

Cabinet – Supplementary Agenda No. 1

A meeting of the Cabinet will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 20 October 2026

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: St George's Centre, Pembroke Road, Chatham ME4 4UH

Agenda

- 4. Questions to the Cabinet** **(Pages 3 - 4)**
Appendix 1, previously marked to follow, is now attached.
- 5. Adult Social Care Workforce Strategy 2025 - 2028** **(Pages 5 - 6)**
An addendum report containing the minute extract from the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny held on 13 October 2026, is attached.

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Appendix 1

Public Questions

Question A – Alan Stockey, of Rainham, will ask the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Highways and Enforcement, Councillor Paterson, the following:

“Medway Council describes its School Streets as making the streets outside schools safer and healthier and identifies improved air quality as one of their objectives.

However, a School Street is not necessarily an idle-free street. Vehicles can legitimately be present within a School Street during its operating hours. These include residents and other exemption holders, Blue Badge holders requiring access, school transport and vehicles which entered and parked before the restriction began.

ANPR enforcement controls which vehicles enter a School Street; it does not address unnecessary engine idling by vehicles which are legitimately already there. Yet reducing air pollution is one of the stated purposes of the scheme.

Will the Council, therefore, commit to making the expectation that drivers switch off their engines when stationary explicit within Medway's School Streets during their operating hours, ensuring that this is clearly communicated to exemption holders and everyone else permitted to enter or remain within them?”

Question B – Jabeen Oughera, of Chatham, will ask the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Highways and Enforcement, Councillor Paterson, the following:

“When are you going to introduce the School Street Scheme for St Michael's School and St John's Infant school? Parents are obstructing corners of the road, blocking residents in by parking outside our garages. There's been many instances of road rage. Our vehicles are being damaged; emergency services cannot get past as cars are double parked. Parents parking in disabled bays with no blue badge on display.”

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20 October 2026

Adult Social Care Workforce Strategy 2025 - 2028 – Addendum Report

1. Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - 1.1. The report was previously considered by the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 13 October 2026. The draft minutes of this discussion and officer response to a recommendation made by the Committee are set out below.
2. Draft Minutes extract
 - 2.1. **Discussion:**
 - 2.1.1. The Head of Transformation and Improvement presented the draft Adult Social Care Workforce Strategy, which had been developed as part of the Adult Social Care improvement journey and in response to actions in the improvement plan.
 - 2.1.2. A Member asked about the target for reducing agency staffing, the potential financial effect, and gaps in workforce skills. In response, the Assistant Director for Adult Social Care explained that the service had 442.7 full-time-equivalent established posts, of which 32.8 were occupied by locums. This represented a significant reduction, with locum staffing at just over 8%. It was acknowledged that it was unlikely the service would operate with no locum staff, but that reducing the figure further would be positive. Officers undertook to provide the financial implications separately.
 - 2.2. **Decision:**

The Committee noted the report and recommended the draft Adult Social Care Workforce Strategy to Cabinet for approval.

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