8%, which was very nearly the fastest rate of growth of any of the G7 countries. Needless to say, this meant that the MPC did not cut Bank Rate again after August but, since then, inflation has risen rapidly due to the effects of the sharp devaluation of sterling after the referendum.

3.0 Overall Treasury Position as at 31 March 2017

- 3.1 At the beginning and the end of 2016/17 the Council's treasury (excluding borrowing by private finance initiatives (PFI) and finance leases) position is outlined in Table 1.

Table 1 - Overall Treasury Position as at 31 March 2017

	31 March 2016 Principal £'000	Rate/ Return	Average Life Years	31 March 2017 Principal £'000	Rate/ Return	Average Life Years
General Fund (GF) debt	9,179	3.26%	13.8	11,629	3.14%	14.2
Housing Revenue Account (HRA) debt	20,041	4.03%	9.7	20,040	4.03%	8.9
Total debt	29,220	3.78%	11.0	31,669	3.71%	10.8
GF CFR	27,067			26,706		
HRA CFR	20,241			20,377		
Total CFR	47,308			47,083		
Over / (under) borrowing	(18,088)			(15,414)		
Total investments	28,612	0.55%		37,988	0.49%	
Net debt / (investment)	608			(6,319)		

4.0 The Strategy for 2016/17

- 4.1 The expectation for interest rates within the treasury management strategy for 2016/17 anticipated low but rising Bank Rate, (starting in quarter 2 of 2016), and gradual rises in medium and longer term fixed borrowing rates during 2016/17. Variable, or short-term rates, were expected to be the cheaper form of borrowing over the period. Continued uncertainty in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis promoted a cautious approach, whereby investments would continue to be dominated by low counterparty risk considerations, resulting in relatively low returns compared to borrowing rates.
- 4.2 In this scenario, the treasury strategy was to postpone borrowing to avoid the cost of holding higher levels of investments and to reduce counterparty risk.
- 4.3 During 2016/17 there was major volatility in PWLB rates with rates falling during quarters 1 and 2 to reach historically very low levels in July and August, before rising significantly during quarter 3, and then partially easing back towards the end of the year.
- 4.4 **Change in strategy during the year** – the strategy adopted in the original Treasury Management Strategy Report for 2016/17 approved by the Council on 04/02/16 was not revised during 2016/17.

5.0 The Borrowing Requirement and Debt

- 5.1 The Council's underlying need to borrow to finance capital expenditure is termed the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) is shown in Table 2.

