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, 12th October 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 Pickering - 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)

Agenda

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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 14th September 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

6. Recommendations in Respect of Health Infrastructure Requirements in the Borough

Part III - Ordinary Decision Items - Key Decisions Annotated*

- 7. *Taxi Licensing Policy
- 8. Ashford Heritage Strategy
- 9. Disabled Facilities Grant
- 10. Self and Custom Build Register
- 11. Business Continuity Policy
- 12. 100% Business Rates Retention Bid for Pilot Status

Part IV – Information/Monitoring Items

- 13. Schedule of Key Decisions
- 14. Items for Future Meetings

Part V - Cabinet Member Reports

None for this Meeting

Part VI - Ordinary Decision Items

15. That pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item as it is likely that in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure of exempt information hereinafter specified by reference to Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act, where in the circumstances the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information

L 1	Strategic Acquisition (Paragraph 3)		
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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 <u>not</u> 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.