

Agenda

Western Area Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 2 July 2025

Time 7.00 pm,

Venue: Bobbing Village Hall, Sheppey Way, Bobbing, Sittingbourne ME9 8PL *

Membership:

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

Quorum = 3

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4. Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2025 (Minute Nos. 647 – 655) and the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2025 (Minute Nos. 32 - 33) as correct records.

5. Customer Access Strategy

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12. Matters referred to Service Committee Chairs for consideration

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