Table 2 - Council's Capital Financing Requirement

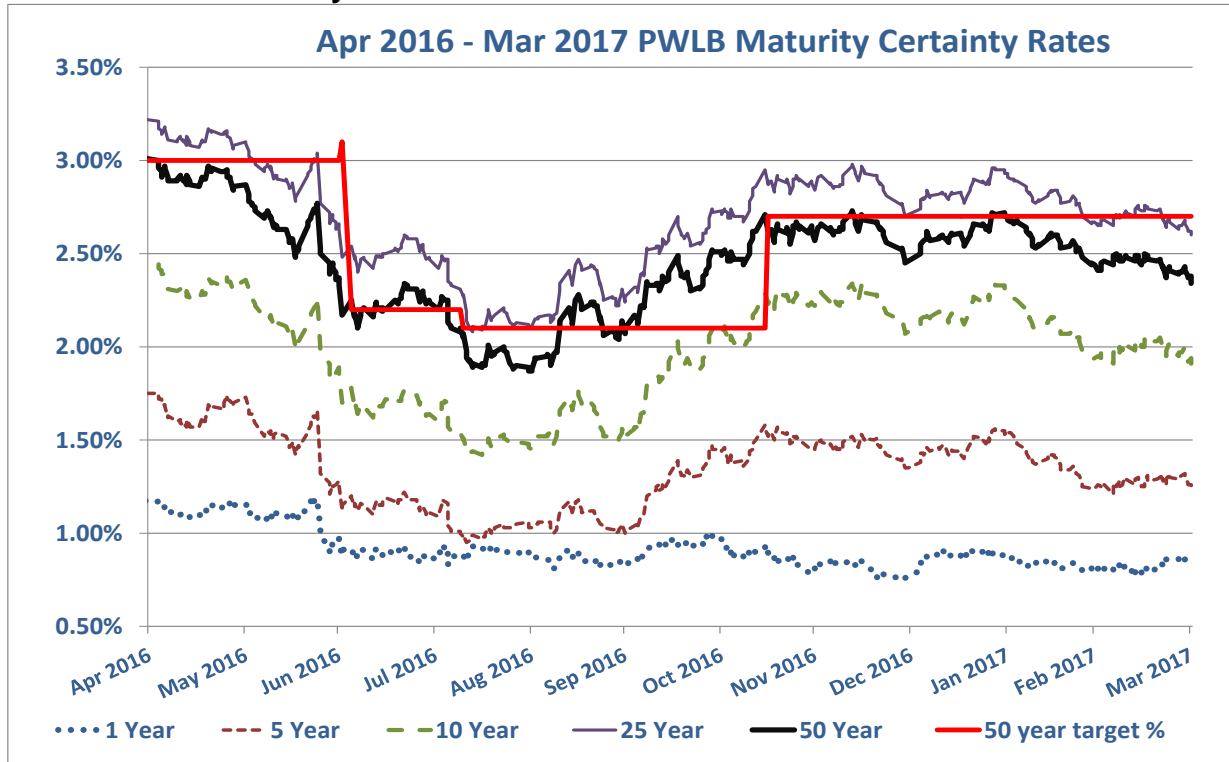
	31 March 2016 Actual £'000	31 March 2017 Budget £'000	31 March 2017 Actual £'000
CFR General Fund (GF)	27,067	29,189	26,706
CFR Housing Revenue Account (HRA)	20,241	27,477	20,377
Total CFR	47,308	56,666	47,083

The 2016/17 HRA capital expenditure budget included £14.5m subsequently re-profiled to 2017/18 in the Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/21. This re-profiled amount was due to increase the HRA Capital Financing Requirement by £6.7m.

6.0 Borrowing Rates in 2016/17

- 6.1 **Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) certainty maturity borrowing rates** - the graph in Table 3 shows how PWLB certainty rates have fallen to historically very low levels during the year.

Table 3 – PWLB Certainty Rates



7.0 **Borrowing Outturn for 2016/17**

7.1 **Borrowing** – Table 4 outlines the General Fund loans drawn from the PWLB to fund net unfinanced capital expenditure and any naturally maturing debt:

Table 4 –General Fund Loans from PWLB in 2016/17

Principal £000	Type	Interest Rate	Maturity	GF Average Interest Rate for 2016/17
2,000	Fixed interest rate - Maturity	3.09%	18/10/2038	3.14%
1,000	Fixed interest rate - EIP	1.28%	20/06/2023	3.14%

This compares with a budget assumption of borrowing at an interest rate of 5% for the £2m loan and 4% for the £1m loan.

7.2 **Rescheduling** – No rescheduling was done during the year as the average 1% differential between PWLB new borrowing rates and premature repayment rates made rescheduling unviable.

7.3 **Repayments** – The Council repaid £550k of maturing debt using investment balances. Details of these are outlined in Table 5.

