

# Ashford Borough Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Ashford Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **21<sup>st</sup> February 2013**

## Present:

His Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr R K Davidson (Chairman);

Cllrs. Aaby, Adley, Apps, Bartlett, Mrs Bell, Bell, Bennett, Mrs Blanford, Buchanan, Burgess, Chilton, Clarkson, Claughton, Clokie, Davey, Davison, Mrs Dyer, Feacey, French, Galpin, Heyes, Hicks, Hodgkinson, Howard, Mrs Hutchinson, Link, Marriott, Mrs Martin, Mortimer, Robey, Shorter, Sims, Smith, Taylor, Wedgbury, Yeo.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting: -

1. The Reverend Alan Dinnie said prayers.
2. The Principal Solicitor (Strategic Development) advised that earlier that afternoon the Head of Legal & Democratic Services had received a letter from the Leader of the Council which read as follows: -

“In view of my current medical condition, I feel that I am unable at the present time, to carry out my duties as Leader of the Council. I have therefore taken the decision to temporarily step back as Leader of the Council until the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 in order to aid my recovery from a serious operation. I am not resigning from my post as Leader but under Article 7.06 of the Constitution, the Deputy Leader (Councillor Clarkson), will until the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013, act as the Leader of the Council. I have full confidence in my Deputy and the Cabinet to oversee the running of the Council in my absence and they will be keeping me informed of key decisions and issues that arise. I look forward to returning to lead the Council at the beginning of April. Yours sincerely, Peter Wood, Leader of the Council.”

The Acting Leader of the Council said he was sure the entire Council would wish to send their best wishes to the Leader for a swift and full recovery and would look forward to welcoming him back to the Council Chamber as the Leader of the Authority.

## Apologies:

Cllrs. Clark, Mrs Heyes, Michael, Wood.

## Also Present:

Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Head of Cultural and Project Services, Head of Environmental Services, Head of Planning and Development, Finance Manager, Principal Solicitor (Strategic Development), Senior Member Services and Scrutiny Support Officer.

### **333 Exempt or Confidential Items**

The Mayor asked whether any items should be dealt with in private because of the likely disclosure of Exempt or Confidential information. There were none.

### **334 Declarations of Interest**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Minute No.</b>
Bennett	Announced an 'Other Interest' as the Council's Member Champion for Twinning	338
Hicks	Announced an 'Other Interest' as the Council's appointed representative on the Ashford Leisure Trust	338
Mrs Hutchinson	Announced an 'Other Interest' in relation to the Tenterden Leisure Centre Trust	338
Smith	Announced an 'Other Interest' as the Council's appointed representative on the SWAN Centre Site Management Committee	338
Wedgbury	Announced an 'Other Interest' as a Member of Kingsnorth Parish Council who managed Kingsnorth Recreation Centre.	338

### **335 Minutes**

In accordance with Procedure Rule 9.3 Mr Relf, a local resident spoke on the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2012. He said under Minute No. 275 Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) were mentioned and he asked how many houses had been licensed as HMOs in postcode TN26 0JB.

Councillor Hicks, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Customer Services, said that the Officers had investigated this and no HMOs had been found in the whole of the TN26 postcode. This was a rural area and normally HMOs were in the urban areas.

#### **Resolved:**

**That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2012 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013 be approved and confirmed as correct records.**

## 336 Announcements

### (a) The Mayor's Quiz

The Mayor said he was holding a 'Mega Charity Quiz Night' on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at the Stour Centre at 7pm. One could bring one's own food and drink and it was £3 per person for teams of up to 8 people. He knew the Labour Group had already reserved a table and it was hoped that other Members may be able to support this event. The event was being sponsored by an Ashford company and was being run by Ashford Sings so there would be a choir performing before the quiz as well. It should be a good night all round and he hoped to see some colleagues there.

### (b) The Acting Leader

The Acting Leader said he would like to take this opportunity to update colleagues on a number of recent developments and touch on one or two other matters. Members would be aware of discussions at last week's Cabinet Meeting regarding the option to increase Council Tax and tonight's recommendations to endorse the Cabinet's proposals. He considered Councillors should all be very proud of Ashford having the lowest Council Tax in Kent, in fact amongst the lowest in the Country, and Council Tax levels had been frozen for the last two years. As a result of sound financial management ABC had been able to keep the Council Tax low whilst providing value for money services aligned to resident's priorities as set out in the Council's Five Year Business Plan. This prudent approach had led to the Government giving the Council greater flexibility in the setting of Council Tax for the year 2013/14. This was because Ashford was one of the 25% of District Councils with the lowest Council Tax in the Country. Given the current economic backdrop this was quite an achievement, especially when ABC received just 11 pence from every £1 of Council Tax levied. The right balance needed to be struck and even if the Council agreed the increase this evening Ashford would still have the lowest Council Tax in Kent.

On other matters, the Council had recently launched its new look website to make accessing information and services from the Council easier. The way people accessed such information was shifting and it was clear that many people wanted information about Council services and answers to their questions in less traditional ways. There had been some very positive feedback so far with people telling the Council that the new website looked very good and was simple to navigate. For those who did not have access to a computer, the Council had also launched a new assisted self-help service where people could be talked through how to use the on-line services at the Gateway.

Plans for new recycling services were progressing well and from this summer every household would have a much more comprehensive recycling collection service. In addition the Council would have also launched a garden recycling service in tandem with the recycling approach where residents could opt to have their garden waste collected fortnightly for just £30 per year. Take up of the option had already begun and the Council were pleased with that.

The Acting Leader said he would also like to update on progress on just two of the major approved developments. Firstly the John Lewis Partnership had informed the Council that they were due to start work on site for their new Ashford store within the

next few months and they planned to open by Christmas 2013. Secondly, the redevelopment of Charter House into 234 homes and apartments was due to start next month thus transforming a key existing town centre building.

The question of water supplies came up from time to time, and the Acting Leader said he thought Members might be interested to know that South East Water had been making a capital investment in renewing the water mains in Ashford. In the last three financial years they had spent nearly £3m on renewals and they had renewed some 19.5km of mains which was impressive and it was useful to get that kind of overview.

Turning to a sad but significant part of Ashford's history, on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 1943 Ashford was bombed during World War II and 51 residents were sadly killed and some 71 injured. It was the largest loss of life in a single day in Kent. To mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this tragic event a service of remembrance would be held in the Memorial Gardens on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March and the Mayor would attend.

**(c) Paul Jackson – Head of Environmental Services**

Councillor Cloughton, Portfolio Holder for Community and Wellbeing, said that this was likely to be the last Full Council Meeting attended by Paul Jackson. He had given this Council long and very distinguished service as the Head of Environmental Services and Councillor Cloughton was sure that he spoke for all colleagues in wishing him the very best for a long retirement. Members applauded.

