

Meeting: **Extraordinary meeting of the Council**  
Date: **10 February 2022**  
Time: **7.00 pm**  
Place: **Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone**

To: **All Members of the Council**

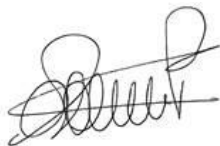
**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to attend an Extraordinary meeting of the Council on the date and at the time shown above.

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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Chief Executive

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1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest (Pages 3 - 4)**

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

3. **Change in Governance arrangements - Progress of the Governance Working Group (Pages 5 - 18)**

This report summarises the work of the group to date and sets out the various governance models available.

4. **Appointment of external auditor (Pages 19 - 26)**

This report sets out an update on the options available and a recommended course of action regarding the appointment of the External Auditor to the Council, following consideration by the Audit & Governance Committee on 8 December 2021 (AuG/21/19).

5. **Senior management restructure (Pages 27 - 36)**

This report seeks the council's approval to meet the costs of the redundancy (of the post) of the Director of Transformation & Transition.

6. **Budget Strategy 2022/23 (Pages 37 - 60)**

The Budget Strategy takes account of current and future financial issues, sets out the underlying assumptions and initial budget-setting proposals and provides a timetable for delivering a balanced budget in 2022/23.

This Budget Strategy sets out the guidelines for preparing the 2022/23 Budget. It supports the Corporate Plan and aligns with the direction and objectives of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

7. **Update to the General Fund Medium Term Capital Programme (Pages 61 - 78)**

This report updates the General Fund Medium Term Capital Programme for the five year period ending 31 March 2027. The General Fund Medium Term Capital Programme is required to be submitted to full Council for consideration and approval as part of the budget process. The report also updates Members on the required capital budget and proposed funding for the Princes Parade scheme following the two stage procurement process for the construction contract and the anticipated residential development capital receipts.