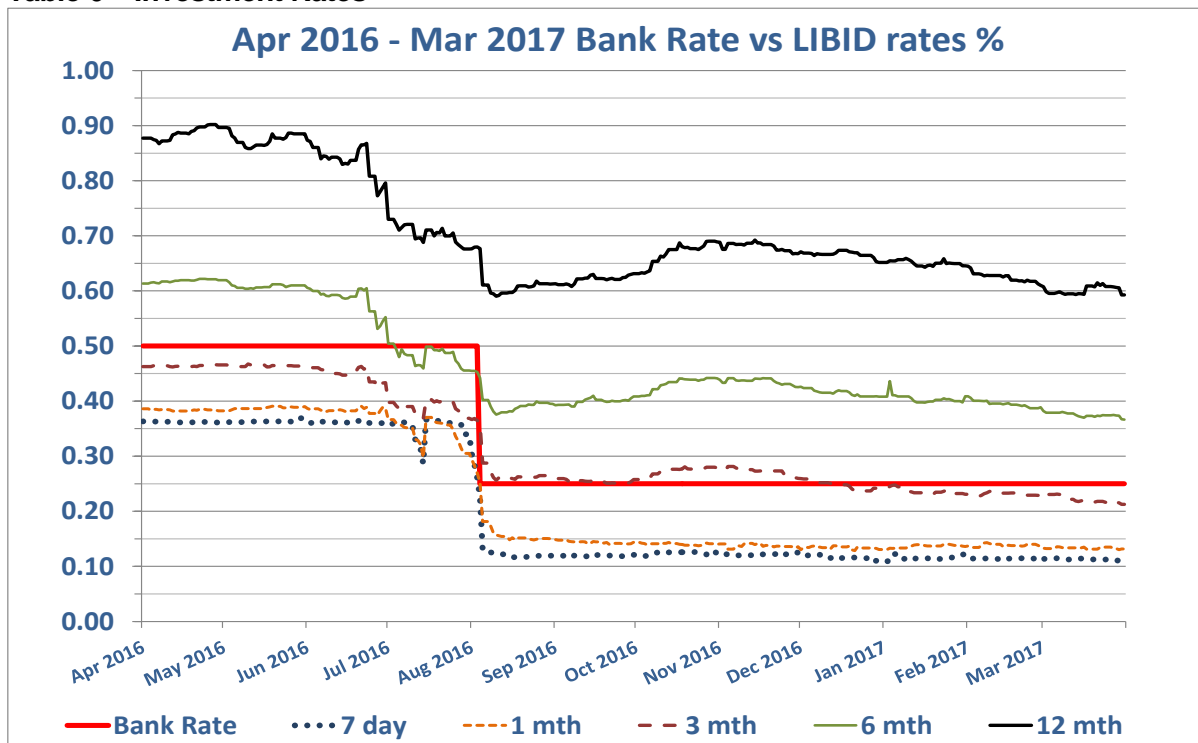
Table 5 – PWLB Maturing Debt Paid in 2016/17

Lender	Principal £'000	Interest Rate	Repayment Date
PWLB	43	3.08%	23/04/16
PWLB	50	2.48%	27/05/16
PWLB	146	1.97%	27/05/16
PWLB	43	3.08%	23/10/16
PWLB	50	2.48%	27/11/16
PWLB	146	1.97%	27/11/16
PWLB	72	1.28%	20/12/16
Total	550		

7.4 **Summary of debt transactions** – The above changes in the debt portfolio resulted in a decrease in the average interest rate of 0.07%, representing an interest saving of £22k on the weighted average of the 2016/17 debt principal.

8.0 **Investment Rates in 2016/17**

Table 6 – Investment Rates



8.1 After the EU referendum, the Bank of England Base Rate was cut from 0.5% to 0.25% on 4 August and remained at that level for the rest of the year. Market expectations as to the timing of the start of monetary tightening started the year at quarter 3, 2018, but then moved back to around the end of 2019 in early August before finishing the year back at

quarter 3, 2018. Deposit rates continued into the start of 2016/17 at previous depressed levels but then fell during the first two quarters and fell even further after the 4 August MPC meeting resulted in a large tranche of cheap financing being made available to the banking sector by the Bank of England. Rates made a weak recovery towards the end of 2016 but then fell to fresh lows in March 2017.

