

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL



Thursday, 5th September, 2019

7.00 pm

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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, 5 September 2019 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 THE PREVIOUS MEETING** (Pages 5 - 14)

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 11 July 2019, 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** (Pages 15 - 16)

To receive any declarations of interest. Members are advised to consider the advice contained within the Declaration of Interest advice attached to this Agenda. If a Member declares an interest, they should complete the [Declaration of Interest Form](#)

5. **PETITIONS**

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

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Subject

- 5a **SAVE OUR NHS IN KENT JUDICIAL REVIEW** (Pages 17 - 20)
- 5b **PETITION REGARDING THE BUDGET - REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL** (Pages 21 - 30)
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- To receive questions received from the press or public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.
- 6a **QUESTION NO.1 - LEWIS CRESCENT WASTE ISSUES** (Pages 31 - 34)
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- 6c **QUESTION NO. 3 - RAMSGATE PORT FEASIBILITY STUDY** (Pages 39 - 42)
- 6d **QUESTION NO. 4 - SEAWEED DISPOSAL** (Pages 43 - 46)
7. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**
- To receive questions from Members of the Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.
- 7a **QUESTION NO.1 VIKING BAY LIFT** (Pages 47 - 50)
- 7b **QUESTION NO. 2 LEOPOLD STREET CAR PARK** (Pages 51 - 54)
- 7c **QUESTION NO.3 BREXIT PREPARATIONS** (Pages 55 - 58)
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- 7f **QUESTION NO.6 EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE** (Pages 67 - 70)
8. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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Subject

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

9. **LEADERS REPORT** (Pages 71 - 72)

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 73 - 78)

11. **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES** (Pages 79 - 82)

12. **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, PANELS AND BOARDS**

Report to Follow.

COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2019 at 7.00 pm in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillor Jason Savage (Chairman); Councillors Albon, Ara, Ashbee, Bailey, Bambridge, J Bayford, R Bayford, Campbell, Coleman-Cooke, Constantine, Crittenden, Currie, Day, Dennis, Dexter, Duckworth, Everitt, Farrance, Fellows, Game, Garner, Green, Gregory, Hart, Hopkinson, Huxley, Keen, Kup, Pat Moore, Paul Moore, Ovenden, Parsons, L Piper, S Piper, Potts, Pugh, Rawf, Rogers, Roper, Rusiecki, D Saunders, M Saunders, Scobie, Scott, Shrubb, Stevens, Taylor, Tomlinson, Whitehead, Wing, Wright and Yates

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Braidwood, Boyd and Towing.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and agreed, that the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 16 May 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members stood as a mark of respect as the Chairman presented Councillor David Saunders with the Past Chairman's Badge.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Game declared an interest in item 7e of the agenda as she sat on the East Kent Housing Board.

5. PETITIONS

(a) Margate Clocktower Toilets Petition

Councillor Yates presented a petition regarding the Margate Clock Tower Toilets. Members noted that the following petition contained 386 valid signatures:

"We the undersigned demand that Thanet District Council immediately rescinds its decision to close the much needed Margate Clocktower toilets. The three million pounds allocated to refurbish council offices should be used to protect essential local and tourist services. We need to safeguard the services that boost our flourishing tourism economy. This decision is short-sighted and detrimental."

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.

6. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

(a) Question No.1 from a Member of the Public Regarding Noise Nuisance

Mr Shoul asked Councillor Game the following question:

“Statutory Noise Nuisance policy & practice requires urgent strategic/operational overhaul, rendering it fit-for-purpose to deal with ASB, where residential street disturbances involve car stereo/karaoke/mobile phones functioning as street based sound systems: can a Noise Abatement Officer, liaising out-of-hours with Thanet police be instituted?”

Councillor Game responded with the following points:

- Statutory noise nuisance was defined by the Environmental Protection Act 1990, changes to this would be outside the remit of the Council.
- The Council had an Environmental Enforcement Policy which was currently under review and Mr Shoul’s concerns would be fed into this process.
- A statutory nuisance was different to disturbance.
- There was an out of hours service to gather evidence in ongoing cases.
- The Environmental Protection Team investigated over 1000 noise complaints a year, a majority of which were from domestic premises.

(b) **Question No.2 from a Member of the Public Regarding Hedgerow and Tree Maintenance**

Ms Matwiy asked Councillor Ashbee the following question:

“Will TDC create papertrails as to who orders works on trees and hedgerows so that someone is accountable for any felling and trimming and are they willing to reinstate the full time tree officer?”

Councillor Ashbee responded with the following points:

- Following a recent review, additional processes for works on trees and hedgerows would be imminently adopted by the Open Spaces team.
- Check sheets would be included as part of the ecological risk assessment to ensure compliance was documented. Recommendations are also being sought from the RSPB, the Wildlife Trust and other local authorities.
- The Council would recruit an Arboriculturalist for the district.

(c) **Question No.3 from a Member of the Public Regarding an Environment and Biodiversity Strategy**

Mr Wise asked the Leader the following question:

“Given the growing public interest and concern with regard to our natural environment, will the Council commit to preparing an Environment and Biodiversity Strategy and associated policies for Thanet, publish a timeline for completion, and include consultation with local experts and other interested parties in the work programme?”