### **337 Cabinet – 10<sup>th</sup> January and 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

The report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services which had been tabled clarified the procedure for consideration of the Cabinet minutes.

**(a) Cabinet – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

In accordance with Procedure Rule 9.3 Mr Relf, a local resident said he wished to speak on Minute No. 288. He said that in reading the reports he noticed that two Council employees were going to the Chilmington Caravan Site to help residents to claim their benefits. He asked if this service was going to be expanded to help the more vulnerable people in the Borough with regard to benefits and the new bedroom tax etc. Completing the forms was sometimes quite tedious. Another question he wished to raise was that in an article in the Kentish Express Councillor Mrs Blanford had referred to new policy and guidance guidelines for the Site and that these were drawn up to tackle anti-social behaviour such as vandalism, rubbish dumping, noise, violence and inadequate supervision of children. Bearing in mind that the local community was aware of what went on at the Site and the adjoining property, there was absolutely nothing shown for this particular area in Kent Police's statistics of crime and anti-social behaviour for the last two years. He had spoken to Ann Barnes, the new Kent Police and Crime Commissioner, who had assured him that all anti-social behaviour was a crime, and had referred the matter to the Police, so he hoped for answers on that point from them. Even the arson attack on the shower block on site had been given a crime reference number by Kent Police, but had been changed to have occurred at the Stour Centre a couple of miles away. Could the Portfolio Holder tell him if this was a collaboration between the Council, Police, Fire Brigade,

Environmental Agencies etc. to paint a completely different picture to reality, particularly in light of the planning application for the Chilmington area? Thirdly, Mr Relf said he had heard Mr Pike, Planning Inspector, might possibly do a site visit to Chilmington soon and he would like to know if a contingency plan and risk assessment had been made, bearing in mind that firearms officers had informed him that on occasions they were needed to escort officers who visited the Site.

Councillor Hicks, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Customer Services, said that there were no arrangements for regular visits from Benefits Advisors to that particular Site. The only regular staff visits to the Site were from Officers with management responsibilities for the Site. These visits were to ensure that licence conditions issued to each plot holder were upheld and included maximisation of income from rent. There were no arrangements for regular visits from Benefits Advisors or other staff, however if a resident needed access to those services they were signposted to the relevant agencies who could assist with this. This was consistent with the approach taken in dealing with enquiries from anyone within the Borough. In relation to benefits advice specifically, the Council worked with voluntary agencies such as the Welfare Advice Service and the Citizens Advice Bureau who provided advisory services for the benefit of the whole of the Borough. Information was also available on the Council's website about benefit changes and about where the Borough's residents would be able to obtain advice. With regard to the second point, Councillor Hicks said she objected strongly to the insinuation that there was such collaboration between the Council and other agencies. This administration was transparent in its dealings with all other agencies. The Council was not responsible for how the Police and Fire Brigade recorded matters reported to them, but the agencies did work closely across the whole Borough to manage the impacts of anti-social behaviour. The Council had been clear about the challenges on this particular Site and had put in place measures that had significantly reduced large or dangerous fires on site. There were relatively few incidents on site, but the policies referred to had been produced to respond effectively to such problems if and when they arose. This work directly aimed to manage any problems which may arise from the Site for the benefit of those who lived peacefully there and for the local community. She said she would be very interested to hear the reply from Ann Barnes when Mr Relf received a reply. On the third point, Councillor Hicks said that the Planning Inspector had already visited the area of the Chilmington Green Area Action Plan, which did not include the Chilmington Gypsy Site, as part of the public examination process. The Inspector visited both accompanied and unaccompanied. For the accompanied visit he was joined by a Council Officer, two representatives from the development team and two objectors, but this did not include a visit to the Gypsy Site. The Planning Inspectorate was an independent body and quite capable of making their own assessments. Councillor Mrs Blanford, Portfolio Holder for the Environment, said she had made a number of visits to the Chilmington Gypsy Site and she had never needed an armed escort.

Councillor Davison said that as Members may know he had been asking for a debate on Phase 2 of the refurbishment project for the Stour Centre. To bring Members up to date, this had originally been planned to happen at the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> February, but when the Agenda had been published it only mentioned the matters of Biomass and Combined Heat and Power (CHP) and not the refurbishment. He was pleased to have now received the assurance of the Acting Leader that a debate on refurbishment could take place at the 26<sup>th</sup> March Committee meeting.

**Resolved:**

**That (i) the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013 be received and noted with the exception of Minute Nos. 286, 289 and 290.**

**(ii) Minute Nos. 286, 289 and 290 be approved and adopted.**

**(b) Cabinet 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

An Errata sheet outlining amendments to Minute Number 315 was tabled.

Councillor Chilton advised that he spoke against the Wye Free School at the Cabinet Meeting and on that basis he could not support these Minutes.

**Resolved:**

**That (i) the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013 be received and noted with the exception of Minute Nos. 311 and 315 (iii), and noting that Resolution (iv) should be amended by the substitution of the word “is” for “was” in the second line.**

**(ii) Minute No. 315 (iii) be amended to read as a recommendation to Full Council and by inserting the following words at the end of the sentence “and to draw the necessary finance (£155,930) from reserves”.**

**(iii) the recommendations in Minute No. 311 be deferred for consideration as part of the agenda item dealing with the Council Tax resolutions and General Fund budget.**

## **338 Council Tax 2013/14 Resolutions and General Fund Budget and Minute Number 311**

Prior to moving the budget the Acting Leader drew attention to the amended Council Tax resolutions that had been tabled.

The Acting Leader of the Council moved

“That the budget recommendations as set out in Minute No. 311 of the Cabinet and the formal Council Tax resolutions for 2013/14, including the alterations set out on the tabled paper, be approved”

This was seconded.

The Mayor then invited the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to report on that Committee’s scrutiny of the Cabinet’s initial budget proposals. Councillor Adby said he would like to thank Councillor Galpin, Officers and Members of the Budget Scrutiny Task Group for the work they had undertaken. The Overview

& Scrutiny Committee believed that the budget was achievable. There were quite clearly a number of risk areas identified but overall they had been satisfied that the budget was as good as it could be in these difficult circumstances. During the process Officers were able to answer all of the questions raised by the Task Group which also benefitted from the attendance of some of the Portfolio Holders concerned. The Overview & Scrutiny Committee hoped that all Portfolio Holders would be encouraged to attend future Budget Scrutiny meetings dealing with their relevant areas. Overall, Overview & Scrutiny felt that the budget for 2013/14 was achievable subject to the agreed budget monitoring reports being completed every three months.