9.0 Investment Outturn for 2016/17

9.1 **Investment Policy** – the Council's investment policy is governed by Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) guidance, which has been implemented in the annual investment strategy approved by the Council on 4 February 2016. This policy sets out the approach for choosing investment counterparties, and is based on credit ratings provided by the three main credit rating agencies, supplemented by additional market data (such as rating outlooks, credit default swaps, bank share prices etc.).

9.2 The investment activity during the year conformed to the approved strategy, apart from exceeding the £0.5m bank overdraft benchmark for one day only. This was a technical breach and the Council had no liquidity difficulties during the year.

9.3 **Investments held by the Council** - the Council maintained an average balance of £43.47m of internally managed funds. The internally managed funds earned an average rate of return of 0.49%. The comparable performance indicator is the average 7-day London Interbank Bid Rate (LIBID) rate, which was 0.20%. This compares with a budget assumption of £20m investment balances earning an average rate of 0.90%.

9.4 **Investments held by fund managers** – the Council does not use external fund managers.

10.0 Investment risk benchmarking

10.1 The following investment benchmarks were set in the Council's 2016/17 annual treasury strategy:

10.2 **Security** - The Council's maximum security risk benchmark for the current portfolio, when compared to historic default tables, is:

- 0.05% historic risk of default when compared to the whole portfolio.

10.3 **Liquidity** – in respect of this area the Council seeks to maintain:

- Bank overdraft - £0.5m
- Liquid short term deposits of at least £10m available with a week's notice.
- Weighted average life benchmark is expected to be 0.5 years, with a maximum of 1.0 year.

10.4 **Yield** - local measures of yield benchmarks are:

- Investments – internal returns above the 7 day LIBID rate

10.5 The Council kept to the above benchmarks during 2016/17 apart from exceeding the bank overdraft benchmark as referred to in section 9.2 above.

11.0 Options

11.1 The recommended option (to ensure regulatory compliance as set out in section 1 of this report) is that Council:

- Notes the actual 2016/17 prudential and treasury indicators in this report.
- Approves the Annual Treasury Management report for 2016/17.

11.2 Alternatively, Council may decide not to do this and provide reason(s) why.

12.0 Disclaimer

12.1 This report is a technical document focussing on public sector investments and borrowings and, as such, readers should not use the information contained within the report to inform personal investment or borrowing decisions. Neither Thanet District Council nor any of its officers or employees makes any representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained herein (such information being subject to change without notice) and shall not be in any way responsible or liable for the contents hereof and no reliance should be placed on the accuracy, fairness or completeness of the information contained in this document. Any opinions, forecasts or estimates herein constitute a judgement and there can be no assurance that they will be consistent with future results or events. No person accepts any liability whatsoever for any loss howsoever arising from any use of this document or its contents or otherwise in connection therewith.

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Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer

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Annex 1: Prudential and Treasury Indicators

1. During 2016/17, the Council complied with its legislative and regulatory requirements apart from exceeding the bank overdraft benchmark as referred to in section 9.2 of the main report. The key actual prudential and treasury indicators detailing the impact of capital expenditure activities during the year, with comparators, are shown in Table 1.

Table 1 – Prudential and Treasury Indicators

Actual prudential and treasury indicators	2015/16 Actual £000	2016/17 Budget £000	2016/17 Actual £000
Capital expenditure			
• GF	12,720	12,311	8,087
• HRA	5,030	22,177	5,156
• Total	17,750	34,488	13,243
Capital Financing Requirement:			
• GF	27,067	29,189	26,706
• HRA	20,241	27,477	20,377
• Total	47,308	56,666	47,083
External debt	29,220	40,434	31,669
Investments			
• Longer than 1 year	0	0	0
• Under 1 year	28,612	25,000	37,988
• Total	28,612	25,000	37,988
Net borrowing / (investment)	608	15,434	(6,319)

HRA: The 2016/17 capital expenditure budget includes £14.5m subsequently re-profiled to 2017/18 in the Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/21. This re-profiled amount was due to increase the Capital Financing Requirement by £6.7m.