The Leader responded with the following points:

- The Council recognised the increased public interest in the natural environment and understood the need to respond and adapt accordingly.
- There were currently a number of different environmental strategies in place both within the district and Kent wide, such as the Kent Biodiversity Strategy.
- The Council would demonstrate how seriously it took the issue when it considered the declaration of a Climate Emergency motion later in the agenda.

(d) **Question No.4 from a Member of the Public Regarding Margate Clocktower Toilets**

Ms Ellena asked Councillor Ashbee the following question:

“With the high season soon approaching, when will TDC fix and reopen the clocktower toilets to accommodate the vast amount of visitors to the town”

Councillor Ashbee responded with the following points:

- It would cost several thousand pounds to re-open the toilets. The Council did not plan to open the toilets in the near future as they were part of a wider district wide investment strategy that was yet to be agreed.
- There are several other toilets within close proximity that people could use.
- Event organisers should provide additional toilets if this was deemed a requirement by the Council’s safety advisory board.

7. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

(a) Question No.1 from a Member Regarding Traveller Incursions

Councillor Taylor asked Councillor Game the following question:

“How is the new administration going to tackle the expensive Traveller incursions?”

Councillor Game responded with the following points:

- A significant amount of activity was underway to address the growing number of unauthorised encampments across the district.
- An Officer Task and Finish Group was set up in February and its work fed into the newly created Traveller Scrutiny Working Group, which had just held its inaugural meeting.
- Updates would be provided to Councillors on this work as it progressed.

(b) Question No.2 from a Member Regarding Child Poverty

Councillor Constantine asked the Leader the following question:

“Child poverty is unchecked and growing in parts of Kent. In my ward Newington recent research shows 52% of all children are living in poverty. Will the leader explain what targets TDC has put in place to mitigate the impact”

The Leader responded with the following points:

- Child poverty was a real issue but not something the Council could tackle alone. It would require a wholesale change, through education, job opportunities, general economic growth and the supply of good housing.
- The Council had a shared responsibility, with other public sector agencies, in mitigating the impacts of child poverty.
- There were a range of interventions funded and delivered by the Council to support residents, including;
 - ‘Fit and Fed’ meals during school holidays
 - ‘Step Up’ support for those out of work
 - Discretionary housing payments.
 - Increased funding to the Citizens Advice Bureau
 - A limit on the Council’s affordable rents to the Local Housing Allowance rate.
 - The Private Sector Rented team focused on the standard of rented property.
 - The Local Plan had an affordable housing target of 30%.
 - The Council worked with Save the Children on the Eat, Sleep, Learn and Play project.

Councillor Constantine followed up her question by asking if a working party could be set up to review what the Council could do to support children in poverty.

The Leader responded that he would meet with Councillor Constantine to discuss the idea.

(c) **Question No. 3 From a Member Regarding the Restoration of Sites in Cliftonville**

Councillor Currie asked Councillor D Saunders the following question:

“The Newgate Gap shelter, Oval Bandstand, the former Butlins and mini golf sites are derelict or run down areas of Cliftonville West that require development or restoration. This is one of the most deprived wards in the whole of Kent. What is the Council doing to facilitate this process?”

Councillor D Saunders responded with the following points:

- The Council planned to remove the Newgate Shelter roof for safety reasons in the near future. Then community groups would be contacted to discuss a community asset transfer.
- The Oval Bandstand was on the asset disposal list, plans were in place to transfer the Bandstand to a local group in line with the Community Asset Transfer policy.
- The mini golf site was available to let, but there had been no suitable applications. The Council would welcome any suggestions to improve the area from ward Councillors and the community of Cliftonville West generally.
- The former Butlin’s site was privately owned, however the Council would monitor any plans for the site.

Councillor Currie followed up his question by asking if the Council would publish a regular quarterly update about the sites to keep the public updated.

Councillor D Saunders responded that Members would be kept up to date regarding asset disposals once the legal process had been completed.

(d) **Question No.4 from a Member Regarding Appointment of a Tree Officer**

Councillor Duckworth asked Councillor Ashbee the following question:

“Considering that we currently have no Trees Officer within the council, can you confirm when one will be appointed and whether that position will be a council position or done on a contract basis, considering the necessity of both the role and of solid employment within our area?”

Councillor Ashbee responded with the following point:

- The Council would recruit an Arboriculturalist. This post would be employed by the Council.

Councillor Duckworth followed up her question by asking what specific measures were being put in to place to bring these kind of contracts in house and monitor the work undertaken.

Councillor Ashbee responded that following a recent review, a number of additional processes for works on trees and hedgerows would be imminently adopted. As part of the ecological risk assessment there would be a check sheet to ensure compliance was documented.

