

# **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**



**Thursday, 25th February, 2021**

**5.30 pm**

**Council Chamber  
Thanet District Council  
Margate**

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You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the Thanet District Council to be held by Video conference on Thursday, 25 February 2021 at 5.30 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**

Item  
No

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** (Pages 5 - 6)

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 11 February 2021, 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 7 - 8)

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.

5a **PARK AVENUE, BROADSTAIRS PETITION- REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL**  
(Pages 9 - 12)

Item  
No

Subject

6. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC** (Pages 13 - 14)

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

7. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL** (Pages 15 - 18)

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

8. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

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

8a **MOTION REGARDING UNIVERSAL CREDIT UPLIFT PAYMENTS** (Pages 19 - 22)

9. **LEADERS REPORT** (Pages 23 - 24)

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 25 - 42)

11. **2021-22 COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION** (Pages 43 - 48)

12. **CHANGES TO REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** (Pages 49 - 52)

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## COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2021 at 5.30 pm by Video conference.**

**Present:** Councillor Jason Savage (Chairman); Councillors Albon, Ara, Ashbee, Bailey, Bambridge, J Bayford, R Bayford, Boyd, Coleman-Cooke, Crittenden, Currie, Day, Dennis, Dexter, Duckworth, Cllr Everitt, Fellows, Game, Garner, Green, Gregory, Hart, Hopkinson, Huxley, Kup, Pat Moore, Paul Moore, Ovenden, Parsons, L Piper, Cllr Rev. S Piper, Pugh, Rattigan, Rawf, Rogers, Roper, Rusiecki, D Saunders, M Saunders, Scobie, Shrubbs, Tomlinson, Towing, Whitehead, Wing, Wright and Yates

### 1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Scott, Braidwood, Campbell, Keen, and Potts.

### 2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice Chairman and agreed, that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 10 December 2020 be approved.

### 3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements were made in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2 (iv).

### 4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 5. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2021-22**

It was proposed by Councillor Yates, seconded by Councillor Albon and Members agreed that the recommendation set out in the report be agreed, namely:

“That Council approves this report and annexes”

### 6. **2021-22 BUDGET**

It was noted that in accordance with council procedure rule 17.6, a recorded vote would be taken on the motion or any amendments and substantive motions.

It was proposed by Councillor Yates and seconded by Councillor Albon, that the recommendations set out in the report be agreed, namely:

“That Council approves:

1. The General Fund revenue budget estimates for 2021-22 are approved, assuming a £4.99 increase in the band D equivalent for Council Tax.
2. The HRA budget estimates for 2021-22 are approved, assuming a CPI+1% increase in social rents and a freeze in affordable rents.
3. The General Fund and Housing Revenue Account capital programmes for 2021-25 are approved.
4. The Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy for 2021-22 is approved.

5. The Section 151 Officer's Assurance Statement is noted."

The Deputy Monitoring Officer conducted a recorded vote on the motion as follows:

45 Members voted in favour the motion: Councillors Albon, Ara, Ashbee, Bailey, Bambridge, J. Bayford, R. Bayford, Boyd, Coleman-Cooke, Crittenden, Currie, Day, Dennis, Dexter, Duckworth, Everitt, Fellows, Game, Green, Gregory, Hart, Hopkinson, Huxley, Kup, Pat Moore, Paul Moore, Ovenden, Parsons, L. Piper, S. Piper, Pugh, Rattigan, Rawf, Rogers, Rusiecki, D. Saunders, M. Saunders, Savage, Scobie, Shrubb, Tomlinson, Towing, Whitehead, Wright, and Yates.

No Member voted against the motion.

Three Members abstained from voting on the motion: Councillors Garner, Roper and Wing.

The motion was carried.

### **7. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2021/22**

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

"To adopt the proposed 2021/22 Members allowances scheme as set out at annex 1 to this report and to refer the scheme to EKJIRP for them to consider, with any amendments being reported back to Council."

### **8. CHANGES TO COMMITTEES, PANELS AND BOARDS - 2020/21**

#### **PROPORTIONALITY**

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, and Members agreed the option detailed in paragraph 3.4.1 of the report, namely:

"That a seat on the Overview and Scrutiny Panel is removed and that the Thanet Independent Group representation on the Overview and Scrutiny is reduced from two seats to one seat."

#### **NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES**

The Leader advised that Councillor Campbell would be replaced by Councillor Albon on the General Purposes Committee, Councillor Currie on the Overview and Scrutiny Panel and Councillor Scobie on the Standards Committee. There was not a replacement for Councillor Campbell as reserve on the Planning Committee at this time.

Councillor Rev Piper advised that Councillor Rusiecki would fill the currently vacant seat of former Councillor Taylor on the Planning Committee.

Members offered their best wishes to Councillor Campbell regarding his health, and offered thanks to former Councillor Taylor for his effort and dedication as a Thanet District Councillor.

Meeting concluded: 6.15pm



## **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 - Park Avenue, Broadstairs Report Back to Council**

<b>Council</b>	<b>25 February 2021</b>
Report Author	<b>Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager</b>
Portfolio Holder	<b>Councillor Ruth Duckworth, Cabinet Member for Estates and Economic Development</b>
Status	<b>For information</b>
Classification:	<b>Unrestricted</b>
Key Decision	<b>No</b>

### **Executive Summary:**

An Epetition containing 319 valid signatures and a paper petition containing 455 valid signatures was received by the Council requesting that Thanet District Council takes action to ensure the replanting of trees covered by tree protection orders.

The report is for information only and is to inform the Council of the result of the Cabinet meeting on 17 December 2020.

### **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. In regards to a paper and ePetition running simultaneously, the number of signatories to both petitions is reported separately but within the same report. The Council will take a course of action based on the largest threshold met by either petition.

