

# Agenda

## Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 29 January 2025

Time 7.00 pm

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

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2. Apologies for Absence

3. Minutes

To approve the [Minutes](#) of the meeting held on 6 December 2024 (Minute Nos. 451 – 467) as a correct record.

4. Declarations of Interest

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5. Mayor's Announcements

6. Questions submitted by the Public

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7. Questions submitted by Members

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8. Leader's Statement

9. Motion - Highsted Park planning applications

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Proposed by: Councillor Bowen  
Seconded by: Councillor Speed

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| 10. | Motion - Support for a More Democratic Process for Kent                  | 7 - 8        |
|     | Proposer: Councillor Rich Lehmann<br>Seconder: Councillor Alastair Gould |              |
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Council is asked to note the recommendations from the following meeting:

[Environment and Climate Change Committee \(Link to meeting: \[Agenda for Environment and Climate Change Committee on Wednesday, 15 January 2025, 7.00 pm\]\(#\)\)](#)

***Recommendations:***

- (1) That the content of the Waste and Street Cleansing Scrutiny Review report be noted.***
- (2) That the conclusions and recommendations proposed by the Waste and Street Cleansing Scrutiny Review Member Panel as set out in Appendix I, subject to the amendment to recommendation (13) as minuted.***
- (3) That a waste contract update report will be considered twice a year by the Environment and Climate Change Committee with the first one in July 2025.***
- (4) That the Waste and Street Cleansing Contract Scrutiny Review Report be considered by Full Council.***

Link to Waste Contract information: [Campaigns - Waste Contract](#)

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