(e) **Question No.5 from a Member Regarding East Kent Housing**

Councillor Whitehead asked the Leader the following question:

“Considering the failures in relation to the East Kent Housing contract, can you tell me what measures are underway to ideally bring our housing back to in house management, and in the interim to protect tenants who have been failed in terms of health and safety under current management”

The Leader responded with the following points:

- The Council was alerted to the failure of the gas safety contract in May 2019, by which time 130 Council properties did not have a valid Landlord Gas Safety Report (LGSR).
- The situation was similar in the other East Kent Councils.
- The current position has improved, as at 9 July 2019 there were 13 outstanding.
- Recovery measures were put in place and alternative contractors had been issued works.
- LGSR's were a statutory health and safety requirement. The Council's top priority was the safety of tenants.
- The Health and Safety Executive was aware of the position and the recovery arrangements. The Council was also required to report any significant breaches of the required standards to the Regulator for Social Housing.
- The Council's Monitoring Officer was required to report the situation to Members formally and a paper had been drafted for the July meeting of Cabinet. The report would be accompanied by a further report setting out the circumstances, recovery actions and future intervention options. Both reports have been circulated to all Councillors and would be published on the Council's website on 15 July 2019.
- Alternative arrangements for the future management of the Council's housing stock, would be considered by Cabinet on 25 July 2019.
- The Council was committed to ensuring that the recently highlighted issues with tenant health and safety were urgently resolved, and that the Council would consider all of the available options to secure the best possible future management arrangements for Council tenants.

Councillor Whitehead followed up her question by asking if the Council monitored the impact that housing placements had on vulnerable people.

The Leader responded that Councillor Whitehead's concerns were noted.

(f) **Question No.6 from a Member Regarding Community Safety**

Councillor Rawf asked Councillor Game the following question:

“Considering that we have recently had a high profile racially motivated incident, can you tell me what measures are in place to guarantee that we are ensuring that Thanet is a safe and welcoming place for all visitors and residents”

Councillor Game responded with the following points:

- The Council was unable to comment on ongoing Police investigations however it was committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for visitors and residents.
- The Council worked with the other statutory agencies in the Thanet Community Safety Partnership and with the local community through regular neighbourhood engagement meetings.
- The Police Community Liaison Officer, who specialised in incidents of this type, worked within the co-located team in the council office which enabled the Council to be fully engaged with providing support.
- Every incident of hate crime was discussed at police threat risk and harm meetings. Victim and Perpetrator information is discussed and action plans were developed as applicable.

Councillor Rawf followed up his question by asking if the Council would look at existing projects to encourage diversity and equality within the district.

Councillor Game responded that the Council was committed to encouraging diversity and equality for those living and visiting the district. She offered to meet with Councillor Rawf to explore what could be done.

(g) **Question No.7 from a Member Regarding Member Training**

Councillor Hopkinson asked Councillor Pugh the following question:

“As councillors, we are likely to encounter residents requiring mental health assistance, sometimes urgently, as part of our casework. Would the council therefore consider providing first aid mental health training to help members recognise mental health warning signs and direct residents towards appropriate help?”

Councillor Pugh responded with the following points:

- Councillors could request training on a wide variety of topics.
- Councillors were encouraged to complete the learning needs analysis (LNA) that had recently been circulated. This document helped Councillors identify gaps in their knowledge and was the basis upon which the member training programme was created.
- Responses to the LNA and the draft training programme would be considered by the Member Training Group.

Councillor Hopkinson followed up his question by asking what was Cllr Pugh’s personal view on the need for training?

Councillor Pugh responded that he agreed that Members did encounter residents with a variety of needs including mental health requirements. He offered to meet with Councillor Hopkinson to explore the issue further.

8. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

(a) **Motion - Climate Change Emergency**

It was proposed by Councillor Yates and seconded by Councillor Garner that:

“This Council resolves to:

- Declare a climate emergency;
- Pledge to do what is within our powers and resources to make Thanet District Council carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions;
- Call on Westminster to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible;
- Continue to work with partners across the county and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies;
- Requests the council investigate all possible sources of external funding and match funding to support this commitment.”

In accordance with council procedure rule 3.7, the Leader provided a response to the motion.

The Leader proposed, Councillor Ashbee seconded and Members agreed to discuss the motion.

Following being put to the vote the motion was agreed and would be referred to Cabinet.

(b) Motion - The Council's System of Governance

It was proposed by Councillor Reverend Piper and seconded by Councillor Roper that:

“That Council Members have a debate this evening to consider gathering information that may provide members, at a later date, the opportunity to examine the option of changing our system of governance, from the current Cabinet led system to a Committee led system. There are many councils across the UK, including Maidstone Council and Canterbury City Council, who have successfully adopted the committee system.”

In accordance with council procedure rule 3.7, Councillor Pugh provided a response to the motion.

Councillor Pugh proposed, The Leader seconded and Members agreed to discuss the motion.

Councillor Everitt proposed an amendment, seconded Councillor Albon as follows:

“That Council calls upon the four political groups and the single non-aligned Councillor to work together to identify preferred options for changing our system of governance, from the current Cabinet led system to a Committee led system, and then submit those options to the Constitutional review Working Party for consideration. There are many councils across the UK, including Maidstone Council and Canterbury City Council, who have successfully adopted the committee system.”

Councillor Reverend Piper proposed, Councillor Dennis seconded and Members agreed that the amended motion become the substantive motion.

Following being put to the vote the motion was agreed.

9. LEADERS REPORT

During his report the Leader covered the following areas:

- Automatic Number Plate Recognition went live in Trinity Square Car Park.
- Cabinet would consider the sale of freehold lease for the Dreamland site.
- Finance surgeries had been held this month to allow the public to inspect the Council's accounts.
- Funding had been received to provide new services in Ramsgate to help support rough sleepers.
- In June events had taken place in Dalby Square, Cliftonville funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Council.
- Ellington Park would receive a significant grant to fund improvements to the Park.
- Following a significant number of complaints about recent hedgerow work undertaken around the Winter Gardens, a number of new processes have been introduced to the Council's practices.
- The opening of the Turner Prize 2019 exhibition was just three months away.
- Thanet beaches had been awarded more blue flags and had received 21 beach awards, this was more than any other council in the country.

