

Agenda

Policy and Resources Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 26 November 2025

Time 7.00 pm

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

Membership:

Councillors Mike Baldock, Lloyd Bowen (Vice-Chair), Charles Gibson, Tim Gibson (Chair), Alastair Gould, Angela Harrison, James Hunt, Elliott Jayes, Mark Last, Ben J Martin, Kieran Mishchuk, Richard Palmer, Julien Speed, Ashley Wise and Dolley Wooster.

Quorum = 5

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2. Apologies for Absence

3. Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 November 2025 (Minute Nos. to-follow) as a correct record.

4. Declarations of Interest

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5. Matters Arising

Update from the Chair on any matters from the previous meeting or upcoming agenda items relating to this committee.

Items for Noting

6. Recommendations from the Planning and Transportation Policy Working Group held on 4 November 2025 - to-follow

7. Forward Decisions Plan 5 - 6

Items for Decision by the Committee

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12. 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 3.

3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). See note below.

13. Exempt Appendix I - South Thames Gateway Building Control Partnership Business Plan 2026 - 2029

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