## **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 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, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

There are no specific 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**

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- *Communities*
- *Environment*

### **1.0 Introduction and Background**

1.1 This report informs the Council of the result of the Cabinet meeting held on 17 December 2020.

### **2.0 The Current Situation**

2.1 An Epetition and paper petition organised by Mr David Tate has been validly signed by 319 and 455 people respectively. The petition prayer reads:

“We the undersigned petition the council to require the owner of the area of woodland off Park Avenue - East of Park Wood Close-, Broadstairs (Land Registry Ref K61934), to replant any trees covered by tree protection orders within that area following the recent heavy felling and to reaffirm its current view that the area should remain as open space/woodland.”

2.2 The petition was considered at the full Council meeting on 10 September 2020. It was referred to the meeting of Cabinet on 17 December 2020 for decision in accordance with the Council's petition scheme.

2.3 Cabinet agreed to:

1. Note the on-going enforcement action when considering the petition in relation to the felling of trees on a site in Viking Ward, Broadstairs;
2. Include the consideration of open space and green infrastructure in the district within the Local Plan review, in accordance with the recommendations of the

separate Cabinet report, (that was also considered at this Cabinet meeting), relating to the scope of the Local Plan Update.

Contact Officer: Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager

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

## **Annex List**

There are no Annexes with this report.

## **Background Papers**

There are no Background Papers with this report.

## **Corporate Consultation**

**Finance:** Chris Blundell, Director of Financial Services

**Legal:** Estelle Culligan, Director of Law and Democracy

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## QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

<b>Council</b>	<b>25 February 2021</b>
<b>Report Author</b>	<b>Committee Services Manager</b>
<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Services</b>
<b>Classification:</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>
<b>Key Decision</b>	<b>No</b>

### **Executive Summary:**

The Leader and Cabinet Members will receive questions from the press and public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.

### **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.

#### **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 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, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

There are no specific equality issues arising from this report.

## Corporate Priorities

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- *Communities*

### 1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Council Procedure Rule 13 enables members of the public may ask questions of members of the Cabinet at ordinary meetings of the Council.
- 1.2 Any questions received in accordance with the Council's constitution will be available to view on the Council website:  
<https://www.thanet.gov.uk/info-pages/speaking-at-council-meetings/>
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 The total time devoted to questions from the press and public 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

There are no Annexes with this report.

### Background Papers

There are no Background Papers with this report.

### Corporate Consultation

**Finance:** Matt Sanham, Corporate Finance Manager

**Legal:** Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

## QUESTIONS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

<b>Council</b>	<b>25 February 2021</b>
<b>Report Author</b>	<b>Committee Services Manager</b>
<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Services</b>
<b>Classification:</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>
<b>Key Decision</b>	<b>No</b>

### **Executive Summary:**

The Leader, Cabinet Members and Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee will receive questions from Members of the Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.

### **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 14.3 affords Members of the Council the opportunity to ask questions of Members of the Cabinet at ordinary meetings of 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 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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There are no specific equality issues arising from this report.

## Corporate Priorities

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- *Communities*

### 1.0 Introduction and Background

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

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

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

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

- a) a direct oral answer;
- b) where the desired information is in a publication of the Council or other published work, a reference to that publication; or
- c) where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated within three working days to the questioner.

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

1.4 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)

1.5 The total time devoted to questions from Members of the Council shall not exceed 30 minutes. Any question which cannot be dealt with during that time will be replied to in writing.

1.6 Any questions received in accordance with the Council's constitution will be available to view on the Council's website:

<https://www.thanet.gov.uk/info-pages/speaking-at-council-meetings/>

Contact Officer: Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager

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



## **Annex List**

There are no Annexes with this report.

## **Background Papers**

There are no Background Papers with this report.

## **Corporate Consultation**

**Finance:** Chris Blundell, Director of Financial Services

**Legal:** Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

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## NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING UNIVERSAL CREDIT UPLIFT PAYMENTS

<b>Council</b>	<b>25 February 2021</b>
Report Author	<b>Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager</b>
Portfolio Holder	<b>Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Services</b>
Status	<b>For Decision</b>
Classification:	<b><i>Unrestricted</i></b>
Key Decision	<b>No</b>
Ward:	<b>All Wards</b>

### **Executive Summary:**

This Council will consider a notice of motion requiring the Leader to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to express its deep concern about the consequences of removing or reducing the £20 per week uplift to universal credit and working tax credit.

### **Recommendation(s):**

Council is invited to consider whether to debate the motion.

### **Corporate Implications**

#### **Financial and Value for Money**

None arising directly from this report.

#### **Legal**

Council Procedure Rule 3.7 states that: “the Member whose name appears first on the notice will move the motion during his or her speech and call for a seconder. If seconded, a Member from the controlling political group will be entitled to a reply, after which the motion shall stand referred without further discussion to the Cabinet or appropriate committee for determination or report unless the Council decides to debate the motion in accordance with Rule 16” (*rules of debate*)

However, as only Council can adopt the motion on notice, the motion will fall if the Council does not agree to debate it.

#### **Corporate**

Council Procedure Rule 3 provides the opportunity for Councillors to give advance notice of motions to be put to Council.

Any motion on notice that proposes the adoption of a policy or the taking of a decision where Council has not received a report from the officers setting out the technical, legal and financial implications of adopting the policy or taking the decision in question shall only be debated.

## **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 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, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

There are no specific equalities issues arising from this report.