Councillor Everitt as Leader of the Labour Party responded with the following points:

- The positive developments mentioned in the Leaders report were welcome.
- The failure of the East Kent Housing (EKH) had been brought about through a failure of governance and management.
- The concept of EKH had been opposed by the Labour group when it was initially set up.
- East Kent Audit Partnership's audit of EKH had found a number of shortcomings within the organisation.
- EKH had no forward plan or records of decisions made listed on its website.

The Leader replied to Councillor Everitt’s comments with the following points:

- The Council had been open about the shortcomings and accepted that something needed to be done. Cabinet would look at options for the future when it met on 25 July.

Councillor Reverend Piper as leader of the Thanet Independents Party made the following points:

- It was striking that the Council was listening to the public and communicating far better than it had done previously.
- The Council was not trying to hide its problems. The Monitoring Officer’s report showed that the EKH issue was being taken very seriously.

Councillor Roper as leader of the Green Party made the following points:

- The Leaders report showed that the public was being listened to and that the Council was responding.
- It would be good if the Council would continue to listen when considering the provision of public toilets.

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

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

- The report detailed the work of the Panel and its work programme. Panel had met once since the last meeting of Council and had decided to set up a five member working group to look at the issue of Travellers in the district.

11. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Leader proposed, Councillor Everitt seconded and Members agreed the list of executive and non-executive outside bodies as shown in annex 1 and annex 2 of the report for the municipal year 2019-20.

Members also agreed that Councillor Farrance be the representative on Powell Cotton Museum and Quex House, and agreed the list nominations to the non-executive outside bodies for the municipal year 2019-20 as shown in the Members Notes, namely;

Name of Outside Body	No. of Reps	Representatives 2019/20 (Councillor)
Citizens Advice Bureau, Thanet	2	Rawf Keen
East Kent Housing Area Board	2	Whitehead Huxley
East Kent Housing Board	1	Game
Millmead Children’s Centre Partnership Ltd	1	Duckworth
Multiple Sclerosis Society	1	Gregory

Thanet Rural Regeneration Group	1	Wright
Thanet Sports Network	1 +reserve	Garner Scott (Reserve)
Thanet Volunteer Bureau	1	Scott
The Friends of Margate Cemetery Trust	2	Tomlinson Yates
Youth Advisory Group	1	Kup

12. CHANGES TO COMMITTEES PANELS AND BOARDS 2019/20

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES

The Leader advised that he nominated Councillors Coleman-Cooke and Parsons to replace Councillors Savage and Wright on the Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

Councillor Everitt advised that he nominated Councillors Currie, Green and Pat Moore as substitute members on planning committee.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

It was proposed by the Leader, seconded by Councillor Campbell and Members agreed that Councillor Parsons be elected vice chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel for the remainder of the 2019/20 year.

13. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION - STANDING ORDERS IN RELATION TO STAFF

This item was withdrawn.

14. PAY POLICY STATEMENT

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Vice-Chairman and Members agreed the recommendation as shown in the report, namely that Members:

“Approve the Pay Policy Statement for 2019/20 as set out in Annex 1, after which it will be published.”

15. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES - REPORT BACK FROM THE EKJIRP COMMITTEE

Members noted the report.

Meeting concluded: 8.55pm

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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.

If you need to declare an interest then please complete the declaration of [interest form](#).

PETITION REGARDING NHS STROKE SERVICES

Council	5 September 2019
Report Author	Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Pugh, Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Coastal Development
Status	For recommendation
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No

Executive Summary:

An e-petition containing 86 valid signatures was received by the Council requesting that Thanet District Council contribute £5,000 to Save Our NHS in Kent's (SONiK) judicial review of the decision to close the stroke unit at QEQM Hospital..

This report sets out how the Council deals with petitions of this size; it explains that the petition organiser will present the petition to the meeting and sets out the next steps as to how the Council will deal with the petition.

Recommendation(s):

Under the Council's petitions scheme, Council is required to refer the petition to Cabinet without debate for report back to Council.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	There are no identified financial implications from this report.
Legal	This matter is dealt with under the Council's scheme for dealing with petitions from the public which is contained within the constitution.
Corporate	In accordance with the Council's petition scheme if a petition has over 25, but less than 650, signatories, it will be referred to Cabinet or an appropriate committee without debate for report to Council within three ordinary meetings.
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.	
	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.	

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, members of the public may present petitions at ordinary meetings of Council; and if a petition has over 25, but less than 650, signatories, it will be referred to Cabinet or an appropriate committee without debate for report to Council within three ordinary meetings.

2.0 The Current Situation

- 2.1 An e-petition organised by Ms Jeffrey has been validly signed by 86 people. The petition prayer and justification reads:

"We the undersigned petition the council to contribute £5,000 to Save Our NHS in Kent's judicial review of the decision to close the stroke unit at QEQM Hospital."

- 2.2 The petition organiser is entitled to present their petition to Council, and in accordance with the Council's petition scheme has three minutes to present the petition.
- 2.3 Ms Jeffrey has informed the Council that Rebecca Gordon-Nesbitt will speak on her behalf to present the petition.

