

Agenda

Urgent Decisions Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, 27 June 2025

Time 9.30 am

Venue: Committee Room - Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT

Membership:

Councillors Mike Baldock, Lloyd Bowen (Vice-Chair), Tim Gibson (Chair), James Hunt, Richard Palmer, Hannah Perkin and Ashley Wise.

Quorum = 3

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

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