## **CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- *Communities*

### **1.0 Introduction and Background**

1.1 The following motion has been received from the Leader in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 3:

***“Thanet has the highest number of universal credit claimants in Kent - more than 18,000, nearly a quarter of the eligible population and an increase of almost two-thirds over the last year due to the impacts of COVID-19 on our local economy. A third of these residents are in work, but recorded unemployment is up 80% since March 2020 and now afflicts one in ten of the working age population. One in eight Thanet households is in fuel poverty.***

***Last March, the chancellor announced a £20 per week uplift to universal credit and working tax credit for 2020/21. This has been a vital lifeline to thousands of families in Thanet and provided an eight-figure cash injection to their collective spending power, helping them feed their children, heat their homes and support local business. It has helped contain the severe pressure on the voluntary sector, including local food banks.***

***The estimated cost of the uplift is around 2% of the extra government spending nationally triggered by COVID-19, and even after it is taken into account UK benefit payments are among the lowest in Europe.***

***No part of Kent will suffer more detriment than Thanet if this uplift is taken away. Nowhere in Kent will more children suffer, more families go cold and hungry, and more local businesses lose out. The lives of residents already struggling to manage will be made harder.***

***This council will speak up for those in urgent need. It calls on both Thanet's MPs to do the same.***

***Council urges the chancellor to retain the £20 uplift in his budget next week and not turn his back on the poorest members of our community. It instructs the leader to write to him tomorrow to express its deep concern about the consequences of removing or reducing this essential support."***

## **2.0 Options**

- 2.1 To debate the motion
- 2.2 Not to debate the motion, in which case the motion will fall.

## **3.0 Decision Making Process**

- 3.1 It is for Council to decide whether or not to debate the motion.

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

### **Annex List**

There are no Annexes with this report.

### **Background Papers**

There are no Background Papers with this report.

### **Corporate Consultation**

**Finance:** Chris Blundell, Director of Financial Services

**Legal:** Estelle Culligan, Director of Law and Democracy

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## LEADER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

<b>Council</b>	<b>25 February 2021</b>
<b>Report Author</b>	<b>Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager</b>
<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	<b>The Leader</b>
<b>Status</b>	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Classification:</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>
<b>Key Decision</b>	<b>No</b>

### **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 identified financial implications from this report.

#### **Legal**

There are no legal implications directly from this report.

#### **Corporate**

The Leaders report helps to contribute to the promoting open communications corporate value.

#### **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 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, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

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.

## **CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- Growth
- Environmental
- Communities

### **1.0 Introduction and Background**

#### **1.1 Council Procedure Rule 2.4 provides that:**

“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.

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.

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.

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.

No motions may be moved nor resolutions passed under this item.”

Contact Officer: Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager

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

#### **Annex List**

There are no Annexes with this report.

#### **Background Papers**

There are no Background Papers with this report.

#### **Corporate Consultation**

**Finance:** Chris Blundell, Director of Financial Services

**Legal:** Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer



## Overview & Scrutiny Panel Chairman's Report to Council

<b>Council</b>	25 February 2021
<b>Report Author</b>	Committee Services Manager
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<b>Classification:</b>	Unrestricted
<b>Key Decision</b>	No
<b>Reasons for Key</b>	N/A
<b>Ward:</b>	Thanet Wide

### Executive Summary:

This report highlights 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):

Members are asked to comment on and thereafter 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

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.

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.

## **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 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, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

This report relates to the following aim of the equality duty: -

1. To eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it
3. To foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

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.

It is important to be aware of the Council's responsibility under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) and show evidence that due consideration has been given to the equalities impact that may be brought upon communities by the decisions made by Council.

## **Corporate Priorities**

This report relates to Communities.

### **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 the 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 12 October 2020. The Panel met on 27 October and received reports regarding its work programme.

- 1.5 The work programme for 2020/21 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.
- 1.6 Members may also wish to reflect and comment on the content in Annex 2 which provides an opportunity to review and keep track of the spread of the scrutiny review work, particularly between pre and post decision scrutiny activities.
- 1.7 Annex 3 is a summary of the prioritised scrutiny review topics for 20/21. This work is not necessarily confined to this municipal year, but could well be taken into subsequent years if the priority order remains generally the same for the Panel.

## **2.0 Current Situation**

- 2.1 The Panel met on 25 November and reviewed its work programme during which they received an update report from the Chairman of the Memorials Working Party. The main points from that report were as follows:
  - a. The working party was joined in the discussions by a member of the public;
  - b. Members agreed to seek some lessons from other council that have had to address similar issues, including from Liverpool City Council;
  - c. On 17 January 2021, Community Secretary Robert Jenrick announced a change in law to protect public monuments;
  - d. The Secretary said that the public should have a chance to be consulted on such matters, before statues and monuments were removed;
  - e. Thoughtful considerations should be given before such decisions were made to remove status and monuments from public view;
  - f. When coming with its own policy, the council would always need to use the proper process when making future decision on statues and monuments;
  - g. The new law would require that any future decisions to remove heritage monuments, would need to go through the planning process and public consultation in accordance with the constitution of the local council;
  - h. The Secretary of Communities would retain the right of veto power on such decisions, which could used to overrule any local decisions;
  - i. The working party was now waiting for the lead officer to draft the policy document for review by Members before reporting back to the Panel.
- 2.2 The working party was working a new date for a meeting that hopefully would lead to members coming up with recommendations to forward to the Panel for onward submission to the Executive.

## **Review of the budget Proposals for 2021/22**

- 2.3 At the January 2021 Panel meeting, Members considered budget proposals for 2021/22 and the following observations were made:
  - a. The proposed budget was drafted in the context of significant changes on local government financing;
  - b. Covid-19 had forced local authorities to focus on short term issues. This had drained the council reserves, council finances and council staff reserves;

- c. The budget gap in the proposals was largely due to factors internal to the council like pay and contractual inflation and an increase in cost of waste disposal.
- d. The Finance team had worked to host Members briefing sessions to update Members on the budget process.

2.4 After making comments the Panel did not take any further action as no forward recommendations were forwarded to Cabinet. This meant that the recommendations agreed by Cabinet on 14 January were forwarded to Full Council on 11 February.