3.0 Next Steps

- 3.1 Under the Council's petitions scheme, Council is required to refer the petition to Cabinet for report back to Council within three ordinary meetings.

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

Annex List

None	N/A
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Chris Blundell, Head of Financial Services
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer

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PETITION REGARDING THE BUDGET - REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL

Council **5 September 2019**

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

Portfolio Holder **Councillor Pugh, Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Coastal Development**

Status **For information**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Key Decision **No**

Executive Summary:

A e-petition containing 37 valid signatures was received by the Council requesting that the Council reconsider two points of the Budget set by the Council.

The report is for information only and is to inform Council of the result of the Cabinet meeting on 25 July 19.

Recommendation(s):

To note the report.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	There are no identified financial implications from this report.
Legal	This matter is dealt with under the Council's scheme for dealing with petitions from the public which is contained within the constitution.
Corporate	In accordance with the Council's petition scheme if a petition has over 25, but less than 650, signatories, it will be referred to Cabinet or an appropriate committee without debate for report to Council within three ordinary meetings.
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.

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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 report informs Council of the result of the Cabinet meeting held on 25 July 2019.

2.0 The Current Situation

2.1 A petition organised by John Finnegan has been validly signed by 37 persons. The petition prayer reads:

"We the undersigned petition the council to reconsider two points of the Budget set by the Council"

2.2 The petition was considered at the full Council meeting on 28 March 2019. It was referred to the meeting of Cabinet on 25 July 2019 for decision in accordance with the Council's petition scheme.

2.3 Cabinet considered the petition and noted the concerns raised, however Cabinet confirmed that the provisions in the budget remained valid.

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

Annex List

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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Chris Blundell, Head of Financial Services
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer

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Cabinet Response to the Petition on the Budget

Cabinet	25 July 2019
Report Author	Chris Blundell, Head of Financial Services
Portfolio Holder	Cllr D. Saunders, Cabinet Member for Financial Services & Estates
Status	For Decision
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No
Ward:	District Wide

Executive Summary:

Petition Prayer Guide

We the residents of Thanet don't think it's appropriate for the Council to spend council taxpayers money on the council offices, not the £3 million planned, not when services are being cut. This money could be better spent.

The second issue is the continued selling off of our assets for short-term gain. Would it not be better looking at using some of these assets for community assets run by the community and in the long run save the Council money. Also letting community land trust turn some into social housing which is desperately needed.

Recommendation(s):

The concerns are noted however the provisions in the budget report remain valid.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS	
Financial and Value for Money	The capital programme is part-funded from capital receipts generated from the sale of assets. These disposals are required to enable the continued investment in council assets.
Legal	
Corporate	Review of assets forms part of the adopted policy and corporate aims. The Council should not retain assets unless they provide value for money or support the corporate aims and the asset approved for disposal have been identified as underperforming for the Council.
Equality 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

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	<p>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, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.</p>									
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	<p>Investment in retained operational property is a requirement of the Equality Duty where it improves accessibility for visitors and inclusive working practices.</p>									

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

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

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Thanet Council is committed to a robust asset management strategy, to release underperforming land and property in order to achieve the corporate aims. Additionally, the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) requires secure income and capital receipts.
- 1.2 To support these aims and strategies, there is an ongoing review of the corporate portfolio to identify assets that are not meeting the corporate objectives and therefore should be considered for disposal.
- 1.3 It is also necessary to ensure that the operational portfolio, including but not limited to the office accommodation, is maintained to a level that continues to be reasonable and inclusive, enabling visitors and staff to access and circulate within the buildings.
- 1.4 This report considers the petition prayer received and outlined in the executive summary above.

2.0 The Current Situation

- 2.1 A £3m provision was included in the 2019/20 capital programme to ensure the Council's office accommodation remains suitable for use and as cost effective as possible. The capital expenditure covers the acquisition or enhancement of the council's assets, as opposed to revenue expenditure which relates to day-to-day service expenditure, for example officer salaries or repairs and maintenance.
- 2.2 There are a number of restrictions in the way in which both the revenue and capital budgets can be and are financed. Fundamentally, the council is not allowed to use borrowing or the proceeds from asset sales (capital receipts) to fund its on-going revenue budgets. As such these sources of income are only available to fund the capital programme.
- 2.3 The 2019/20 capital programme approved by Council in February 2019, determined that any investment in the Council's office accommodation would be funded from the proceeds from past asset sales.
- 2.4 Therefore, these proceeds could not have been used in the 2019/20 revenue budget and as such monies could not have been used to offset or reduce the savings required, including service reductions, in order to balance the revenue budget.
- 2.5 The inclusion of the £3million provisional sum for operational property was to highlight the requirement to address some of the problems with the Margate Office including the Council Chamber, which is a publicly used space. The office, including the Gateway, does require investment to make it more accessible to members of the public and with the original roof, heating and wiring systems, lifts etc, it is necessary to consider options. These include:-
- * What is required to be spent on the existing property to bring it up to a reasonable standard for the medium term?
 - * Are there alternative options, and if so what are they?
 - * Do any of the alternative options provide better value for money in the medium term?

Further information is being collated to review all of the above options.

