

Agenda

Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 2 April 2025

Time 7.00 pm

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

Quorum = 16

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2. Apologies for Absence

3. Minutes

To approve the [Minutes](#) of the Meeting held on 19 February 2025 (Minute Nos. 661 – 674) as a correct record.

To approve the following Minutes of Urgent Decisions Committee

- [12 August 2022](#) (Minute Nos. 241 - 244)
- [20 March 2024](#) (Minute Nos. 773 - 775)
- [22 May 2024](#) (Minute Nos. 41 - 43)
- [20 December 2024](#) (Minute Nos. 523 - 527)

4. 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.

5. Mayor's Announcements
6. 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).

7. 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).

8. Leader's Statement

9. Motion - Free Car Parks on the Isle of Sheppey

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10. Empowering You in Swale - Community Development Strategy 2024-2027 - to follow

11. Constitution update - to follow

12. Changes to the Committee Structure - to follow

Issued on Tuesday, 25 March 2025

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