**Resolved:**

**That (i) the Budget for 2013/14 as recommended by the Cabinet in Minute No. 311 be approved.**

**(ii) the formal Council Tax resolutions set out below be approved.**

1. It be noted that on **06 December 2012** the Cabinet calculated
  - (a) the Council Tax Base 2013/14 for the whole Council area as **41,180.00** [Item T in the formula in Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")] and,
  - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached **Table A**
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2013/14 (excluding Parish precepts) is **£5,989,630 (Tables F and G)**
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2013/14 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
  - (a)  $\pounds$  84,763,444 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
  - (b) (77,758,089) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
  - (c) 7,005,355 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31A(4) of the Act).
  - (d) 170.12 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (2 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts). **(Table C)**

- (e) 1,015,725 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached **Table B**).
- (f) 145.45 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (2 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates. (**Tables D & E**)

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**Table A**

**Part of the Council's area (i.e. tax base for parished areas – Band D equivalent properties).**

PARISH	LOCAL TAX BASE	PARISH	LOCAL TAX BASE
Aldington & Bonnington	536.50	Little Chart	115.90
Appledore	309.70	Mersham and Sevington	607.80
Bethersden	654.10	Molash	103.00
Biddenden	1,052.95	Newenden	98.00
Bilsington	144.20	Orlestone	508.10
Boughton Aluph and Eastwell	1,030.65	Pluckley	445.40
Brabourne	572.80	Rolvenden	643.25
Brook	144.90	Ruckinge	320.40
Challock	406.90	Shadoxhurst	479.50
Charing	1,149.85	Smarden	596.50
Chilham	694.20	Smeeth	348.40
Crundale (PM)	90.80	Stanhope	688.00
Egerton	492.40	Stone	197.60
Godmersham	176.60	Tenterden (TC)	3,381.05
Great Chart with Singleton	2,308.10	Warehorne	171.70
Hastingleigh	110.10	Westwell	303.10
High Halden	656.70	Wittersham	501.90
Hothfield	260.95	Woodchurch	805.30
Kenardington	99.30	Wye with Hinxhill	974.45
Kingsnorth	3,993.80		

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**Table B**

PARISH	Parish Precept	PARISH	Parish Precept
Aldington & Bonnington	17,500	Little Chart	5,500
Appledore	20,500	Mersham and Sevington	11,660
Bethersden	18,490	Molash	3,850
Biddenden	43,400	Newenden	4,730
Bilsington	3,000	Orlestone	12,310
Boughton Aluph and Eastwell	15,422	Pluckley	24,000
Brabourne	13,930	Rolvenden	19,455
Brook	4,780	Ruckinge	9,000
Challock	14,400	Shadoxhurst	11,440
Charing	64,926	Smarden	25,100
Chilham	23,807	Smeeth	8,440
Crundale (PM)	200	Stanhope	9,750
Egerton	14,510	Stone	4,000
Godmersham	3,980	Tenterden (TC)	304,650
Great Chart with Singleton	68,180	Warehorne	2,800
Hastingleigh	2,830	Westwell	14,604
High Halden	16,607	Wittersham	18,800
Hothfield	9,500	Woodchurch	20,000
Kenardington	3,900	Wye with Hinxhill	53,924
Kingsnorth	91,850		

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Table C

## BILLING AUTHORITY PART OF COUNCIL TAX 2013/2014

PARISH	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
Aldington & Bonnington	118.72	138.50	158.29	178.07	217.64	257.21	296.79	356.14
Appledore	141.10	164.61	188.13	211.64	258.67	305.70	352.74	423.28
Bethersden	115.82	135.12	154.42	173.72	212.32	250.94	289.54	347.44
Biddenden	124.45	145.19	165.93	186.67	228.15	269.63	311.12	373.34
Bilsington	110.83	129.31	147.78	166.25	203.19	240.13	277.09	332.50
Boughton Aluph and Eastwell	106.94	124.77	142.59	160.41	196.05	231.70	267.35	320.82
Brabourne	113.18	132.05	150.91	169.77	207.49	245.22	282.95	339.54
Brook	118.96	138.79	158.61	178.44	218.09	257.74	297.40	356.88
Challock	120.56	140.66	160.75	180.84	221.02	261.21	301.40	361.68
Charing	134.61	157.04	179.48	201.91	246.78	291.64	336.52	403.82
Chilham	119.83	139.80	159.77	179.74	219.68	259.62	299.57	359.48
Crundale (PM)	98.44	114.84	131.25	147.65	180.46	213.27	246.09	295.30
Egerton	116.62	136.05	155.49	174.92	213.79	252.66	291.54	349.84
Godmersham	112.00	130.66	149.33	167.99	205.32	242.65	279.99	335.98
Great Chart with Singleton	116.66	136.11	155.55	174.99	213.89	252.76	291.65	349.98
Hastingleigh	114.10	133.12	152.13	171.15	209.18	247.21	285.25	342.30
High Halden	113.83	132.80	151.77	170.74	208.68	246.62	284.57	341.48
Hothfield	121.24	141.45	161.65	181.86	222.27	262.68	303.10	363.72
Kenardington	123.15	143.67	164.20	184.72	225.77	266.81	307.87	369.44
Kingsnorth	112.30	131.02	149.73	168.45	205.88	243.31	280.75	336.90
Little Chart	128.60	150.04	171.47	192.90	235.77	278.63	321.50	385.80
Mersham and Sevington	109.76	128.05	146.34	164.63	201.21	237.79	274.39	329.26
Molash	121.89	142.20	162.52	182.83	223.46	264.08	304.72	365.66
Newenden	129.15	150.67	172.20	193.72	236.77	279.81	322.87	387.44
Orlestone	113.12	131.98	150.83	169.68	207.38	245.09	282.80	339.36
Pluckley	132.89	155.04	177.18	199.33	243.62	287.92	332.22	398.66
Rolvenden	117.13	136.65	156.17	175.69	214.73	253.77	292.82	351.38
Ruckinge	115.70	134.98	154.26	173.54	212.10	250.66	289.24	347.08
Shadoxhurst	112.88	131.69	150.50	169.31	206.93	244.55	282.19	338.62
Smarden	125.02	145.86	166.69	187.53	229.20	270.87	312.55	375.06
Smeeth	113.12	131.98	150.83	169.68	207.38	245.09	282.80	339.36
Stanhope	106.42	124.15	141.89	159.62	195.09	230.56	266.04	319.24
Stone	110.46	128.87	147.28	165.69	202.51	239.33	276.15	331.38
Tenterden (TC)	157.04	183.22	209.39	235.56	287.90	340.25	392.60	471.12
Warehorne	107.84	125.82	143.79	161.76	197.70	233.65	269.60	323.52
Westwell	129.09	150.60	172.12	193.63	236.66	279.68	322.72	387.26
Wittersham	121.94	142.27	162.59	182.91	223.55	264.20	304.85	365.82
Woodchurch	113.53	132.45	151.37	170.29	208.13	245.97	283.82	340.58
Wye with Hinxhill	133.86	156.17	178.48	200.79	245.41	290.03	334.65	401.58
Unparished Area	96.97	113.13	129.29	145.45	177.77	210.09	242.42	290.90

