
QUESTION NO. 1 FROM A MEMBER – THE MINUTES OF THE INVEST THANET BOARD MEETING HELD ON 22 APRIL 2016.

To: **Council – 14 July 2016**
By: **Committee Services Manager**
Classification: **Unrestricted**

Summary: The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise Services will receive a question from a Member of Council in relation to the minutes of the Invest Thanet Board meeting held on 22 April 2016.

For Information

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 The following question, addressed to Councillor Stummer-Schmertzinger, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise Services, has been received from Councillor Savage in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 14.

“In the light of changed economic prospects facing the country and Thanet principally our concern, the work of the Invest Thanet Board becomes increasingly important.
The minutes of the last meeting are still unavailable even though the meeting took place back on 22/4/16. When will these minutes be available?”

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

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

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

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

- 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.

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

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

2.0 Corporate Implications

2.1 Financial

2.1.1 None arising directly from this report.

2.2 Legal

2.2.1 None arising directly from this report.

2.3 Corporate

2.3.1 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.

2.4 Equity and Equalities

2.4.1 None arising at this stage

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 This report is for information.

4.0 Decision Making Process

4.1 This report is for information.

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Annex List

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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	Matthew Sanham, Corporate Finance Manager
Legal	Colin Evans, Assistant Litigation Solicitor