## **Performance Review**

2.5 The Panel reviewed the performance of the council and highlighted the following:

- a. This year has been particularly hard on the waste collection teams, especially considering that agency staff had to be contracted as some permanent staff had to shield or self isolating due to the pandemic;
- b. As many more people were working from home, the vehicles have experienced significant issues passing through certain areas where cars were parked on either side of the roads;
- c. Despite all those challenges, senior management was proud of the achievements of the waste collection teams;
- d. The amount of residual waste was significantly higher this year. This was largely due to the number of people being at home most of the time due to the national lockdowns;
- e. With regards to the improving living conditions target – Officers anticipated this indicator to go down slightly. This was because the government funding for the Rogue Landlords Project had finished and as the current Selective licensing scheme ends in April this year, so there was projected to be less activity. The teams have also been affected by the lockdown restrictions. However the licence was valid for 5 years which means the council would still be able to enforce the conditions of the previous scheme;
- f. Officers had been looking at what the new selective licensing designation could look like. The Housing CAG was looking into this and the council had held early discussions with MHCLG and they had been supportive and were open to hearing what the proposals looked like. It was therefore reasonable to be optimistic about the options for the council to designate a new area of selective licensing and use that as a tool for improving living conditions in private rented housing.

## **Tenant and Leaseholder Services Transition Review**

2.6 Members received an update on the transition of the housing services which was brought in house as from 1 October 2020 and the following update comments and observations were made:

- a. Since the transition, a number of liaison meetings with tenants and leaseholders had been held which the portfolio holder had attended;
- b. The new service was 15 weeks into the new in house arrangement and the team was settling in well;
- c. There were 58 posts in the new structure. Of that number only three were covered by agency staff and another one would be going out for recruitment;
- d. Twenty eight of the fifty eight posts came from East Kent Housing, with the remaining ones being new recruitments;

- e. New contact arrangements, including new email details for the service had been introduced and shared with every tenant and leaseholder;
- f. newsletter with a fridge magnet that contained all details including telephone numbers was sent out in the first week of the service;
- g. New generic neighbourhood housing officers had been introduced to the service. This was something that tenants and leaseholders had always wanted;
- h. The service has had to deal a lot with legacy issues, but relatively few new complaints;
- i. Contract management - Now every contract had a named lead officer (contract administrator), whose responsibility was to ensure that invoices and orders were coded in the right way against the coding structure.
  
- j. This could be a reflection that the new contact arrangements set up were effective in addressing issues as they arose;
- k. The first report of the new service included a position statement, health and safety report and performance data for the first two months of the service;
- l. With regards to the health and safety update, the council had meetings regularly with the regulator for social housing. The regulator agreed the council's voluntary undertaking and action plan (that covers the period up to April 2021), relating to tenant and leaseholder health and safety matters;
- m. The council hoped to have an East Kent Audit Partnership review conducted in May to assess the new position on health and safety. This would then be reported to the regulator in June, hoping to then get the regulatory notice on the council removed;
- n. Gas Safety – The current position was now very positive. There was one resident who was refusing to give engineers access to the property. The council was currently working with other agencies to resolve that issue;
- o. Electrical compliance – the performance figures were quite low at when the new service started. The team had since carried out a line by line review of the data of all of the certificates for domestic and communal areas and the work was due to be completed in December 2020. The work had since been completed. The level of compliance had increased;
- p. The service would be reporting quarterly to the OSP and Cabinet. The council would continue to report to the regulator monthly on health and safety matters;
- q. The capital programme – a significant amount of slippage was anticipated from this year to next year, as 13% of allocated amount had been spent as at 1 October 2020. The team was working on correcting some coding in a number of capital expenditure areas against revenue codes;
  
- r. The service has had some success with securing new procurement contracts for decorations and repairs. A contract had been let for refurbishment of 14 lifts in 6 tower blocks and other blocks;
- s. A contract had been let for structural and mechanical surveys for 6 tower blocks. These survey would including getting advice on what other works were needed including external cladding and assisting the council with the procurement that would come out this piece of work;
- t. Satisfaction with repairs – This was one area that most impacted tenants and leaseholders. The serviced had worked hard to improve the relationship with key contractors to implement new contract management arrangements;

- u. Void performance and rent collection – This area needed improvement over the coming months, particularly to support the business plan for the future;
- v. Communication – A number of bespoke newsletters to each of the tower blocks and a generic one to all tenants had been sent out. In the last newsletter there was a survey about residents priorities for improvements over the next 12 to 18 months;
- w. The response was already looking good. The results of the survey would be used to guide some discussions at the Housing Cabinet Advisory Group. Any improvement updates resulting from these surveys would be shared with the Panel.

## **New corporate Performance Reporting**

- 2.7 Members discussed the ideas for the new corporate reporting framework and followings summarise the discussion:
- a. The new approach would link corporate performance monitoring to the current corporate objectives which are Growth, Environment and Community;
  - b. This would also focus on what matters most to residents and the process would be more transparent and engaging;
  - c. Performance indicators would be reduced from the current numbers whilst improving the quality of the data. The data would be more contextual;
  - d. Most of the reporting would be live data on the council website, which residents can track easier as the information would be available to the public 24 hours each day. This would help demonstrate that the council was achieving what it had set out to do in the corporate objectives;
  - e. Panel Members were going to give feedback comments to officers about the new approach;
  - f. Final proposals were going to be presented at a Panel meeting before 1 April 2021.

## **3.0 Panel Recommendations to Cabinet - Implementation Monitoring**

The Panel keeps a watching brief on all the issues in this section, until the executive decisions are fully implemented.

### **Adoption of a new Housing Assistance Policy**

- 3.1 At the July 2019 meeting, the Panel considered a report on the “Adoption of a new Housing Assistance Policy” and recommended to Cabinet that Council writes to Kent County Council requesting that “KCC ring-fenced the £405k (Top sliced/payment to KCC projected for 2019/20) for use by Thanet residents”.
- 3.2 Cabinet forwarded the request to KCC via a letter sent to KCC by the Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods on 12 August 2019. The Panel is awaiting a response from KCC.

### **Travellers Review Recommendation**

- 3.3 After a scrutiny review conducted by a working group, the Panel recommended to Cabinet that “further work be undertaken including extensive public consultation to assess the feasibility and cost implications of establishing temporary tolerated sites in the district.”

