

Agenda

Environment Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, 7 September 2023

Time 7.00 pm

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

Membership:

Councillors Roger Clark, Mike Henderson, Carole Jackson, Rich Lehmann (Chair), Charlie Miller, Pete Neal, Chris Palmer, Ashley Shiel, Julien Speed, Paul Stephen, Sarah Stephen, Angie Valls, Mike Whiting, Chris Williams and Dolley Wooster (Vice-Chair).

Quorum = 5

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4. Minutes

To approve the [Minutes](#) of the meeting held on 29 June 2023 (Minute Nos. 157 – 164) as a correct record.

Part B reports for the Environment Committee to decide

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