**Table D**

**TOTAL COUNCIL TAX 2013/2014**

PARISH	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
Aldington & Bonnington	956.85	1,116.32	1,275.80	1,435.27	1,754.22	2,073.17	2,392.12	2,870.54
Appledore	979.23	1,142.43	1,305.64	1,468.84	1,795.25	2,121.66	2,448.07	2,937.68
Bethersden	953.95	1,112.94	1,271.93	1,430.92	1,748.90	2,066.88	2,384.87	2,861.84
Biddenden	962.58	1,123.01	1,283.44	1,443.87	1,764.73	2,085.59	2,406.45	2,887.74
Bilsington	948.97	1,107.13	1,265.29	1,423.45	1,739.77	2,056.09	2,372.42	2,846.90
Boughton Aluph and Eastwell	945.07	1,102.59	1,260.10	1,417.61	1,732.63	2,047.66	2,362.68	2,835.22
Brabourne	951.31	1,109.87	1,268.42	1,426.97	1,744.07	2,061.18	2,378.28	2,853.94
Brook	957.09	1,116.61	1,276.12	1,435.64	1,754.67	2,073.70	2,392.73	2,871.28
Challock	958.69	1,118.48	1,278.26	1,438.04	1,757.60	2,077.17	2,396.73	2,876.08
Charing	972.74	1,134.86	1,296.99	1,459.11	1,783.36	2,107.60	2,431.85	2,918.22
Chilham	957.96	1,117.62	1,277.28	1,436.94	1,756.26	2,075.58	2,394.90	2,873.88
Crundale (PM)	936.57	1,092.66	1,248.76	1,404.85	1,717.04	2,029.23	2,341.42	2,809.70
Egerton	954.75	1,113.87	1,273.00	1,432.12	1,750.37	2,068.62	2,386.87	2,864.24
Godmersham	950.13	1,108.48	1,266.84	1,425.19	1,741.90	2,058.61	2,375.32	2,850.38
Great Chart with Singleton	954.79	1,113.93	1,273.06	1,432.19	1,750.45	2,068.72	2,386.98	2,864.38
Hastingleigh	952.23	1,110.94	1,269.64	1,428.35	1,745.76	2,063.17	2,380.58	2,856.70
High Halden	951.96	1,110.62	1,269.28	1,427.94	1,745.26	2,062.58	2,379.90	2,855.88
Hothfield	959.37	1,119.27	1,279.16	1,439.06	1,758.85	2,078.64	2,398.43	2,878.12
Kenardington	961.28	1,121.49	1,281.71	1,441.92	1,762.35	2,082.77	2,403.20	2,883.84
Kingsnorth	950.43	1,108.84	1,267.24	1,425.65	1,742.46	2,059.27	2,376.08	2,851.30
Little Chart	966.73	1,127.86	1,288.98	1,450.10	1,772.34	2,094.59	2,416.83	2,900.20
Mersham and Sevington	947.89	1,105.87	1,263.85	1,421.83	1,737.79	2,053.75	2,369.72	2,843.66
Molash	960.02	1,120.02	1,280.03	1,440.03	1,760.04	2,080.04	2,400.05	2,880.06
Newenden	967.28	1,128.49	1,289.71	1,450.92	1,773.35	2,095.77	2,418.20	2,901.84
Orlestone	951.25	1,109.80	1,268.34	1,426.88	1,743.96	2,061.05	2,378.13	2,853.76
Pluckley	971.02	1,132.86	1,294.69	1,456.53	1,780.20	2,103.88	2,427.55	2,913.06
Rolvenden	955.26	1,114.47	1,273.68	1,432.89	1,751.31	2,069.73	2,388.15	2,865.78
Ruckinge	953.83	1,112.80	1,271.77	1,430.74	1,748.68	2,066.62	2,384.57	2,861.48
Shadoxhurst	951.01	1,109.51	1,268.01	1,426.51	1,743.51	2,060.51	2,377.52	2,853.02
Smarden	963.15	1,123.68	1,284.20	1,444.73	1,765.78	2,086.83	2,407.88	2,889.46
Smeeth	951.25	1,109.80	1,268.34	1,426.88	1,743.96	2,061.05	2,378.13	2,853.76
Stanhope	944.55	1,101.97	1,259.40	1,416.82	1,731.67	2,046.52	2,361.37	2,833.64
Stone	948.59	1,106.69	1,264.79	1,422.89	1,739.09	2,055.29	2,371.48	2,845.78
Tenterden (TC)	995.17	1,161.04	1,326.90	1,492.76	1,824.48	2,156.21	2,487.93	2,985.52
Warehorne	945.97	1,103.64	1,261.30	1,418.96	1,734.28	2,049.61	2,364.93	2,837.92
Westwell	967.22	1,128.42	1,289.63	1,450.83	1,773.24	2,095.64	2,418.05	2,901.66
Wittersham	960.07	1,120.09	1,280.10	1,440.11	1,760.13	2,080.16	2,400.18	2,880.22
Woodchurch	951.66	1,110.27	1,268.88	1,427.49	1,744.71	2,061.93	2,379.15	2,854.98
Wye with Hinxhill	971.99	1,133.99	1,295.99	1,457.99	1,781.99	2,105.99	2,429.98	2,915.98
Unparished Area	935.10	1,090.95	1,246.80	1,402.65	1,714.35	2,026.05	2,337.75	2,805.30

Table E

## Council Tax Schedule 2013/14

Precepting Authority	VALUATION BANDS							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Ashford Borough Council	96.97	113.13	129.29	145.45	177.77	210.09	242.42	290.90
Kent County Council	698.52	814.94	931.36	1,047.78	1,280.62	1,513.46	1,746.30	2,095.56
Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent	94.31	110.03	125.75	141.47	172.91	204.35	235.78	282.94
Kent and Medway Towns Fire Authority	45.30	52.85	60.40	67.95	83.05	98.15	113.25	135.90

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**Table F**

<b>CALCULATION OF THE BUDGET REQUIREMENT AND COUNCIL TAX AT BAND D</b>			
	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
Gross Expenditure - General Fund	56,683,000		
Gross Expenditure - HRA	27,064,719		
Parish Precepts	<u>1,015,725</u>		84,763,444
Less Gross Income			(69,958,319)
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>			<u>14,805,125</u>
Add Deficit Distribution from Collection Fund		-	
New Homes Bonus	(1,313,000)		
Less Formula Grant Allocation which includes Council Tax freeze grant 2011/12 (for 5 years)	<u>(6,486,770)</u>		<u>(7,799,770)</u>
<b>BUDGET REQUIREMENT</b>			7,005,355
Less Parish Precepts			(1,015,725)
<b>Council Tax Requirement</b>			<u>5,989,630</u>
Council Tax Base			41,180.00
Band 'D' Council Tax			145.45
Average including Parishes			170.12