GF: The 2016/17 capital expenditure budget includes £2.2m subsequently re-profiled to 2017/18 in the Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/21.

2. **Gross borrowing and the CFR** - in order to ensure that borrowing levels are prudent over the medium term and only for a capital purpose, the Council should ensure that its gross external borrowing does not, except in the short term, exceed the total of the capital financing requirement in the preceding year (2016/17) plus the estimates of any additional capital financing requirement for the current (2017/18) and next two financial years. This essentially means that the Council is not borrowing to support revenue expenditure. This indicator allows the Council some flexibility to borrow in advance of its immediate capital needs in 2016/17.

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3. **The authorised limit** - the authorised limit is the “affordable borrowing limit” required by s3 of the Local Government Act 2003. Once this has been set, the Council does not have the power to borrow above this level. The table below demonstrates that during 2016/17 the Council has maintained gross borrowing within its authorised limit.
4. **The operational boundary** – the operational boundary is the expected borrowing position of the Council during the year. Periods where the actual position is either below or over the boundary is acceptable subject to the authorised limit not being breached.
5. **Actual financing costs as a proportion of net revenue stream** - this indicator identifies the trend in the cost of capital (borrowing and other long term obligation costs net of investment income) against the net revenue stream.

Table 2 – Borrowing position / limit and financing costs

£000	2016/17
Authorised limit	66,000
Maximum gross borrowing position	31,980
Operational boundary	58,000
Average gross borrowing position	31,587
Financing costs as a proportion of net revenue stream - GF	6.7%
Financing costs as a proportion of net revenue stream - HRA	5.6%

Table 3 – Overall Treasury Position as at 31 March 2017

	31 March 2016 Principal	Rate/ Return	Average Life yrs	31 March 2017 Principal	Rate/ Return	Average Life yrs
Fixed rate funding:						
-PWLB	24,720	3.71%	12.9	27,169	3.63%	12.5
-Market	4,500	4.19%	0.5	4,500	4.19%	0.5
Variable rate funding:						
-PWLB	0			0		
-Market	0			0		
Total debt	29,220	3.78%	11.0	31,669	3.71%	10.8
CFR	47,308			47,083		
Over/ (under) borrowing	(18,088)			(15,414)		
Total investments	28,612	0.55%		37,988	0.49%	
Net debt / (investment)	608			(6,319)		

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6. The maturity structure of the debt portfolio was as shown in Table 4.

Table 4 – Maturity Structure of Debt Portfolio

£000	31 March 2016 actual	2016/17 upper limits	31 March 2017 actual
Under 1 year	4,980	15,835	5,123
1 year to under 2 years	480	15,835	623
2 years to under 5 years	6,239	15,835	10,215
5 years to under 10 years	6,975	17,418	3,249
10 years to under 20 years	6,626	15,835	6,539
20 years to under 30 years	1,000	15,835	3,000
30 years to under 40 years	1,920	15,835	1,920
40 years to under 50 years	1,000	15,835	1,000
50 years and above	0	15,835	0
Total debt	29,220		31,669

7. All investments at both the 2015/16 and 2016/17 year-ends were for under one year.
8. The exposure to fixed and variable rates was as shown in Table 5.

Table 5 – Exposure to Fixed and Variable Rates

	31 March 2016 Actual £000	2016/17 Limits £000	31 March 2017 Actual £000
Fixed rate	29,220 debt	66,000 debt	31,669 debt
	11,757 investments	45,000 investments	12,811 investments
Variable rate	0 debt	66,000 debt	0 debt
	16,855 investments	50,000 investments	25,177 investments

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Annex 2: Report Guidance

Overall Treasury Position

The Overall Treasury Position table shows the Council's debt and Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) split between its General Fund (GF) and Housing Revenue Account (HRA). The HRA is a 'ring-fenced' account for local authority housing.

