

AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 22 February 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT*

Quorum = 16

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2. Apologies for Absence

3. Declarations of Interest

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Members who are in any doubt about interests, bias or predetermination should contact the monitoring officer for advice prior to the meeting.

4. Minutes

To approve the [Minutes](#) of the meeting held on 19 January 2023 (Minute Nos. 585 - 594) as a correct record.

5. Mayor's Announcements

6. Leader's Statement

7. Questions submitted by the Public

To consider any questions submitted by the public. (The deadline for questions is 4.30 pm on the Wednesday before the meeting – please contact Democratic Services by e-mailing democraticservices@swale.gov.uk or call 01795 417330).

8. Questions submitted by Members

To consider any questions submitted by Members. (The deadline for questions is 4.30 pm on the Monday the week before the meeting – please contact Democratic Services by e-mailing democraticservices@swale.gov.uk or call 01795 417330).

9. Nomination of Mayor 2023/24

Each candidate's proposer and seconder will be invited to speak for up to three minutes in support of their nomination. If more than one nomination is received for the position, a secret ballot will be taken.

10. Nomination of Deputy Mayor 2023/24

Each candidate's proposer and seconder will be invited to speak for up to three minutes in support of their nomination. If more than one nomination is received for the position, a secret ballot will be taken.

11. Final Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan including Fees and Charges 5 - 134

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13. Pay Policy Statement 153 -

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14. Adoption of the New Code of Conduct - to follow

15. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To decide whether to pass the resolution set out below in respect of the following item: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act:

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

16. Senior Management Restructure 191 -
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