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Table G

## REVENUE BUDGET

## SUMMARY

<b>ACTUALS</b> <b>2011/12</b> <b>£</b>	<b>ESTIMATE</b> <b>2012/13</b> <b>£</b>	<b>PROJECTED</b> <b>OUTTURN</b> <b>2012/13</b> <b>£</b>	<b>DETAIL</b>	<b>ESTIMATE</b> <b>2013/14</b> <b>£</b>
1,018,295	1,762,850	1,903,090	<b>Corporate Core</b>	1,639,060
1,208,470	1,209,430	1,287,990	<b>Legal and Democratic Services</b>	1,250,300
1,236,267	744,800	1,372,570	<b>Planning</b>	1,462,340
1,841,363	2,088,610	2,096,110	<b>Financial Services</b>	2,189,360
428,848	249,620	280,500	<b>ICT</b>	234,150
1,436,091	338,040	458,680	<b>Customers Homes and Property</b>	376,430
6,278,082	6,323,750	6,145,990	<b>Environmental Services</b>	5,492,910
( 725,974)	2,223,370	2,614,970	<b>Cultural Services</b>	2,848,970
<b>12,721,442</b>	<b>14,940,470</b>	<b>16,159,900</b>	<b>SERVICE EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>15,493,520</b>
572,577	( 1,697,290)	( 2,098,840)	Capital Charges	( 1,905,520)
( 684,309)	( 474,500)	( 472,500)	Net Interest	( 319,450)
72,220	66,520	66,520	Concurrent Functions Grant	60,520
235,840	265,370	241,000	Drainage Board Levies	235,210
-	-	-	Business Rates Yield	118,150
-	-	-	Contingency	
-	-	-	Budget Contingency	100,000
342,870	35,660	( 159,850)	Contribution to/(from) balances	15,070
<b>13,260,640</b>	<b>13,136,230</b>	<b>13,736,230</b>	<b>ABC BUDGET REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>13,797,500</b>
816,056	844,243	844,243	Total Parish Precepts	1,015,725
<b>14,076,696</b>	<b>13,980,473</b>	<b>14,580,473</b>	<b>TOTAL BUDGET REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>14,813,225</b>
( 6,860,790)	( 5,941,780)	( 5,941,780)	<b>INCOME</b>	
			Government Grant	( 3,778,800)
			Retained Business Rates	( 2,707,970)
( 21,100)	( 713,000)	( 1,313,000)	New Homes Bonus	( 1,313,000)
-	-	-	Parish Support (net of Preceptors contribution)	( 8,100)
( 816,056)	( 844,243)	( 844,243)	Parish Precepts	(1,015,725)
<b>6,378,750</b>	<b>6,481,450</b>	<b>6,481,450</b>	<b>Council Tax</b>	<b>5,989,630</b>

### **339 Licensing and Health and Safety Committee – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

**Resolved:**

**That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing and Health and Safety Committee held on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013 be approved and adopted.**

### **340 Programme of Meetings 2013/14 and 2014/15**

Councillor Wedgbury asked if Officers could give consideration to ensuring that Full Council meetings did not occur during the school half term holidays where possible.

**Resolved:**

**That the Programme of Meetings for 2013/14 and 2014/15 as appended to these Minutes be adopted.**

### **341 Notices of Motion**

(a) Councillor Yeo moved the following motion: -

“From April the iniquitous bedroom tax enacted by the Coalition Government will begin to destroy the lives of Ashford Borough Council housing tenants. Given the urgency of the situation for residents in all our Wards, we call on the Council to explain clearly how they will utilise the discretionary housing payment in respect of tenants who are in specially adapted or purpose built dwellings, to ensure that they do not suffer financially or have to lose their home”.

In support of the motion Councillor Yeo said that she never thought she would be having to make a speech like this, asking that people not be penalised simply for being in a house that the Council thought was suitable for them. The problem was not that residents were living in a house that was too big, the problem was that not enough Council housing of the requisite size had been built to fulfil the needs of our tenants. The aim of this legislation was to reduce the welfare bill and the easiest way to do this was to stop vast sums of money going into the pockets of private landlords. The aim of the bill surely could not be to punish people for being disabled and needing two bedrooms for one couple, or to punish parents for encouraging their children to go to university, or even punish parents for keeping a bedroom for a child fighting for our country so that those brave warriors had a bedroom to call home when they were on leave. Over 500 Ashford Borough Council housing tenants would be adversely affected. The effect of the Welfare Reform Bill would be to destroy people’s quality of life, not only by being fined for surplus rooms, but also having to pay Council Tax for the first time. Some of these people would be able to work the extra time the Government mentioned to offset some of these costs, but these people would be a very small percentage, the majority on fixed incomes would have no option but to cut back. But cut back on what? The first luxury to be cut back on would be food. Those on benefits could not afford the best food but they could just about get by on their payments now. In the future they would not be able to buy the necessary food and it would be cut in quality and quantity. The risks of malnutrition were high and whilst this may reduce the housing bill it would increase the pressure



on the National Health Service which was already creaking at the imposition of top down reorganisation. This was why on Good Friday the Labour Group would be fasting to raise money for the Trussell Trust and Ashford Food Bank, so that those who were unable to pay the fines and eat would be able to have a good Easter. There were of course other people who were going to suffer immensely with the imposition of the social size criteria and one of those groups was the Council's front line staff, already stretched with no room left for more pressure. They would be dealing with angry, desperate and frightened families and desperate people behaved in desperate ways. She said she would like to take the time to thank the staff for attempting to deal with these people with the care and compassion that they usually embody, despite the Government's Dickensian attempt to turn social housing into the tenements of the early 1960s, with echoes of *Cathy Come Home* and more recently with the graphic depiction of overcrowding in the BBC series *Call the Midwife*. *Call the Midwife* was set in the east end of London and many from the east end moved to Ashford in the 1960s to the development we now know as Stanhope – wonderfully spacious houses with a promise of a new life. Now that dream of a new life was evaporating. Stanhope stood as the area with the highest indices of social deprivation in Ashford. 44% of the children living in poverty in Ashford lived in Stanhope. This was only going to get worse with the imposition of the bedroom tax. She considered this was real lives being destroyed by this Government. Councillor Yeo said they called on the administration here to lay out quite clearly to all how they were going to administer the £300m put by in the Discretionary Housing Payment Account as mentioned by Pensions Minister Steve Webb on the BBC Radio 4 Today Programme on the 11<sup>th</sup> February. Mind you, as Iain Duncan Smith on Sunday did not know if the elderly were exempt from this housing cull, she would understand if Steve Webb had got that one wrong too. If he was wrong she asked to be told and she would contact his office. They needed to know if the disabled were going to be punished or if they were going to have to divorce so that one could be the carer and no longer the spouse and therefore qualify for another bedroom. All this motion was asking for was that the guidelines be made crystal clear to residents. What would happen if, through no fault of their own, people were unable to move because the Council did not have the housing stock? Would the Cabinet punish Ashford Borough Council residents because they themselves failed to have adequate housing stock?