The CFR represents the Council's aggregate borrowing need (the element of the capital programme that has not been funded). The Council's debt should not normally be higher than its CFR as explained in section 2 of Annex 1.

Borrowing Repayments

PWLB is the Public Works Loan Board which is a statutory body operating within the UK Debt Management Office, an Executive Agency of HM Treasury. PWLB's function is to lend money from the National Loans Fund to local authorities, and to collect the repayments.

The Council has the following types of fixed rate loan with the PWLB:

- Annuity: fixed half-yearly payments to include principal and interest.
- Equal Instalments of Principal: equal half-yearly payments of principal together with interest on the outstanding balance.
- Maturity: half-yearly payments of interest only with a single payment of principal at the end of the term.

Financing Costs as a Proportion of Net Revenue Stream

This shows (separately for HRA and GF) the percentage of the Council's revenue stream that is used to finance the CFR (net interest payable and Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP)).

MRP is the annual resource contribution from revenue which must be set against the CFR so that it does not increase indefinitely.

Borrowing and Investments

Borrowing limits – there are various general controls on the Council's borrowing activity (operational boundary, authorised limit, fixed and variable interest rate exposures, and maturity profiles).

General controls on the Council's investment activity, to safeguard the security and liquidity of its investments, include:

- Creditworthiness of investment counterparties.
- Counterparty money limits.
- Counterparty time limits.
- Counterparty country limits.
- Limits on the Council's fixed and variable interest rate exposures.
- Minimum size of the Council's bank overdraft facility.

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Annex 3: Abbreviations and Definitions

- ALMO** an Arm's Length Management Organisation is a not-for-profit company that provides housing services on behalf of a local authority. Usually an ALMO is set up by the authority to manage and improve all or part of its housing stock.
- CAS** Capita Asset Services, Treasury solutions – the council's treasury management advisers.
- CE** Capital Economics - is the economics consultancy that provides Capita Asset Services, Treasury solutions, with independent economic forecasts, briefings and research.
- CFR** Capital Financing Requirement - the council's annual underlying borrowing need to finance capital expenditure and a measure of the council's total outstanding indebtedness.
- CIPFA** Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy – the professional accounting body that oversees and sets standards in local authority finance and treasury management.
- CLG** The Department for Communities and Local Government - the Government department that directs local authorities in England.
- CPI** Consumer Price Inflation – the official measure of inflation adopted as a common standard by countries in the EU. It is a measure that examines the weighted average of prices of a basket of consumer goods and services, such as transportation, food and medical care. It is calculated by taking price changes for each item in the predetermined basket of goods and averaging them.
- ECB** European Central Bank - the central bank for the Eurozone.
- EU** European Union.
- EZ** Eurozone -those countries in the EU which use the euro as their currency.
- Fed** The Federal Reserve, often referred to simply as "the Fed," is the central bank of the United States. It was created by the Congress to provide the nation with a stable monetary and financial system.
- FOMC** the Federal Open Market Committee – this is the branch of the Federal Reserve Board which determines monetary policy in the USA by setting interest rates and determining quantitative easing policy. It is composed of 12 members--the seven members of the Board of Governors and five of the 12 Reserve Bank presidents.
- GDP** Gross Domestic Product – a measure of the growth and total size of the economy.
- G7** The group of seven countries that form an informal bloc of industrialised democracies--the United States, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom--that meets annually to discuss issues such as global economic governance, international security, and energy policy.
- Gilts** Gilts are bonds issued by the UK Government to borrow money on the financial markets. Interest paid by the Government on gilts is called a yield and is at a rate that is fixed for the duration until maturity of the gilt, (unless a gilt is index linked to inflation); yields

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therefore change inversely to the price of gilts i.e. a rise in the price of a gilt will mean that its yield will fall.