- 3.4 Having considered the Overview and Scrutiny Panel recommendations on 16 December 2019, Cabinet agreed to the following:

“That further work was undertaken to assess the feasibility and cost implications of three temporary tolerated sites in the District, at Potten Street, St Nicholas at Wade, Tivoli Brooks and Ramsgate Port, with a view to using them on a rotational basis”. Members are maintaining a watching brief on the issue.

- 3.5 Cabinet further considered this matter at the meeting on 17 September 2020 and agreed the following:

1. That the identification of appropriate tolerated stopping sites becomes part of the Local Plan review;
2. That Officers continue with an officer and partner group, working with known groups of gypsies and travellers to address site access and behaviours.

- 3.6 The Local Plan Review Cabinet Advisory Group met on 16 November and recommended to Cabinet that “the Local Plan update should extend the Plan period to 2040,” and address among other issues “The provision of Gypsy & Traveller sites to meet identified requirements.” It is anticipated that Cabinet would be considering these recommendations on 17 December 2020.

- 3.7 The main watching brief on this issue is for the Panel to satisfy itself that during the review of the Local Plan, this issue is addressed as per the decision made by Cabinet.

## 4.0 Options

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the report.

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### Annex List

Annex 1: Overview & Scrutiny Panel Work Programme for 2020/21  
Annex 2: Scrutiny Review Scoring table  
Annex 3: Record of OSP Pre and Post Decision Reviews for 2020/21

### Background Papers

None

### Corporate Consultation

**Finance:** Chris Blundell, Director of Finance

**Legal:** Tim Howes, Corporate Director of Governance & Monitoring Officer

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Overview & Scrutiny Panel Work Programme for 2020/21		
Meeting Date	Indicative Agenda Items	Issue Source
18 February 2021	Cabinet Member Presentation - Estates and Economic Development	Standing Agenda Item
	Crime Stats in Thanet	Community Services Item
	Street Scene Review	Community Services Item
	Foreshore and Coastal Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)	Operational Services Item
	Dog Public Spaces Protection Order Amendments (PSPO)	Operational Services Item
	Planning Enforcement Review	Community Services Item
	Review OSP Work Programme for 2020/21	Standing Agenda Item
	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List	Standing Agenda Item
xx March 2021-extra OSP?	Proposals for new look corporate performance reporting format	Communications Item
20 April 2021	Cabinet Member Presentation	Standing Agenda Item
	The Impact of Covid-19 on businesses and communities in Thanet	Regeneration Services Item
	Tenant and Leaseholder Services Transition Update	Housing Services Item
	Corporate Performance Report Q3 2020/21	Financial Services Item
	Memorials Working Party Party Update	Democratic Services Item
	Review OSP Work Programme for 2020/21	Standing Agenda Item
	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List	Standing Agenda Item
25 May 2021	Establishment of OSP Work Programme for 2021/22	Standing Agenda Item
	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List	Standing Agenda Item

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**Table as at August 2020**

Title Of the Scrutiny Review	Review Type	Date added to the scoring table	Membership	Is the topic related to a priority or value within the Council's Corporate Plan?	Is the topic of high public concern?	Is the topic currently under-performing as per the Council's quarterly performance monitoring?	Will the topic result in recommendations that save that Council money or generate income?	Time on the list?	Implications for officer resource allocation	Total	Rank
<b>Private rented sector:</b> How does TDC regulate private landlords and letting agencies in Thanet?	B	14/8/20	TBC	10	10	-	10	0	10	40	=5th
<b>Empty Properties:</b> Why does Thanet have the highest number of empty properties in Kent and what approaches can be used to put these properties to use in a timely manner?	A	14/8/20	TBC	10	10	0	10	0	20	50	=3rd
<b>Planning enforcement in the district is slow:</b> Why is the planning enforcement process seemingly so slow in Thanet and how can it be made more efficient?	C	14/8/20	TBC	10	10	-	20	0	0	40	=5th
<b>Coastal waste clearance:</b> How does Thanet ensure that its coastal promenades and beaches are kept clear of rubbish and in the best condition for both residents and visitors?	B	14/8/20	TBC	10	20	20	10	0	10	70	1st
<b>Street Scene:</b> Abandoned vehicles - how can TDC speed up time taken to clear abandoned vehicles?	B	14/8/20	TBC	10	10	-	10	0	10	40	=5th
<b>Selective Licensing</b> - Is selective licensing the best way forward for the improvement of the privately rented sector Thanet and if so, could it be replicated in other areas of the district?	C	14/8/20	TBC	10	10	-	20	0	0	40	=5th
<b>Camper Vehicles being parked on the street for too long:</b> What is the impact of parked Camper vans on the Thanet roads and can this be regulated by Thanet District Council?	B	14/8/20	TBC	10	10	-	10	0	10	40	=5th
<b>Promenades</b> - safety concerns cyclists speeding and sharing the footpath: Would a dedicated cycle path (or markings) along the promenade help control bike/pedestrian placement (and cyclist speed)?	B	14/8/20	TBC	10	20	-	0	0	10	40	=5th
<b>Replacement bins for litter/dog waste:</b> What is the council's reasoning behind complete removal of damaged bins and not replacing them?	A	14/8/20	TBC	10	20	-	10	0	20	60	2nd