- 2.6 The progression of assets identified as surplus and therefore recommended for disposal for a capital receipt and/or community asset transfer is not led by the drive to achieve short term capital gain, but an understanding that property holdings cost money to keep and maintain and with reduced government funding, there is a requirement to reduce the size of the portfolio.
- 2.7 In terms of the assets the council holds there are many retained for various purposes including:-
- * Provision of amenity space, beaches, parks and playgrounds for neighbourhoods.
 - * Community Halls operated by community groups.

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- * Social clubs such as bowls and tennis clubs to support social groups.
- * Sports and Leisure facilities to promote health and wellbeing.
- * Operational assets used to accommodate services which are required to deliver local authority functions across the District.
- * Investment property held to earn an income required to support service provision and achieve a balanced budget.

2.7 The Asset Management Plan 2017 - 2021 acknowledges the requirement for a strategic continuous review of the portfolio which includes identifying assets that are no longer providing a good return for the council. For the investment portfolio the return is a financial based decision but for property held for social reasons community considerations are the priority.

2.8 Assets held on the community portfolio are reviewed in line with the Community Asset Transfer Policy adopted in January 2018. The commitment to transfer assets for community use has resulted in successful transfers and there are more opportunities in the pipeline, see below.

Property transferred in 2017 - 2018 for Community Use:-

- * Pierremont Hall, Broadstairs;
- * Retort House, Broadstairs;
- * Charlotte Court, Ramsgate;
- * Forresters Hall, Ramsgate;
- * Shelters, Birchington.

Property approved by Cabinet to be progressed for transfer during 2019:-

- * The Ice House, Ramsgate;
- * Museums, Margate and Broadstairs;
- * Sports Pavilions, Margate;
- * Amenity Land, Birchington, Ramsgate and Margate;
- * Shelter, Margate;
- * Land and toilets, Minster.

2.9 The transfer of the above assets will ensure they are retained for community use.

Contact Officer:	Chris Blundell, Head of Financial Services
Reporting to:	Tim Willis, Deputy Chief Executive

Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
Strategic Asset Management Plan 2017 - 2021	https://www.thanet.gov.uk/services/land-and-assets
Community Asset Transfer 2018 - 2021	https://www.thanet.gov.uk/services/land-and-assets/

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Budget 2019 - 2020	https://democracy.thanet.gov.uk/documents/s62693/Budget%202019-20%20report.pdf
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Corporate Consultation

Finance	Chris Blundell, Head of Financial Services
Legal	Sophia Nartey, Interim Head of Legal Services

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QUESTION NO. 1 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC – REGARDING LEWIS CRESCENT WASTE ISSUES

Council **5 September 2019**

Report Author **Committee Services Manager**

Portfolio Holder **Cabinet Member for Operational Services**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Key Decision **No**

Ward: **All Wards**

Executive Summary:

The Cabinet Member for Operational Services will receive a question from a member of the public in relation to waste issues at Lewis Crescent.

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 13 affords members of the public the opportunity to ask questions of Members of the Cabinet at ordinary meetings of the Council.							
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> <table border="1" data-bbox="427 1917 1401 2054"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		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	
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	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 Ashbee, Cabinet Member for Operational Services, has been received from Mr Hagger in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 13.

I am currently the only resident recycling on Lewis Crescent (I am a member of the neighbourhood recycling scheme - collections are erratic, with one out of every two being missed). Why are there still no large recycling bins being made available to this street?

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
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

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

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QUESTION NO. 2 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC – REGARDING LAND FOR TRAVELLERS

Council **5 September 2019**
 Report Author **Committee Services Manager**
 Portfolio Holder **Leaders Portfolio**
 Classification: **Unrestricted**
 Key Decision **No**
 Ward: **All Wards**

Executive Summary:

The Leader will receive a question from a member of the public in relation to land for travellers.

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 13 affords members of the public the opportunity to ask questions of Members of the Cabinet at ordinary meetings of the Council.						
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> <table border="1" data-bbox="427 1917 1401 2054"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	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	
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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 Bayford, the Leader, has been received from Mr Wraight in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 13.

Has TDC spoken to any private landowners, I.E River Oak Strategic Partnership about temporary use of their land for use by the travellers. Or any other landowners?

- 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
Reporting to:	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

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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
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Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer
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QUESTION NO. 3 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC – REGARDING RAMSGATE PORT FEASIBILITY STUDY

Council **5 September 2019**
 Report Author **Committee Services Manager**
 Portfolio Holder **Leaders Portfolio**
 Classification: **Unrestricted**
 Key Decision **No**
 Ward: **All Wards**

Executive Summary:

The Leader will receive a question from a member of the public in relation to the Ramsgate Port feasibility study.

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 13 affords members of the public the opportunity to ask questions of Members of the Cabinet at ordinary meetings of the Council.				
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> <table border="1" data-bbox="443 1917 1417 2018"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.		Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	
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	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 Bayford, the Leader, has been received from Mr Byrne in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 13.

The Port & Harbour continue to lose millions each year from falling revenue and needless costs such as Berths 4/5. You said the Feasibility Study would be completed in 2019. This is not possible given predicted 6 months delivery time so, what is your plan?

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
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

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

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QUESTION NO. 4 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC – REGARDING SEAWEED DISPOSAL

Council	5 September 2019
Report Author	Committee Services Manager
Portfolio Holder	Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Coastal Development
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No
Ward:	All Wards

Executive Summary:

The Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Coastal Development will receive a question from a member of the public in relation to seaweed disposal.