- HRA** Housing Revenue Account.
- IMF** International Monetary Fund - the lender of last resort for national governments which get into financial difficulties.
- LIBID** The London Interbank Bid Rate is a bid rate; the rate bid by banks on deposits i.e., the rate at which a bank is willing to borrow from other banks. It is the "other end" of the LIBOR (an offered, hence "ask" rate, the rate at which a bank will lend).
- MPC** The Monetary Policy Committee is a committee of the Bank of England, which meets for one and a half days, eight times a year, to determine monetary policy by setting the official interest rate in the United Kingdom, (the Bank of England Base Rate, commonly called Bank Rate), and by making decisions on quantitative easing.
- MRP** Minimum Revenue Provision - a statutory annual minimum revenue charge to reduce the total outstanding CFR, (the total indebtedness of a local authority).
- PFI** Private Finance Initiative – capital expenditure financed by the private sector i.e. not by direct borrowing by a local authority.
- PWLB** Public Works Loan Board – this is the part of H.M. Treasury which provides loans to local authorities to finance capital expenditure.
- QE** Quantitative Easing – is an unconventional form of monetary policy where a central bank creates new money electronically to buy financial assets, like government bonds, (but may also include corporate bonds). This process aims to stimulate economic growth through increased private sector spending in the economy and also aims to return inflation up to target. These purchases increase the supply of liquidity to the economy; this policy is employed when lowering interest rates has failed to stimulate economic growth to an acceptable level and to lift inflation up to target. Once QE has achieved its objectives of stimulating growth and inflation, QE will be reversed by selling the bonds the central bank had previously purchased, or by not replacing debt that it held which matures. The aim of this reversal is to ensure that inflation does not exceed its target once the economy recovers from a sustained period of depressed growth and inflation, and economic growth, and increases in inflation, are threatening to gather too much momentum if action is not taken to 'cool' the economy.
- RPI** The Retail Price Index is a measure of inflation that measures the change in the cost of a representative sample of retail goods and services. It was the UK standard for measurement of inflation until the UK changed to using the EU standard measure of inflation – CPI. The main difference between RPI and CPI is in the way that housing costs are treated. RPI is often higher than CPI.
- TMSS** the annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement report that all local authorities are required to submit for approval by the full council before the start of each financial year.
- VRP** a Voluntary Revenue Provision to repay debt, in the annual budget, which is additional to the annual MRP charge, (see above definition).

REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Council – 7 September 2017

Report Author	Committee Services Manager
Portfolio Holder	Cllr Derek Crow-Brown, Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance Services
Status	For Decision
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No

Executive Summary:

This report is asking Council to approve a suggested change the TDC representative on the East Kent Housing Board.

Recommendation(s):

That Council agrees that Cllr S Piper replaces Cllr L Fairbrass as the TDC representative to the East Kent Housing Board.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	There are no direct financial implications from this report. However members allowances included in the annual budget are based on the existing structure and any increase in size or number of committees would require approval of the resulting increase in the budget.
Legal	None
Corporate	The Council appoints representatives to outside bodies in order to express the views of the Council to those bodies on the work they undertake, and to feed back to the Council issues emerging from those bodies that relate to Council activities.
Equalities Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.	
	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	
	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	
	Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	
<i>There are no direct equalities implications to this report as although there are Councillors from the protected groups, there are no restrictions on who may be appointed to represent the Council on outside bodies.</i>		

CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	✓
Promoting inward investment and job creation	✓
Supporting neighbourhoods	✓

CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓	
Delivering value for money	
Supporting the Workforce	✓
Promoting open communications	✓

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 Council has two categories of outside bodies: those that relate to an Executive function and hence appointments should be made by the Cabinet, and those for which appointments should be made by Council. The body in question – the East Kent Housing Board is on the non-executive list and so is appointed by Council.

