

Agenda

Western Area Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, 15 February 2024
Time 7.00 pm,
Venue: Committee Room - Swale House*

Membership:

Councillors Mike Baldock, Monique Bonney, Ann Cavanagh (Vice-Chair), Lloyd Chapman, Roger Clark, James Hunt, Chris Palmer, Richard Palmer, Paul Stephen (Chair) and Sarah Stephen

Quorum = 3

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4. Minutes

To approve the [Minutes](#) of the meeting held on 30 November 2023 (Minute Nos. 461 – 472) as correct records.

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