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 13 affords members of the public the opportunity to ask questions of Members of the Cabinet at ordinary meetings of the Council.	
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.	
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	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.	
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	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 Pugh, the Corporate Governance and Coastal Development portfolio holder, has been received from Ms Childs in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 13.

My question concerns the harvesting of seaweed along the Thanet Coastline to convert this local resource into a nourishing eco friendly compost for both farmers and the wider public, with the by-product of cleaner beaches. Has this idea been considered previously and if so what was the outcome if any?

- 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
Reporting to:	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

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None	N/A
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Corporate Consultation

Finance	Matt Sanham, Corporate Finance Manager
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	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 David Saunders, has been received from Councillor Bailey in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 14.

Viking Bay is promoted as a having a lift however, it regularly breaks down.

Many elderly and disabled depend on this lift and often can't manage the alternative steep slopes.

At almost twenty years old, it needs significant investment.

Please can money be found to upgrade this valuable asset?

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.

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- 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)

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	Chris Blundell, Head of Financial Services
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

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	There are no specific equity and equalities issues arising from this report.
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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 Ash Ashbee, has been received from Councillor Ara in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 14.

“The harbour multi-storey car park in Ramsgate is in an absolutely filthy state, with graffiti litter, drug use and public urination. The lift is a potential hazard, especially for families with children, or to those with a physical disability. Does the cabinet have a fixed date to start renovations.”

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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 the Leader Councillor Bob Bayford, has been received from Councillor Everitt in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 14.

“Is the leader confident that the council is fully prepared for a possible "no-deal Brexit" and that the impacts on the district of Operation Brock, in particular, can be managed within existing council resources and without detriment to the everyday lives of Thanet residents?”

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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 the Operational Services Portfolio Holder Councillor Ashbee, has been received from Councillor Rawf in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 14.

“Protecting the environment is in the council’s plan. But our streets and beaches are covered in rubbish. It is pulled into the sea and causes lasting environmental damage. Volunteers can’t clear it. Can the cabinet explain their plan for ending this scandal and when that plan will be published?”

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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 the Leader Councillor Robert Bayford, has been received from Councillor Garner in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 14.

“Will the Leader of the Council agree to set up a cross party Climate Emergency committee of councillors to work with the officers producing the Climate Emergency Report, for the Feb 2020 council meeting, to offer advice and support, demonstrating how seriously the Council takes this issue?”

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QUESTION NO. 6 FROM A MEMBER REGARDING EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE

Council	5 September 2019
Report Author	Committee Services Manager
Portfolio Holder	Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Coastal Development
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No
Ward:	All Wards

Executive Summary:

The Cabinet member for Corporate Governance and Coastal Development will receive a question from a Member of Council in relation to Email correspondence.

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 the Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Coastal Development Cllr Reece Pugh, has been received from Councillor Duckworth in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 14.

“Does the council block specific residents from contacting members or officers directly by email and if so, how many residents are blocked and on what basis?”

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

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

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None	N/A
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Background Papers

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None	N/A

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Chris Blundell, Head of Financial Services
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LEADER’S REPORT TO COUNCIL

Council **5 September 2019**

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

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	<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> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,</td> <td style="text-align: center;">x</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it</td> <td style="text-align: center;">x</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">x</td> </tr> </table>	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
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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								

	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>

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

Annex List

None	N/A
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Background Papers

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None	N/A

Corporate Consultation

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

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

Council	05 September 2019
Report Author	Cllr Campbell, Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel
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 been planned for by the Overview & Scrutiny Panel during the course of this municipal year 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 Panel 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 Finance Scrutiny Panel.</p> <p>The debate on the Panel 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>

<p>Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty</p>	<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: (f the Duti) 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) oy 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)✓	
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 At each ordinary Full Council meeting, the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel presents a progress update report on the activities of the Panel since the last Council meeting.

1.2 Such a report would 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 This report updates Council on the work of the Panel since the last Council meeting and allows for discussion of the work undertaken, therefore strengthening the Council's scrutiny function.

1.4 This report follows on from the one presented at Full Council on 11 July.

2.0 Current Scrutiny Activities, including Cabinet Member Presentations

2.1 The Panel met on 18 July and received a presentation from the Leader of Council on the current situation at the Ramsgate Port. As part of the update, the Leader responded in detail to all the questions that had been forwarded to him ahead of the meeting. During the debate, Members were able to put forward additional questions, which were responded to as well.

2.2 Members also conducted a pre- decision review of the proposed 'Adoption of a new Housing Assistance Policy' before it was finalised by Cabinet on 25 July. The Panel made the recommendation to cabinet that 'That KCC ring fenced the £405k (Top sliced/payment that was projected for 2019/20) for use by Thanet residents.' Cabinet agreed the recommendation.