2.0 The Current Situation

2.1 The Leader has proposed a change to the nomination to the East Kent Housing Board on the list of Non-Executive outside bodies, to reflect the recent change in portfolio responsibilities. The Leader is proposing that Cllr Piper replaces Cllr L Fairbrass as the East Kent Housing Board representative.

2.2 It is for Council to decide the nominations to the Non-Executive outside bodies.

3.0 Decision Making Process

3.1 Council is the decision making body.

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None	
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	

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THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM

Do I have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and if so what action should I take?

Your Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) are those interests that are, or should be, listed on your Register of Interest Form.

If you are at a meeting and the subject relating to one of your DPIs is to be discussed, in so far as you are aware of the DPI, you **must** declare the existence **and** explain the nature of the DPI during the declarations of interest agenda item, at the commencement of the item under discussion, or when the interest has become apparent

Once you have declared that you have a DPI (unless you have been granted a dispensation by the Standards Committee or the Monitoring Officer, for which you will have applied to the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting) you **must:-**

1. Not speak or vote on the matter;
2. Withdraw from the meeting room during the consideration of the matter;
3. Not seek to improperly influence the decision on the matter.

Do I have a significant interest and if so what action should I take?

A significant interest is an interest (other than a DPI or an interest in an Authority Function) which:

1. Affects the financial position of yourself and/or an associated person; or Relates to the determination of your application for any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration made by, or on your behalf of, you and/or an associated person;
2. And which, in either case, a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as being so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgment of the public interest.

An associated person is defined as:

- A family member or any other person with whom you have a close association, including your spouse, civil partner, or somebody with whom you are living as a husband or wife, or as if you are civil partners; or
- Any person or body who employs or has appointed such persons, any firm in which they are a partner, or any company of which they are directors; or
- Any person or body in whom such persons have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000;
- Any body of which you are in a position of general control or management and to which you are appointed or nominated by the Authority; or
- any body in respect of which you are in a position of general control or management and which:
 - exercises functions of a public nature; or
 - is directed to charitable purposes; or
 - has as its principal purpose or one of its principal purposes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)

An Authority Function is defined as: -

- Housing - where you are a tenant of the Council provided that those functions do not relate particularly to your tenancy or lease; or
- Any allowance, payment or indemnity given to members of the Council;
- Any ceremonial honour given to members of the Council
- Setting the Council Tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992

If you are at a meeting and you think that you have a significant interest then you **must** declare the existence **and** nature of the significant interest at the commencement of the

matter, or when the interest has become apparent, or the declarations of interest agenda item.

Once you have declared that you have a significant interest (unless you have been granted a dispensation by the Standards Committee or the Monitoring Officer, for which you will have applied to the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting) you **must**:-

1. Not speak or vote (unless the public have speaking rights, or you are present to make representations, answer questions or to give evidence relating to the business being discussed in which case you can speak only)
2. Withdraw from the meeting during consideration of the matter or immediately after speaking.
3. Not seek to improperly influence the decision.

Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality

Councillors must declare at meetings any gift, benefit or hospitality with an estimated value (or cumulative value if a series of gifts etc.) of £25 or more. You **must**, at the commencement of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, disclose the existence and nature of the gift, benefit or hospitality, the identity of the donor and how the business under consideration relates to that person or body. However you can stay in the meeting unless it constitutes a significant interest, in which case it should be declared as outlined above.

What if I am unsure?

If you are in any doubt, Members are strongly advised to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer or the Committee Services Manager well in advance of the meeting.

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS AND GIFTS, BENEFITS AND HOSPITALITY

MEETING.....

DATE..... AGENDA ITEM

DISCRETIONARY PECUNIARY INTEREST

SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

GIFTS, BENEFITS AND HOSPITALITY

THE NATURE OF THE INTEREST, GIFT, BENEFITS OR HOSPITALITY:

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NAME (PRINT):

SIGNATURE:

Please detach and hand this form to the Democratic Services Officer when you are asked to declare any interests.