The motion was seconded by Councillor Adby.

In support of the motion Councillor Adby said that personally speaking he looked forward to having a debate on this issue at Cabinet. Anyone that had seen the news today would have realised that Iain Duncan Smith had made a special announcement about properties that had been purpose built for disabled people and those that had been changed to accommodate people with disabilities. He therefore looked forward to the debate.

The Acting Leader said in response, this was not the place to propose such a motion. This Council had a network of Committees and this matter could have been referred to them long before today. This administration had to behave in a responsible and balanced way and if they were to examine this motion properly they must do so in an effective Committee. He considered that Party politics, scoring of points and scaremongering should form no part of this Authority and they took pride in behaving responsibly. The Council had one of the best Housing Authorities in the country, let alone in Kent. These were hard times and they did not need

scaremongering and frightening of people who were vulnerable. He therefore moved that the motion stand referred to Cabinet for proper consideration.

Councillor Bartlett said he would like to second the proposal to refer the matter to Cabinet. He also wanted to add that the position was nowhere near as bleak as suggested. A number of housing associations and Councils who provided social housing were reacting very positively to the 'bedroom tax' as it had come to be known. Two stories had emerged in the press in the last two days which he was sure colleagues would be familiar with. Firstly, a group of social housing providers in the West Midlands had got together to work to relocate tenants from inappropriate housing to appropriate housing in order to reduce the burden on them. Also another social housing organisation had reclassified a number of their houses to ensure that their tenants were not hit by the burden of this tax. He was confident that the Cabinet would understand those issues and seek advice from a number of industry experts to understand how the impact could be minimised on Ashford's residents.

**Resolved:**

**That the motion stands referred to the Cabinet.**

(b) Councillor Chilton moved the following motion: -

"To call on Council to ensure that over the course of the next financial year, Council works to ensure that all members of staff are paid the living wage which will support the Coalition Government in pursuit of reducing the benefit bill. Furthermore we call on Council to encourage all its partners, and local service providers and businesses to pay their staff the living wage".

In support of the motion Councillor Chilton said that it was important to state at the outset that this motion had absolutely no implications for the 2013/14 budget and the proposals put forward at this meeting. He thought it would be useful to provide some information on the living wage. This was the lowest hourly rate by which one could sustain basic financial needs and live without the fear and blight of poverty. In Greater London the rate was £8.55 per hour and outside London £7.45 per hour. The living wage was set independently and updated annually and was calculated by the Centre for Research and Social Policy according to the basic cost of living in the UK. The living wage was supported by individuals across the political divide. Recently London Mayor Boris Johnson said of the living wage, "paying the London living wage was not only morally right but makes good business sense too". He clearly recognised that Keynesian economic theory worked and a living wage respected workers, treated them fairly and increased morale. The living wage incentivised work, enhanced productivity and increased loyalty. The living wage was strongly supported by the Leader of the Opposition Ed Miliband and the Prime Minister David Cameron. A living wage would place more money into people's hands and more money provided individuals and families with greater spending power enabling them to support local businesses and trade. If Council were to actively encourage businesses, service providers and partners to pay a living wage he had no doubt that we would see more growth and the quality of life for residents would increase as well. A living wage would also support the Coalition Government's policy of reducing the benefit bill. Tax credits were essentially a subsidised wage. If the wages of the workers were increased the benefit bill could be reduced. If Council did support this motion it would also have an opportunity to seek the Living Wage

Employer Accreditation Scheme which would permit the Council to use the Living Wage Licence as a demonstration of its commitment to being an ethical employer, as well as other benefits. An independent study in East London found that two thirds of employers reported a significant impact on recruitment and retention within their organisation after implementing the living wage. 70% of employers felt the living wage had increased consumer awareness of their organisation's commitment to being an ethical employer. Similarly, the study concluded that in terms of the business benefits of implementing the living wage policy in London, more than 80% of employees believed that the living wage had increased the quality of work of their staff, whilst absenteeism had fallen by approximately 25%. A living wage policy enacted and encouraged by this Council would go one way in mitigating the stark contrasts between rich and poor in some communities in Ashford. Councillor Chilton said he was placing this motion in front of Council for two simple reasons. Firstly he believed the Council should be encouraging employers, starting with itself, to ensure that workers had a better quality of life and he considered that nobody should live below the poverty line. He believed the living wage would meet that ambition. Secondly, he said that he, like many in this Chamber and beyond, believed that work should pay. The motion was deliberately flexible in that it provided the Council an entire year to bring forward proposals to implement the living wage. He realised such a move would take time to implement and he was happy to accept that. If Members wanted to speak on this matter he hoped that they would do so in a positive manner. In conclusion Councillor Chilton said this motion provided an opportunity for Members from all sides to continue to work together to develop the organisation and support staff. It was also an opportunity to send a message to the wider community that Ashford Borough Council believed in ethical living standards for all and believed that work should always pay.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Yeo.

The Acting Leader said in response to the motion firstly, this Authority highly valued all of its staff. He thanked Councillor Chilton for the motion. In February 2012 the Council agreed a pay policy statement in accordance with the Localism Act 2011. The statement set out the Council's policies towards remuneration of Chief Officers and lower paid employees. The Cabinet also agreed to review that policy statement annually and a paper was currently under preparation for consideration by Cabinet and by the Council thereafter. The Wednesbury judgment made it very clear that Members needed to be given the relevant facts and information and be advised to ignore irrelevant information in order to be able to arrive at sound judgments. Cabinet was always happy to receive ideas and suggestions for improving the pay policy and he considered it more appropriate for the ideas in the motion for the living wage to be considered as part of that pay policy review by Cabinet and not debated tonight completely out of context. He therefore moved that the motion stand referred to Cabinet. This was seconded by Councillor Taylor.

**Resolved:**

**That the motion stands referred to the Cabinet.**

## **342 Questions by Members of which Notice had been Given**

### **(a) Question from Councillor Mortimer to Councillor Clarkson, Acting Leader of the Council.**

“The Portfolio Holder will be aware that the proposed development at Sevington involving the construction of a gigantic distribution warehouse and a new motorway junction, has been the subject of interest and concern to the residents of east, north and south Ashford. To counter these concerns, the developers lay great importance on the 1500 – 2000 jobs that will be provided which will give a considerable boost to the economy of Ashford, if true. Can the Portfolio Holder please inform Members on the basis of this claim of 1500 – 2000 jobs and what evidence there is to substantiate this?”