2.3 Additional topics for Cabinet Member presentations at Scrutiny meetings are highlighted below. These include the following:

1. New Corporate Statement 2020-23 (29 August 2019);
2. Review proposals for the fees and Charges (22 October 2019);
3. Service review of the Corporate Governance and Coastal Development service area (19 November 2019 TBC);
4. Service review of Operational Services (20 February 2019 TBC);

2.4 The Panel received an update from the six member Travellers Review Group. They indicated that they had received invaluable information from officers on the nature of the problem affecting thanet and hoped to use this information to come up with realistic recommendations. They highlighted the following:

- In 2018, the district had experienced 46-55 traveller incursions compared to 2-3 in 2016;
- The local communities were concerned mostly with the human waste left behind after such visits;
- The review group was going to receive additional information from officers regarding the legal costs incurred by the council to date in the various attempts to manage the incursions;
- The travelers representatives will be invited to attend the next meeting of the review group;
- The third meeting would be for Members to visit the temporary sites where travellers had set up the unauthorised encampments;
- A written report of the review findings will be presented to the October Panel meeting.

2.5 The Scrutiny Review Group is expected to make a final report back to the Panel in October.

2.6 The rest of the work programme for 2019/20 is detailed in Annex 1 to the Council report. This schedule is subject to amendments during the course of the year as Members may add more items for reviewing.

3.0 Panel Recommendations to Cabinet - Implementation Monitoring

3.1 In 2018/19 the Panel recommended that Cabinet sets up a cross party working group to inform the decision regarding the proposals for fees and charges for 2020/21.

3.2 Cabinet considered the recommendations at an extraordinary meeting on 06 December 2018 and on 13 June 2019, Cabinet agreed a seven member cabinet advisory group whose membership is as follows:

Cllr David Saunders;
 Cllr Helen Crittenden;
 Cllr George Kup;
 Cllr Trevor Roper;
 Cllr George Rusiecki;
 Cllr David Stevens;
 Cllr Robert Yates.

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Reporting to:	Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager, Ext 7108

Annex List

Annex 1	Overview & Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2019/20
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Chris Blundell, Head of Financial Services
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer

Overview & Scrutiny Panel Work Programme for 2019/20		
Meeting Date	Indicative Agenda Items	Issue Source
29 August 2019	Cabinet Member Presentation - Review proposals for the new Corporate Statement 2019-2023	Corporate Services Item
	Quarterly Performance Report Q1 2019/20	Corporate Resources Item
	EKH Quarter 1 Performance Report	Housing Services Item
	Review of the Panel Work Programme 2019/20 - to include progress update from the Travellers Review Group	Standing Agenda Item
	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List	Standing Agenda Item
22 October 2019	Cabinet Member Presentation - Proposed Council Fees and Charges for 2020/21	Standing Agenda Item
	Crime Stats in Thanet (TBC)	Kent Police as part of Community Safety Partnership Item
	Review of the Panel Work Programme 2019/20 -to include a final report back from the Travellers Review Group	Standing Agenda Item
	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List	Standing Agenda Item
19 November 2019	Cabinet Member Presentation - Service review of the Corporate Governance and Coastal Development service area (TBC)	Standing Agenda Item
	Quarterly Performance Report Q2 2019/20	Financial Services Item
	Local Authority Housing Company	Housing Item
	Review of Panel the Work Programme 2019/20	Standing Agenda Item
	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List	Standing Agenda Item

21 January 2020	Cabinet Member Presentation	Standing Agenda Item
	Budget 2020/21 & Medium Term Financial Plan 2020-24	Financial Services Item
	Review of the Panel Work Programme 2019/20	Standing Agenda Item
	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List	Standing Agenda Item
20 February 2020	Cabinet Member Presentation - Service review of Operational Services (TBC)	Standing Agenda Item
	Quarterly Performance Report Q3 2019/20	Financial Services Item
	Review of the Panel Work Programme 2019/20	Standing Agenda Item
	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List	Standing Agenda Item
21 April 2020	Cabinet Member Presentation	Standing Agenda Item
	Review of the Panel Work Programme 2019/20	Standing Agenda Item
	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List	Standing Agenda Item
26 May 2020	Establish OSP Work Programme for 2020/21	Standing Agenda Item
	Quarterly Performance Report Q4 2019/20	Financial Services Item
	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List	Standing Agenda Item

REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Annual Council	5 September 2019
Report Author	Committee Services Manager
Portfolio Holder	Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Coastal Development
Status	For Decision
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No

Executive Summary:

This report notes the addition of South East Employers to the list of Executive Outside Bodies and invites nominations from Members to sit on the non-executive outside bodies that currently have no Council representative sitting on them.

Recommendation(s):

1. That Council agrees to the addition of South East Employers to the list of Executive appointed outside bodies;
2. That Council agrees the nominations to the Non-Executive outside bodies.

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.

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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 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.

2.0 The Current Situation

- 2.1 Council agreed the list of Executive and Non-Executive Outside Bodies, and agreed the nominations to some of the non-executive outside bodies when it met on 11 July 2019.
- 2.2 The Council has become a member of South East Employers organisation and is entitled to nominate a representative to this Executive Outside Body. Therefore Council is asked to agree the addition of South East Employers to the List of Executive Outside Bodies.
- 2.3 Nominations are requested from Members to represent the Council on the following list on Non-Executive Outside Bodies that currently have no council representative sitting on them:

Name of Outside Body	No. of Reps
Action with Communities in Rural Kent	2
Age UK: Thanet	1
Campaign to Protect Rural England	1
Canterbury Festival	1
Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside London	1
(The) River Stour (Kent) Internal Drainage Board	1
Sandwich and Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve Steering Group	1
Thanet Countryside Trust	2
Trust for Thanet Archaeology	2

3.0 Decision Making Process

3.1 Council is the decision making body.

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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

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