<b>Managing anti-social behaviour on Thanet beaches:</b> Are beach inspectors the best way to control or manage beach behaviour?	B	14/8/20	TBC	10	20	-	10	0	10	50	=3rd
<b>Weed killer usage:</b> What is the best approach for managing grass and hedges in public open spaces in the district that can be used to replace the use of weed killers?	B	14/8/20	TBC	10	10	-	10	0	10	40	=5th
<b>Water user group regulation:</b> What role does TDC have in ensuring the safety of swimmers and other water users from the behaviour of boat and jet ski users in Thanet bays?	C	14/8/20	TBC	10	20	-	0	0	0	30	=14th
<b>Rough Sleepers:</b> what are we doing about this as a long term plan of addressing the issue (post COVID-19)?	C	14/8/20	TBC	10	10	0	10	0	0	30	=14th
<b>Modern Slavery:</b> - hand car washes. Is there any intervention the council can do to address the issue of modern slavery?	C	14/8/20	TBC	10	10	-	0	0	0	20	=16th
<b>Statues and Blue Plaques:</b> What would be the best approach for managing the discussion on and review of suitability of statues and plaques in the district?	B	14/8/20	TBC	10	20	-	0	0	10	40	=5th
<b>Shellfish collection enforcement:</b> How is the collection of shellfish from Thanet beaches regulated and how can enforcement be best managed?	C	14/8/20	TBC	10	10	-	0	0	0	20	=16th

A:1 Day – 4 weeks Review: **limited officer resource allocations required** for a successful review

B:More than 4 weeks and up to 3 months – **significant officer resource allocations required** for a successful review

C:More than 3 months: **very significant officer resource allocation required** for a successful review

OSP Pre and Post Decision Reviews for 2020/21

Date of scrutiny meeting	Item	Pre-decision	Post Decision	Cabinet Presentation	Work Planning
28/05/19	Establish the Overview & Scrutiny Panel Work Programme for 2019/20				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
28/05/19	Corporate Performance Report Quarter 4 2018-19		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
28/05/19	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18/07/19	Cabinet Member Presentation - The Leader of Council - 'the development work going on and the future of the Ramsgate Port.'			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
18/07/19	Adoption of a new Housing Assistance Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
18/07/19	Reviewing the OSP Work Programme for 2019/20				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18/07/19	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15/08/19	Proposal for the disposal of the Dreamland freehold		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
27/08/19	Reviewing the OSP Work Programme for 2019/20				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
27/08/19	Corporate Statement 2019-2023	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

27/08/19	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
01/10/19	East Kent Housing Q1 Performance Report for 2019/20		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
01/10/19	TDC Corporate Performance Report for Q1 2019/20		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
01/10/19	Call-in of Individual Cabinet Member decision-Port and Harbour Projects - Variation to 2019/20 Capital Programme		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
22/10/19	Cabinet Member Presentation - Fees & Charges Proposals for 2020/21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
22/10/19	Crime Stats for Thanet		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
22/10/19	Reviewing the OSP Work Programme for 2019/20				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
22/10/19	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19/11/19	Draft Housing Strategy 2020-2025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
19/11/19	EKH Quarterly Performance Report Q2 2019/20		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
19/11/19	Corporate Performance Report Quarter 2 2019-20		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
19/11/19	Review of Unauthorised Traveller Encampment in Thanet - Report back by the Traveller Review Group	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

19/11/19	Review the Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme for 2019/20				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19/11/19	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
21/01/20	Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2020-24	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
21/01/20	2020-21 Budget Setting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
21/01/20	Review the Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme for 2019/20				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
21/01/20	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20/02/20	Cabinet Member Presentation - The Future of Council Housing Stock Management - An Update Report		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
20/02/20	East Kent Housing Performance Report Q3 2019/20		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
20/02/20	Corporate Performance Report Quarter 3 2019-20		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
20/02/20	Review the Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme for 2019/20				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20/02/20	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
26/05/20	Thanet Local Plan - Inspectors' Report (Reg 25) And Adoption (Reg 26)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

26/05/20	Review the Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme for 2019/20				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
26/05/20	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
21/07/20	Cabinet Member Presentation - Beach Management Plan		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
21/07/20	Procurement of Lift refurbishment Programme and External Repairs and Decorations Programme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
21/07/20	Criteria for any Review of Street and Building Names and other Monuments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
21/07/20	Call-in of an Individual Cabinet Member Decision - Memorial Plaque in Broadstairs		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
21/07/20	Review the Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme for 2020/21				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
21/07/20	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
27/08/20	Draft Empty Homes Plan 2020-23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
27/08/20	Tenant and Leaseholder Service Transition Update			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
27/08/20	Review the Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme for 2020/21				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
27/08/20	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



27/10/20	The Management of Thanet Beaches during 2020 Summer		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
27/10/20	Foy House Update			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
27/10/20	Review the Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme for 2020/21				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
27/10/20	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
24/11/20	Fees and charges 2021-22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
24/11/20	BREXIT - TDC Plans regarding the EU Transition coming to an end	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
24/11/20	Review the Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme for 2020/21				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
24/11/20	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19/01/21	2021-22 Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
19/01/21	Proposals for new look corporate performance reporting format	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
19/01/21	Tenant and Leaseholder Services Transition Update		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
19/01/21	Corporate Performance Report Q1 and Q2 2020/21		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
19/01/21	Memorials Working Party Party Update	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

19/01/21	Review the Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme for 2020/21				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19/01/21	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18/02/21	Cabinet Member Presentation - an overview of Estates and Economic Development portfolio areas			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
18/02/21	Foreshore and Coastal Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
18/02/21	Dog Public Spaces Protection Order Amendments (PSPO)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
18/02/21	Street Scene Review - Abandoned vehicles – how can TDC speed up time taken to clear abandoned vehicles?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
18/02/21	Planning Enforcement Review - Why is the planning enforcement process seemingly so slow in Thanet and how can it be made more efficient?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
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18/02/21	Review OSP Work Programme 2020/21				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18/02/21	Forward Plan & Exempt Cabinet Report List				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Council Tax Resolution 2021-22**

Council	<b>25 February 2021</b>
Report Author	<b>Tim Willis, Deputy Chief Executive and S151 officer</b>
Portfolio Holder	<b>Cllr Rob Yates, Cabinet Member for Financial Services and Estates</b>
Status	<b>For Decision</b>
Classification:	<b>Unrestricted</b>
Key Decision	<b>Yes</b>
Reasons for Key	<b>Budget and Policy Framework</b>
Ward:	<b>All Wards</b>

**Executive Summary:**

This report enables the Council to set the Council Tax for 2021-22 for each part of its area, after taking into account the precepts of the Kent County Council, Kent Police and Crime Commissioner and Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Service.