### **Reply by Councillor Clarkson**

“The promoters of this site have only so far produced an estimated job creation number of 1500- 2000 jobs. Any detailed estimate of job creation arising from their proposals will of course depend on the final amount of floor space provided and the mix between distribution and other employment and therefore such figures will be needed to support the planning application when it is made. Our understanding is that the application may be made in the spring so until that time we would really be speculating. We cannot start testing and examining things before they come before us formally. To do so would be an utter waste of our Officers time.”

### **Supplementary Question by Councillor Mortimer**

“I thank the Portfolio Holder for his comments and in response I would just like to say that if the developer turns out to have produced inaccurate information, would that company be disbarred from bidding for any contracts that there are and will ABC refuse to do business with them? I say this because the 1500 – 2000 jobs mentioned is actually in the consultation document published by the developer that has gone out for public consultation. It isn't a figure that has just been talked about, it has been put in writing by the developer.”

### **Reply by Councillor Clarkson**

“I do understand the point being made by the Councillor but irrespective of that we cannot really do anything until that planning application is before us. With viability proposals put forward by developers, we test them via independent experts and we would obviously look at any claim being made as to job numbers and we would test that very vigorously. As to punitive measures against any individuals, I think that it is for us to look at the planning application thoroughly and effectively and come to right conclusions then, and we cannot prevent an applicant putting in further planning applications.”

### **Supplementary Question by Councillor Bartlett**

“Whilst the developer has not been absolutely clear on who the occupier will be the developer has given some hint as to who it might be and it’s a company called Amazon. A report into Amazon’s similar depot in Rugeley in the West Midlands showed, linking to an earlier question, that they very proudly say they do not pay the minimum wage, they pay 1p over the minimum wage so they can proudly say they do not pay the minimum wage. They also don’t ‘employ’ anybody, they don’t like that term. What they do is hire contractors through a company based in London called Randstad and that company ensures that Amazon have no obligations as an employer. My question is, whether this is the type of employer that we want to encourage to our town?”

### **Reply by Councillor Clarkson**

“Again, I can only say that those matters will be looked at when we receive a formal application. To become involved with external agencies before that would be folly in the extreme, but when we get a firm application in, we will examine that very carefully.”

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Appendix 1

**DATES OF MEETINGS MAY 2013 - MAY 2014**

Meetings are usually held at the Civic Centre and start at 7.00pm unless otherwise stated

**MAY 2013**

W 1  
Th 2 **KCC Elections**  
F 3  
  
M 6 **BANK HOLIDAY**  
Tu 7 Selection & CR  
W 8  
Th 9 Cabinet  
F 10  
  
M 13  
Tu 14  
W 15 Planning Council  
Th 16  
F 17  
  
M 20  
Tu 21 O&S  
W 22  
Th 23  
F 24  
  
M 27 **BANK HOLIDAY**  
Tu 28  
W 29  
Th 30  
F 31

**JUNE 2013**

M 3  
Tu 4  
W 5 JCC 2.30pm  
Th 6  
F 7  
  
M 10  
Tu 11 Joint Transportation  
W 12  
Th 13 Cabinet  
F 14  
  
M 17  
Tu 18  
W 19 Planning  
Th 20  
F 21  
  
M 24  
T 25 O&S  
W 26  
Th 27 Audit  
F 28

**JULY 2013**

M 1  
Tu 2 Standards  
W 3  
Th 4  
F 5  
  
M 8  
Tu 9  
W 10  
Th 11 Cabinet

F 12  
  
M 15  
Tu 16  
W 17 Planning Council  
Th 18  
F 19  
  
M 22  
Tu 23 O&S  
W 24  
Th 25  
F 26  
  
M 29  
T 30  
W 31

**AUGUST 2013**

Th 1 JCC 2.30pm  
F 2  
  
M 5  
Tu 6  
W 7  
Th 8 Cabinet  
F 9  
  
M 12  
Tu 13  
W 14 Planning  
Th 15  
F 16  
  
M 19  
Tu 20 O&S  
W 21  
Th 22  
F 23  
  
M 26 **BANK HOLIDAY**  
Tu 27  
W 28  
Th 29  
F 30

**SEPTEMBER 2013**

M 2  
Tu 3  
W 4  
Th 5  
F 6  
  
M 9  
Tu 10 Joint Transportation  
W 11  
Th 12 Cabinet  
F 13  
  
M 16  
Tu 17  
W 18 Planning  
Th 19  
F 20  
  
M 23  
Tu 24 O&S

W 25  
Th 26 Audit  
F 27  
  
M 30

**OCTOBER 2013**

Tu 1  
W 2  
Th 3 JCC 2.30pm  
F 4  
  
M 7  
Tu 8  
W 9  
Th 10 Cabinet  
F 11  
  
M 14  
Tu 15  
W 16 Planning Council  
Th 17  
F 18  
  
M 21  
Tu 22 O&S  
W 23  
Th 24  
F 25  
  
M 28  
Tu 29  
W 30  
Th 31

**NOVEMBER 2013**

F 1  
  
M 4  
Tu 5 Standards  
W 6  
Th 7 Cabinet  
F 8  
  
M 11  
Tu 12  
W 13  
Th 14  
F 15  
  
M 18  
Tu 19  
W 20 Planning  
Th 21  
F 22  
  
M 25  
Tu 26 O&S  
W 27  
Th 28  
F 29

**DECEMBER 2013**

M 2  
Tu 3 Audit  
W 4  
Th 5 JCC 2.30pm, Cabinet  
F 6  
  
M 9  
Tu 10 Joint Transportation  
W 11  
Th 12 Council  
F 13

M 16  
Tu 17 O&S  
W 18 Planning  
Th 19  
F 20

M 23  
Tu 24  
W 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Th 26 **BOXING DAY**  
F 27

