

Meeting: **Council**
Date: **3 April 2024**
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 Chair or appropriate officer.

This meeting will be webcast live to the council's website at <https://folkestone-hythe.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>.

Please note there will be 37 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.



Dr Susan Priest
Chief Executive

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest (Pages 5 - 6)**

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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 7 - 38)**

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the council held on 28 February 2024 and to authorise the Chair of the Council to sign them as a correct record.

4. **Chair's Communications**

5. **Petitions**

There are no petitions to be presented.

6. **Questions from the Public**

1. **From Ms Kate Arnold to Councillor J Martin, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Planning Policy and Otterpool Park**

On behalf of all Newington and Peene residents, I would like some clear and concise answers regarding a seriously disruptive issue taking place within 'The Street', Newington, Folkestone. Can the Leader tell us when the 24 hour/day Sewage Tankers will stop driving through Newington Village and why we have had to endure it for 4 months now?

7. **Questions from Councillors**

(Questions can be found on 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. **Portfolio Holder reports to Council (Pages 39 - 48)**

10. **Opposition Business**

The Labour Group has raised the matter below. This matter was deferred from the previous meeting of the Council held on 28 February 2024.

Council Notes:

This council continuously engages with local cultural organisations to provide opportunity and promote the local district.

The Council continuously supports local projects of a cultural nature through a wide variety of channels.

Council Believes:

The council produced a Heritage Strategy in 2019, however it was largely to support the local planning process and not to outline a comprehensive plan to support Heritage assets within the local area.

A co-ordinated strategy that brings together all aspects of the district's Cultural, Heritage and Tourism based assets will only benefit the district.

Council Resolves:

As part of the Corporate Plan refresh being undertaken, to continue ongoing work to produce strategies which are inclusive to Culture, Heritage and Tourism.

To conduct meaningful consultation with members, community organisations, residents and businesses to assist in the production of council strategies which are inclusive of Culture, Heritage and Tourism.

Should a Culture, Heritage and Tourism Strategy be drafted, it be adopted by full council as the overarching authorising body of this council.

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.

11. **Motions on Notice**

There are no motions on notice

12. **Voluntary Redundancy (Pages 49 - 62)**

This report provides information relating to the voluntary redundancy of employee 14290.

13. **Annual Pay Policy Statement 2024/25 (Pages 63 - 98)**

This report considers the recommendation from the Personnel Committee and presents the pay policy statement for 2024/25 for approval.

14. **Committee Membership changes (Pages 99 - 102)**

This report advises on changes to the political balance of Folkestone and Hythe District Council following the by-election at Romney Marsh on 22 February 2024 and election of Councillor Tony Hills. Under the Folkestone and Hythe District Council Constitution, Part 8.1 'Delegation to Officers', paragraph 3.16, the Head of Paid Service is authorised to make appointments to committees or sub-committees at the request of the relevant political group leader. This report sets out the appointments made, under these powers, at the request of the political group leaders, since the last Council meeting.