**Recommendations:**

- (i) That Members approve the Thanet District Council element of Council Tax charges as set out below for the listed property bands:

<b>COUNCIL TAX PER PROPERTY BAND FOR 2021-22</b>								
<b>BAND</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>Proportion of band D</b>	<b>6/9</b>	<b>7/9</b>	<b>8/9</b>	<b>9/9</b>	<b>11/9</b>	<b>13/9</b>	<b>15/9</b>	<b>18/9</b>
<b>Annual Charge</b>	<b>162.09</b>	<b>189.10</b>	<b>216.12</b>	<b>243.13</b>	<b>297.16</b>	<b>351.19</b>	<b>405.22</b>	<b>486.26</b>

- (ii) That Members approve the determinations at Section 1 of this report.

**CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

<b>Financial and Value for Money</b>	The financial implications for the General Fund are laid out in the budget report that went to Council on 11th February 2021.
<b>Legal</b>	The Local Government Finance Act 1992 requires that the above statutory resolution be made. The requirements of other relevant statute have been referenced within the body of this report, where relevant.
<b>-0 Corporate</b>	Corporate priorities can only be delivered with robust finances. The budget and the level of reserves recommended are believed to be sufficient to meet these priorities and develop Services.

<b>Equalities Act 2010 &amp; Public Sector Equality Duty</b>	<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 &amp; maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage &amp; civil partnership.</p>						
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<b>CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant) ✓</b>	
A clean and welcoming Environment	✓
Promoting inward investment and job creation	✓
Supporting neighbourhoods	✓

<b>CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant) ✓</b>	
Delivering value for money	✓
Supporting the workforce	✓
Promoting open communications	✓

**1.1 Council Tax Setting**

1.2 At the Cabinet meeting on 14 January 2021, Cabinet approved the formal resolution determining the Council Tax Base for 2021-22. It has been determined that the Council Tax Base for the whole Council area is 44,155.70, calculated in accordance with Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, The calculation of the Tax Base has been undertaken in accordance with the current Regulations, “Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012 (SI: 2012:2914)”, which came into force in November 2012 as amended (the “Act”).

1.3 The Council’s budget for 2021-22 was approved by Council on 11 February 2021. The budget is predicated on a Council Tax requirement for the council’s own purposes for 2021-22 (excluding Parish precepts) of £10,735,575. This is determined after taking into account the council’s net budget requirement and other available funding sources including our share of retained business rates, government grants and the council’s share of the Collection Fund deficit. The calculation for 2021-22 is set out in Table 1.

**Table 1 - CALCULATION OF COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT FOR 2021-22**

	<b>£'000</b>
Net Budget Requirement for 2021-22	17,165
Less:	
Government Funding (including retained business rates, RSG and New Homes Bonus)	-6,135
Other Grants	-961
Collection Fund Deficit	671
<b>Council Tax Requirement</b>	<b>10,740</b>
Divided by Tax Base	44,156
Council Tax for Band D property 2021-22	£243.13
Compared to Council Tax for Band D in 2020-21	£238.14
Increase in Council Tax charge (at Band D)	£4.99
Percentage Increase	(2.10%)

- 1.3 The following amounts have been calculated for the year 2021-22 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
- 1.3.1 £79,810,147 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
- 1.3.2 £66,924,990 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- 1.3.3 £12,885,152 being the amount by which the aggregate at 1.3.1 above exceeds the aggregate at 1.3.2 above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year.
- 1.3.4 £291.81 being the amount at 1.3.3 above divided by the tax base of 44,155.70 calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
- 1.3.5 £2,149,577 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- 1.3.6 £243.13 being the amount at 1.3.4 above less the result given by dividing the amount at 1.3.5 above by the tax base of 44,155.70 calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

## 1.3.7 Table 2 - Part of the Council's Area (District and Parish combined at Band D)

Parish/Charter Trustees of

	£
Acol	302.80
Birchington	271.84
Broadstairs	311.53
Cliffsend	264.64
Manston	279.85
Margate	252.31
Minster	312.43
Monkton	293.53
Ramsgate	323.77
St Nicholas-at-Wade and Sarre	292.09
Westgate	303.34

Being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 1.3.6 above the amounts of special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the appropriate tax base calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

## 1.3.8 Table 3 - Part of The Council's Area Valuation Bands

Parish/Charter Trustees	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Acol	201.87	235.51	269.16	302.80	370.09	437.38	504.67	605.60
Birchington	181.23	211.43	241.64	271.84	332.25	392.66	453.07	543.68
Broadstairs	207.69	242.30	276.92	311.53	380.76	449.99	519.22	623.06
Cliffsend	176.43	205.83	235.24	264.64	323.45	382.26	441.07	529.28
Manston	186.57	217.66	248.76	279.85	342.04	404.23	466.42	559.70
Margate	168.21	196.24	224.28	252.31	308.38	364.45	420.52	504.62
Minster	208.29	243.00	277.72	312.43	381.86	451.29	520.72	624.86
Monkton	195.69	228.30	260.92	293.53	358.76	423.99	489.22	587.06
Ramsgate	215.85	251.82	287.80	323.77	395.72	467.67	539.62	647.54
St Nicholas-at-Wade and Sarre	194.73	227.18	259.64	292.09	357.00	421.91	486.82	584.18
Westgate	202.23	235.93	269.64	303.34	370.75	438.16	505.57	606.68

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 1.3.6 and 1.3.7 above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

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1.3.9 Members should note that for the year 2021-22 Kent County Council, Kent Police and Crime Commissioner and Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown in Table 4.