M 30  
Tu 31

**JANUARY 2014**

W 1 **NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
Th 2  
F 3

M 6  
Tu 7  
W 8  
Th 9 Cabinet  
F 10

M 13  
Tu 14  
W 15 Planning  
Th 16  
F 17

M 20 Licensing & H&S 10am  
Tu 21  
W 22  
Th 23  
F 24

M 27  
Tu 28 O&S  
W 29  
Th 30  
F 31

**FEBRUARY 2014**

M 3  
Tu 4  
W 5  
Th 6 JCC 2.30pm  
F 7

M 10  
Tu 11  
W 12  
Th 13 Cabinet  
F 14

M 17  
Tu 18  
W 19 Planning  
Th 20 Council (C Tax)  
F 21

M 24  
Tu 25 O&S  
W 26  
Th 27  
F 28

**MARCH 2014**

M 3  
Tu 4 Audit  
W 5  
Th 6  
F 7

M 10  
Tu 11 Joint Transportation  
W 12  
Th 13 Cabinet  
F 14

M 17  
Tu 18  
W 19 Planning  
Th 20  
F 21

M 24  
Tu 25 O&S  
W 26  
Th 27  
F 28

M 31

**APRIL 2014**

Tu 1  
W 2  
Th 3 JCC 2.30pm  
F 4

M 7  
Tu 8  
W 9  
Th 10 Cabinet  
F 11

M 14  
Tu 15  
W 16 Planning  
Th 17  
F 18 **GOOD FRIDAY**

M 21 **EASTER MONDAY**  
Tu 22  
W 23  
Th 24 Council  
F 25

M 28  
T 29 O&S  
W 30

**MAY 2014**

Th 1 **European Elections**  
F 2

M 5 **BANK HOLIDAY**  
Tu 6 Selection & CR  
W 7  
Th 8 Cabinet  
F 9

M 12  
Tu 13  
W 14 Planning  
Th 15 Council  
F 16

M 19  
Tu 20 O&S  
W 21  
Th 22  
F 23

M 26 **BANK HOLIDAY**  
Tu 27  
W 28  
Th 29  
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KEY	
O&S	- Overview and Scrutiny
JCC	- Joint Consultative Committee

 School Holidays

Appendix 2

**DATES OF MEETINGS MAY 2014 - MAY 2015**

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<b>MAY 2014</b>	F 11	W 24
Th 1	M 14	Th 25 Audit
F 2	Tu 15	F 26
M 5 <b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>	W 16 Planning Council	M 29
Tu 6 Selection & CR	Th 17 Planning Council	Tu 30
W 7	F 18	<b>OCTOBER 2014</b>
Th 8 Cabinet	M 21	W 1
F 9	Tu 22 O&S	Th 2 JCC 2.30pm
M 12	W 23	F 3
Tu 13	Th 24	M 6
W 14 Planning Council	F 25	Tu 7
Th 15 Planning Council	M 28	W 8
F 16	T 29	Th 9 Cabinet
M 19	W 30	F 10
Tu 20 O&S	Th 31	M 13
W 21	<b>AUGUST 2014</b>	Tu 14
Th 22	F 1	W 15 Planning Council
F 23	M 4	Th 16 Planning Council
M 26 <b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>	Tu 5	F 17
Tu 27	W 6	M 20
W 28	Th 7 JCC 2.30pm	Tu 21
Th 29	F 8	W 22
F 30	M 11	Th 23
<b>JUNE 2014</b>	Tu 12	F 24
M 2	W 13	M 27
Tu 3	Th 14 Cabinet	Tu 28 O&S
W 4	F 15	W 29
Th 5 JCC 2.30pm	M 18	Th 30
F 6	Tu 19 O&S	F 31
M 9	W 20 Planning	<b>NOVEMBER 2014</b>
Tu 10 Joint Transportation	Th 21	M 3
W 11	F 22	Tu 4 Standards
Th 12 Cabinet	M 25 <b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>	W 5
F 13	Tu 26	Th 6
M 16	W 27	F 7
Tu 17	Th 28	M 10
W 18 Planning	F 29	Tu 11
Th 19	<b>SEPTEMBER 2014</b>	W 12
F 20	M 1	Th 13 Cabinet
M 23	Tu 2	F 14
T 24 O&S	W 3	M 17
W 25	Th 4	Tu 18
Th 26 Audit	F 5	W 19 Planning
F 27	M 8	Th 20
M 30	Tu 9 Joint Transportation	F 21
<b>JULY 2014</b>	W 10	M 24
Tu 1 Standards	Th 11 Cabinet	Tu 25 O&S
W 2	F 12	W 26
Th 3	M 15	Th 27
F 4	Tu 16	F 28
M 7	W 17 Planning	
Tu 8	Th 18	
W 9	F 19	
Th 10 Cabinet	M 22	
	Tu 23 O&S	



**DECEMBER 2014**

M 1  
Tu 2 Audit  
W 3  
Th 4 JCC 2.30pm, Cabinet  
F 5  
  
M 8  
Tu 9 Joint Transportation  
W 10  
Th 11 Council  
F 12

M 15  
Tu 16 O&S  
W 17 Planning  
Th 18  
F 19

M 22  
Tu 23  
W 24  
Th 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
F 26 **BOXING DAY**

M 29  
Tu 30  
W 31

**JANUARY 2015**

Th 1 **NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
F 2

M 5  
Tu 6  
W 7  
Th 8 Cabinet  
F 10

M 12  
Tu 13  
W 14 Planning  
Th 15  
F 16

M 19 Licensing & H&S 10am  
Tu 20  
W 21  
Th 22  
F 23

M 26  
Tu 27 O&S  
W 28  
Th 29  
F 30

**FEBRUARY 2015**

M 2  
Tu 3  
W 4 Planning  
Th 5 JCC 2.30pm  
F 6

M 9  
Tu 10  
W 11  
Th 12 Cabinet  
F 13

M 16  
Tu 17  
W 18  
Th 19 Council (C Tax)  
F 20

M 23  
Tu 24 O&S  
W 25  
Th 26  
F 27

**MARCH 2015**

M 2  
Tu 3 Audit  
W 4 Planning  
Th 5  
F 6

M 9  
Tu 10 Joint Transportation  
W 11  
Th 12 Cabinet  
F 13

M 16  
Tu 17  
W 18  
Th 19  
F 20

M 23  
Tu 24 O&S  
W 25  
Th 26  
F 27

M 30  
Tu 31

**APRIL 2015**

W 1 Planning  
Th 2 JCC 2.30pm  
F 3 **GOOD FRIDAY**

M 6 **EASTER MONDAY**  
Tu 7  
W 8  
Th 9 Cabinet  
F 10

M 13  
Tu 14  
W 15  
Th 16 Council  
F 17

M 20  
Tu 21  
W 22  
Th 23  
F 24

M 27  
T 28 O&S  
W 29 Planning  
Th 30

**MAY 2015**

F 1  
  
M 4 **BANK HOLIDAY**  
Tu 5  
W 6  
Th 7 ABC Elections  
F 8

M 11  
Tu 12  
W 13  
Th 14  
F 15

M 18  
Tu 19  
W 20  
Th 21 Selection & CR  
F 22

M 25 **BANK HOLIDAY**  
Tu 26  
W 27  
Th 28 Council  
F 29

KEY	
O&S	- Overview and Scrutiny
JCC	- Joint Consultative Committee

 School Holidays