

Meeting: **Council**  
Date: **29 September 2021**  
Time: **7.00 pm**  
Place: **Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone**

To: **All Members of the Council**

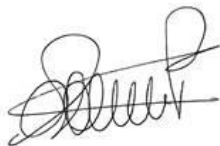
**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to attend a meeting of the Council on the date and at the time shown above.

Anyone who wishes to have information on any matter arising on the Agenda which is not fully covered in these papers is requested to give notice prior to the meeting to the Chairman or appropriate officer.

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Although social distancing rules have been relaxed, for the safety of the public, elected members and staff, we will continue to seat members of the public approximately one metre apart. This means that there will be 13 seats available for members of the public, which will be reserved for those speaking or participating at the meeting. The remaining available seats will be given on a first come, first served basis.

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1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest (Pages 7 - 8)**

Members of the Council should declare any discloseable pecuniary interest or any other significant interests in any item/s on this agenda.

3. **Minutes (Pages 9 - 14)**

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the council held on 21 July 2021 and to authorise the Chairman of the Council to sign them as a correct record.

4. **Chairman's Communications**

5. **Petitions**

There are no petitions to be presented.

6. **Questions from the Public**

The following questions have been received:

1. **From Mrs M Lawes to Councillor Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and Special Projects**

FHDC has allowed young people with mental health issues, into Council owned Sheltered Housing for over 55 or over 60 years old. . Which brings its own problems to places that were thought to be safe for the elderly.

Is it now Councils policy to reduce sheltered housing for the elderly especially in the deprived areas of East Folkestone & Harbour Ward?

7. **Questions from Councillors**

(Questions can be found on [www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](http://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk) from noon 2 days before the meeting, on Modern.gov, under the agenda for this meeting).

Up to 45 minutes is allowed for questions from councillors.

8. **Announcements of the Leader of the Council**

To receive a report from the Leader of the Council on the business of the cabinet and on matters that the leader considers should be drawn to the council's attention. The leader shall have 10 minutes to make his announcements.

The opposition group will have an opportunity to reply to the leader's remarks. The opposition group leader shall have 5 minutes to respond after which the Leader of the Council will have a right of reply. Any right of reply will be for a maximum duration of 5 minutes.

9. **Opposition Business**

The Labour Group has raised the following matter:

**Council Notes:**

- That this council received £75,000 as part of the national Covid Winter Grant Scheme and these funds were shared out to local organisations to help provide food and cover heating costs for some of the district's residents.
- That there is growing concern across the UK regarding the forecast rising energy prices ahead of winter.
- OfGem report that a 50% increase in energy costs will see the October price cap for prepay customers set at £1309, the cap for October 2020 was £1070.

**Council Resolves:**

- To highlight, via the website, the services available to residents to assist with fuel expenses, including but not limited to: Winter Fuel Payment, Cold Weather Payment, Warm Home Discount Scheme, grants from suppliers trusts or funds.
- To bring forward a report that addresses the need for an amount of funding, relative to last year, that addresses the level of support required by our residents to stay warm and fed this winter.
- This report should consider, but not limited to, the following:
  - Potential sources for external funding
  - Additional streams of internal funding
  - Framework for distribution of funds
  - Monitoring and evaluation of delivery.

Debates on opposition business shall be limited to 30 minutes. If the time limit is reached or the debate concludes earlier, the leader of the group raising the item shall have a right of reply.

The Council shall:

- a) Note the issue raised and take no further action;
- b) Refer the issue to the cabinet or relevant overview and scrutiny committee, as the case may be for their observations before deciding whether to make a decision on the issue;
- c) Agree to examine the matter as part of a future scrutiny programme;
- d) Adopt the issue raised by opposition business provided that the decision so made is within the policy framework and budget.

10. **Motions on Notice**

The following motions have been placed on the agenda in the order received; up to 60 minutes shall be allowed for debates on motions on notice:

**1. From Councillor Whybrow, Leader of the Green Group**

In order to cap the contaminated land at Princes Parade it will be necessary to remove all the vegetation. Although the reptiles should have been moved to an alternative habitat by then and the badgers will have been excluded and provided with a new sett, this work will nevertheless result in serious harm to the other non protected animals living on the site.

It is therefore vital that this work is not started until the council has all the necessary permissions to begin the development. If the work is carried out prematurely there is a high risk of causing unnecessary death and injury to the animals living on the site as well as the council incurring unnecessary costs.

Therefore this council resolves that :  
the vegetation will not be cleared from Princes Parade until the result of the public inquiry into the stopping up of the road is declared and planning permission for the surface water drainage works has been granted"

**11. Folkestone and Hythe Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Plan 2021-24 (Pages 15 - 38)**

The District Council has a statutory duty to address Crime and Disorder and as a responsible authority participate in the activity of the Folkestone and Hythe Community Safety Partnership (CSP). The CSP is required to produce a CSP plan following a strategic assessment of crime trends and issues facing the District. The annual strategic assessment (SA) document is a restricted document but the CSP plan is a public facing document that sets out the work of the partnership, identified priorities and actions to focus on. This report presents the new three year (2021-24) partnership plan (reviewed annually) to Council for approval.

**12. Accelerating Delivery of the council's Corporate Plan - use of reserves (Pages 39 - 48)**

Subject to consideration and the views of cabinet, this report recommends the use of Reserves in to the current budget framework to accelerate delivery of the council's corporate plan specifically relating to: (1) regeneration and housing activities and; (2) those relating to the council's climate change activities.

**13. Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) - Policy (Pages 49 - 84)**

This report sets out the Council's policy on the use of directed surveillance

and covert human intelligence sources under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.

14. **Pay Policy - salary and severance packages (Pages 85 - 88)**

This report sets out director salaries and a severance package to Council, as required by the Pay Policy Statement.

15. **Amendment of delegation arrangements by the Leader of the Council (Pages 89 - 92)**

Under the Council's constitution the Leader of the Council decides on the delegation of cabinet functions. The Leader may amend the delegations at any time by giving written notice to the Head of the Paid Service. Where such a notice is received the Head of the Paid Service must submit a report on the amendments to the next ordinary meeting of the Council. This report sets out the amendments made by the Leader.