



## Cabinet

Notice of a Meeting, to be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane,  
Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.00 pm.

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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. <b>Apologies</b>   |              |
| 2. <b>Declarations of Interest:-</b> To declare any interests which fall under the following categories, as explained on the attached document: | i            |
| a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI)  |              |
| b) Other Significant Interests (OSI)  |              |
| c) Voluntary Announcements of Other Interests   |              |
| See Agenda Item 2 for further details   |              |
| 3. <b>Minutes</b> – To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on the 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2017                              |              |
| 4. To receive any Petitions   |              |
| 5. Leader's Announcements   |              |

### Part I – Matters Referred to the Cabinet

None for this Meeting

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

6. Housing Framework Annual Report

## Part III – Ordinary Decision Items - Key Decisions Annotated\*

7. \*Draft Budget 2018/19
8. \*Council Tax Base 2018/19
9. Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan 2017 - 2047
10. \*Chilmington Community Development Strategy
11. \*Discretionary Business Rates Relief Scheme
12. East Kent Growth Framework
13. \*Submission Version of Ashford Borough Local Plan 2030

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) <sup>1</sup> ; 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)<sup>2</sup>.
- 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](mailto:terry.mortimer@ashford.gov.uk)) or from other Solicitors in Legal and Democracy as early as possible, and in good time before the Meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> Government Guidance on Disclosable Pecuniary Interests 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](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/240134/Openness_and_transparency_on_personal_interests.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> 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>

14. \*Short Stay Accommodation
15. Smoke Free Civic and Stour Centre Grounds

#### **Part IV – Information/Monitoring Items**

16. Trading and Enterprise Board – Minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017
17. Ashford Strategic Delivery Board – Notes of 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017
18. Local Plan and Planning Policy Task Group – Notes of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017
19. Schedule of Key Decisions
20. Items for Future Meetings

#### **Part V – Cabinet Member Reports**

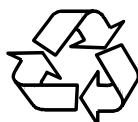
None for this Meeting

#### **Part VI – Ordinary Decision Items**

21. 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.

E1 Victoria Quarter Development (Jemmett Road) (Paragraph 3)

DS/AEH  
29<sup>th</sup> November 2017



**Declarations of Interest (see also “Advice to Members” below)**

- (a) **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI)** under the Localism Act 2011, relating to items on this agenda. The nature 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 nature 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 before the debate and vote 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) **Voluntary Announcements of Other Interests** 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 not 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](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.