**Table 4 - Precepting Authorities Valuation Bands**

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Kent County Council	945.84	1,103.48	1,261.12	1,418.76	1,734.04	2,049.32	2,364.60	2,837.52
Kent Police and Crime Commissioner	145.43	169.67	193.91	218.15	266.63	315.10	363.58	436.30
Kent Fire and Rescue	53.88	62.86	71.84	80.82	98.78	116.74	134.70	161.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,145.15</b>	<b>1,336.01</b>	<b>1,526.87</b>	<b>1,717.73</b>	<b>2,099.45</b>	<b>2,481.16</b>	<b>2,862.88</b>	<b>3,435.46</b>

1.3.10 Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 1.3.8 and 1.3.9 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts of Council Tax for the year 2021-22 for each of the categories of dwellings shown in Table 5.

**Table 5 - Part of the Council's Area Valuation Bands**

<b>Parish/Charter Trustees</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Acol	1,347.02	1,571.52	1,796.03	2,020.53	2,469.54	2,918.53	3,367.55	4,041.06
Birchington	1,326.38	1,547.44	1,768.51	1,989.57	2,431.70	2,873.81	3,315.95	3,979.14
Broadstairs	1,352.84	1,578.31	1,803.79	2,029.26	2,480.21	2,931.14	3,382.10	4,058.52
Cliffsend	1,321.58	1,541.84	1,762.11	1,982.37	2,422.90	2,863.41	3,303.95	3,964.74
Manston	1,331.72	1,553.67	1,775.63	1,997.58	2,441.49	2,885.38	3,329.30	3,995.16
Margate	1,313.36	1,532.25	1,751.15	1,970.04	2,407.83	2,845.60	3,283.40	3,940.08
Minster	1,353.44	1,579.01	1,804.59	2,030.16	2,481.31	2,932.44	3,383.60	4,060.32
Monkton	1,340.84	1,564.31	1,787.79	2,011.26	2,458.21	2,905.14	3,352.10	4,022.52
Ramsgate	1,361.00	1,587.83	1,814.67	2,041.50	2,495.17	2,948.82	3,402.50	4,083.00
St Nicholas-at-Wade and Sarre	1,339.88	1,563.19	1,786.51	2,009.82	2,456.45	2,903.06	3,349.70	4,019.64
Westgate	1,347.38	1,571.94	1,796.51	2,021.07	2,470.20	2,919.31	3,368.45	4,042.14

## 2.0 Council Tax Increases

- 2.1 The average Council Tax for the Council for a Band D property for 2021-22 will be £2,009.54.
- 2.2 Kent County Council, Kent Police and Crime Commissioner and Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Service have issued precepts of £62.646m, £9.633m and £3.569m respectively. KCC have increased their Council Tax charge by 5.00%, whereas Kent Police and Kent Fire have increased their Council Tax charges by 7.38% and 1.93% respectively.
- 2.3 The average total tax at Band D is summarised in table 6, showing an overall increase of £89.04. This is primarily due to changes to KCC and Kent Police precepts. Thanet's share of the bill represents only 12.1% of the overall total.

**Table 6 - Average Total Council Tax at Band D**

	<b>2021-22</b> £	<b>2020-21</b> £	<b>Increase</b> £	<b>Increase</b> %
Thanet District Council	243.13	238.14	4.99	2.10
Town & Parish Councils	48.68	48.66	0.02	0.04
<b>Total District Council</b>	<b>291.81</b>	<b>286.80</b>	<b>5.01</b>	<b>2.14</b>
Kent County Council	1,418.76	1,351.26	67.50	5.00
Kent Police and Crime Commissioner	218.15	203.15	15.00	7.38
Kent and Medway Fire & Rescue Service	80.82	79.29	1.53	1.93
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>2,009.54</b>	<b>1,920.50</b>	<b>89.04</b>	<b>4.64</b>

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### Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
N/A	

### Corporate Consultation

Finance	N/A
Legal	Estelle Culligan, Director of Law and Governance



## Changes to Representatives on Outside Bodies

<b>Council</b>	<b>25 February 2021</b>
<b>Report Author</b>	<b>Committee Services Manager</b>
<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Services</b>
<b>Classification:</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>
<b>Key Decision</b>	<b>No</b>

### Executive Summary:

Council is asked to agree two changes to its representatives on two Non-Executive outside bodies for the remainder of the 2020-21 year.

### Recommendation(s):

To agree the following two changes from the remainder of the 2020-21 year:

1. That Councillor Boyd replaces Councillor Kup on the Young People's Partnership Conversation.
2. That Councillor Ovenden replaces Councillor Huxley on the Sandwich and Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve Steering Group.

### 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

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.

#### 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 not share it, and

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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.

There are no direct equalities implications to this report as although there are Councillors from the protected groups, there are no restrictions on who may be appointed to represent the Council on outside bodies.

## Corporate Priorities

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- *Communities*

### 1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Council agrees the list of Executive and Non-Executive outside bodies and Council agrees the nominations to the Non-Executive outside bodies.
- 1.2 Council has two categories of outside bodies: nominations to outside bodies that relate to Executive functions are agreed by the Cabinet, and those that relate to Non-Executive functions are agreed by Council.
- 1.3 The list of outside bodies, and nominations to them, are agreed on an annual basis.

### 2.0 The Current Situation

- 2.1 Democratic Services has been informed by the relevant Group Leaders that Councillor Boyd will replace Councillor Kup on the Young People's Partnership Conversation and Councillor Ovenden will replace Councillor Huxley on the Sandwich and Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve Steering Group.
- 2.2 Both the Young People's Partnership Conversation and the Sandwich and Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve Steering Group are Non-Executive Outside bodies.

### 3.0 Decision Making Process

- 3.1 As both of the outside bodies referred to in the report are non-executive outside bodies, Council is the decision making body.

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### Annex List

There are no Annexes with this report.

## **Background Papers**

There are no Background Papers with this report.

## **Corporate Consultation**

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