ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

Notice of a Meeting, to be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL on Thursday, 15th June 2017 at 7.00 pm.

The Members of the Cabinet are:-

Cllr Clarkson - Leader of the Council

Cllr N Bell – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Responsibility for Legal and Democratic

Cllr Mrs Bell - Portfolio Responsibility for Environmental Land Management

Cllr Bennett - Portfolio Responsibility for Culture

Cllr Bradford - Portfolio Responsibility for Health, Parking and Community Safety

Cllr Clokie - Portfolio Responsibility for Planning

Cllr Galpin – Portfolio Responsibility for Corporate Property

Cllr Knowles - Portfolio Responsibility for Human Resources and Customer Services

Cllr Shorter - Portfolio Responsibility for Finance and IT

Cllr White - Portfolio Responsibility for Housing

NB: Under the Council's Public Participation Scheme, members of the public can submit a petition to the Cabinet if the issue is within its terms of reference or ask a question or speak concerning any item contained on this Agenda (Procedure Rule 9 refers)

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- 1. Apologies
- 2. **Declarations of Interest:-** To declare any interests which fall under the following categories, as explained on the attached document:
 - a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI)
 - b) Other Significant Interests (OSI)
 - c) Voluntary Announcements of Other Interests

See Agenda Item 2 for further details

- Minutes To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on the 11th May 2017
- 4. To receive any Petitions
- 5. Leader's Announcements

Part I - Matters Referred to the Cabinet



Part II – Consideration of Reports from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

None for this Meeting

Part III - Ordinary Decision Items - Key Decisions Annotated*

- Final Outturn 2016/17
- 7. Annual Report and Quarter 4 Performance Report 2016/17
- 8. Section 106 Agreements Annual Report
- 9. *Open Space Strategy
- 10. *Ashford Borough Draft Local Plan 2030 (Regulation 19) Proposed Revisions (enclosed separately)

In view of the importance and wide-ranging nature of the Local Plan, all Members are requested by the Corporate Director (Law & Governance) & Monitoring Officer to consider carefully, in advance of the Meeting, whether they have any Interests which may require declaration, and/or withdrawal from part of the Meeting. This applies to:-

- **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** (if any land owned, rented or licensed by a Member, or his/her spouse/partner, is proposed for any development or use in the Plan)¹; and
- Other Significant Interest (if any proposal in the Plan would significantly affect the value of any land owned or rented by a Member, or a Member's family member or close associate, or any employer of any of those persons, or any other firm or body with which any of those persons has an appointment, directorship, partnership, management position or significant shareholding)².
 - Any Members in doubt as to whether the above may apply to them should seek advice from the Corporate Director (Law & Governance) & Monitoring Officer, Terry Mortimer (tel. Ashford (01233) 330210, or email terry.mortimer@ashford.gov.uk) or from other Solicitors in Legal and Democratic Services as early as possible, and in good time before the Meeting.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/240134/Openness_and_transparency_on_personal_interests.pdf

¹ Government Guidance on Disclosable Pecuniary Interests is available in DCLG's Guide for Councillors at

² Other Significant Interests are defined in the Kent Code of Conduct, which was adopted by the Full Council on 19 July 2012, with revisions adopted on 17 October 2013; a copy can be found in the Council's Constitution at http://www.ashford.gov.uk/part-5---codes-and-protocols

- 11. Ground Water Management and Flood Protection Task Group
- 12. *Heritage Strategy
- 13. *The District Deal 2017/18
- 14. *Disposal of Land at Tilden Gill

Part IV - Information/Monitoring Items

- 15. Local Plan and Planning Policy Task Group Notes of the Meetings held on 7th April, 18th April and 10th May 2017
- Ashford Strategic Delivery Board Notes of the Meeting held on 28th April 2017
- 17. Trading and Enterprise Board Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th May 2017
- 18. Joint Transportation Board Nomination and Membership.

The Selection and Constitutional Review Committee held on the 11th May 2017 recommended to Cabinet that the following Members be appointed to the Joint Transportation Board – Cllrs Bradford, Burgess, Feacey, Heyes (Ch), Mrs Martin, Ovenden, Mrs Webb. The Cabinet is asked to approve this recommendation

- 19. Schedule of Key Decisions
- 20. Items for Future Meetings

Part V – Cabinet Member Reports

None for this Meeting

Part VI – Ordinary Decision Items

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Declarations of Interest (see also "Advice to Members" below)

(a) <u>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI)</u> under the Localism Act 2011, relating to items on this agenda. The <u>nature</u> as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared, and the agenda item(s) to which it relates must be stated.

A Member who declares a DPI in relation to any item will need to leave the meeting for that item (unless a relevant Dispensation has been granted).

(b) Other Significant Interests (OSI) under the Kent Code of Conduct as adopted by the Council on 19 July 2012, relating to items on this agenda. The <u>nature</u> as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared, and the agenda item(s) to which it relates must be stated.

A Member who declares an OSI in relation to any item will need to leave the meeting <u>before the debate and vote</u> on that item (unless a relevant Dispensation has been granted). However, prior to leaving, the Member may address the Committee in the same way that a member of the public may do so.

- (c) <u>Voluntary Announcements of Other Interests</u> not required to be disclosed under (a) and (b), i.e. announcements made for transparency reasons alone, such as:
 - Membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items, or
 - Where a Member knows a person involved, but does <u>not</u> have a close association with that person, or
 - Where an item would affect the well-being of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position.

[Note: an effect on the financial position of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc; OR an application made by a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc, would both probably constitute either an OSI or in some cases a DPI].

Advice to Members on Declarations of Interest:

- (a) Government Guidance on DPI is available in DCLG's Guide for Councillors, at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment data/file/240134/Openness and transparency on personal interests.pdf
- (b) The Kent Code of Conduct was adopted by the Full Council on 19 July 2012, with revisions adopted on 17.10.13, and a copy can be found in the Constitution at http://www.ashford.gov.uk/part-5---codes-and-protocols
- (c) If any Councillor has any doubt about the existence or nature of any DPI or OSI which he/she may have in any item on this agenda, he/she should seek advice from the Corporate Director (Law and Governance) and Monitoring Officer or from other Solicitors in Legal and Democratic Services as early as possible, and in advance of the Meeting.