

# Agenda

## Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 30 July 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 Annual Council Meeting held on 14 May 2025 (Minute Nos. 1 - 15) as a correct record.

## 4. Declarations of Interest

Councillors should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their families or friends.

The Chair will ask Members if they have any disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) or disclosable non-pecuniary interests (DNPIs) to declare in respect of items on the agenda. Members with a DPI in an item must leave the room for that item and may not participate in the debate or vote.

Aside from disclosable interests, where a fair-minded and informed observer would think there was a real possibility that a Member might be biased or predetermined on an item, the Member should declare this and leave the room while that item is considered.

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](mailto: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](mailto:democraticservices@swale.gov.uk) or call 01795 417330).

8. Leader's Statement

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| 15. | Decisions from Urgent Decisions Committee                  | 57 - 60 |
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| 17. | 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3.

1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information which is likely to reveal to the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

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| 18. | Decisions from Urgent Committee - Exempt Appendix              | 65 - 70 |
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