Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview And Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of the committee will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 5 December 2019
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: Meeting Room 9 - Level 3, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham ME4 4TR
Membership: Councillors Bhutia (Vice-Chairman), Browne, Carr, Curry, Etheridge (Chairman), Fearn, Sylvia Griffin, Osborne, Paterson, Andy Stamp, Thompson, Tranter and Williams

Agenda

1 Apologies for absence

2 Record of Meeting

   To approve the Record of the Meeting held on 17 October 2019.

3 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances

   The Chairman will announce any late items which do not appear on the main agenda but which he has agreed should be considered by reason of special circumstances to be specified in the report.

4 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Significant Interests and Whipping

   Members are invited to disclose any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Significant Interests in accordance with the Member Code
of Conduct. Guidance on this is set out in agenda item 4.

5 **Annual Scrutiny of the Community Safety Partnership, Including an Update on the Community Safety Plan 2016 to 2020** (Pages 21 - 78)

This report provides information on the operation of the Community Safety Partnership from October 2018, which summarises the findings of the strategic assessment. This report also provides information on the proposed plan to cover the period from 2020 to 2024.

6 **Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Resources** (Pages 79 - 92)

This report sets out progress made within the areas covered by the Portfolio Holder for Resources which fall within the remit of this Committee.

7 **Member’s Item - Use of Herbicides on Green Space Assets** (Pages 93 - 114)

This report reviews the use of herbicides on green space assets and alternatives that are available.

8 **Castle Concerts Analysis and Future Options** (Pages 115 - 132)

This report seeks to provide insight into the Castle Concerts recent financial challenges and provide a viable option to ensure the Council removes the financial risks associated with delivering a commercial music concert series.

9 **Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report and Risk Register Review Quarter 2 2019/2020** (Pages 133 - 218)

Medway’s Council Plan 2016/21 sets out the Council’s three priorities.

This report and appendices summarises how the Council performed during Q2 2019/20 on the delivery of the two priorities relevant for this Committee:

‘Medway: a place to be proud of’ and ‘Maximising regeneration and economic growth’.

In accordance with the Council’s Risk Management Strategy, this report also presents the Q2 2019/20 review of the strategic risks pertaining to this Committee.

10 **Draft Capital and Revenue Budget 2020/21** (Pages 219 - 232)

This report provides an update on progress towards setting the Council’s draft capital and revenue budgets for 2020/21. In
accordance with the Constitution, Cabinet is required to develop ‘initial budget proposals’ approximately three months before finalising the budget and setting council tax levels at the end of February 2020.

The draft budget is based on the principles contained in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2019-2024 approved by Cabinet in September and reflects the latest formula grant assumptions.

11 Petitions (Pages 233 - 236)

This report advises the Committee of any petitions received by the Council which fall within the remit of this Committee including a summary of the response sent to the petition organisers by officers.

12 Work Programme (Pages 237 - 244)

This item advises Members of the current work programme and allows the Committee to adjust it in the light of latest priorities, issues and circumstances. It gives Members the opportunity to shape and direct the Committee’s activities over the year.

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Date: 27 November 2019

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