

# Ashford Borough Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Ashford Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **16<sup>th</sup> February 2017**.

## Present:

His Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr S J G Koowaree (Chairman);

Cllrs. Adby, Apps, Barrett, Bartlett, Mrs Bell, Bell, Bennett, Bradford, Buchanan, Burgess, Chilton, Clarkson, Clokie, Dehnel, Mrs Dyer, Farrell, Feacey, Galpin, Heyes, Hicks, Krause, Link, Macpherson, Miss Martin, Mrs Martin, Michael, Murphy, Ovenden, Pickering, Shorter, Sims, Waters, Mrs Webb, Wedgbury, White.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Reverend Dinnie said prayers.

## Apologies:

Cllrs. Mrs Blanford, Mrs Heyes, W Howard, Knowles, Powell, Smith.

## Also Present:

Chief Executive, Corporate Director (Law and Governance), Director of Development, Head of Finance, Accountancy Manager, Accountant, Senior Member Services Officer.

## 304 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.

## 305 Declarations of Interest

Councillor	Interest	Minute No.
Bartlett	Made a 'Voluntary Announcement' as he lived near to Junction 10 of the M20.	309(b)
Clarkson	Made a 'Voluntary Announcement' as a Director of A Better Choice for Property Ltd.	310
Shorter	Made a 'Voluntary Announcement' as a Director of A Better Choice for Building Consultancy Ltd.	310
Sims	Made a 'Voluntary Announcement' as the Council's appointed representative on the Ashford Leisure Trust.	310

## 306 Minutes

### Resolved:

**That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.**

## 307 Announcements

### (a) Leader of the Council

The Leader said that there had been a number of recent positive developments which he would like to take the opportunity to share with Members. There were certain buzzwords associated with Ashford. The word 'international' remained the town's unique selling point, but the words 'ambition' and 'momentum' were also being increasingly used. There really was strong momentum being created in the Borough with inward investments supporting so many significant projects that were now coming forward. For some Districts, just one or two of these projects would signify real success but in Ashford they were embracing and delivering an astonishing number. He wanted to share some examples with colleagues.

With regard to international signalling, he was pleased to announce that this was right on track with the news that full funding for the project of £10.5m was now in place. Therefore the next generation of Eurostar trains, and any future European rail operators, could continue to stop at Ashford International Station. The news came in the Government's recent Growth Deal announcement made by the DCLG Minister Andrew Percy MP and represented the final tranche of £4.8m of funding. This would maintain Ashford's place at the heart of Europe's transport network and safeguard direct high-speed international services which specifically benefitted Ashford, but also the whole East Kent economy.

Turning to Stagecoach, the Leader advised that Ashford's main bus provider had invested £2.8m in to 30 new Mercedes minibuses for Ashford. The fleet of new high-spec Mercedes minibuses, branded 'Little and Often', was already increasing the frequency of buses to the William Harvey Hospital, the town centre, Kennington and Park Farm. Increasing the frequency on some routes to up to ten buses an hour, it was the only bus service of its kind operating in the whole of the United Kingdom. He therefore welcomed this significant financial investment in Ashford's transport network and it was another successful business investing in the Borough.

The proposed £16m forward funding from the South East Local Enterprise Partnership to enable the deliverability of the new M20 Junction 10A was considered by Cabinet last week, and the recommendation that the Council pay this back through developer contributions would be considered by the Council later at this meeting. This was an important milestone and placed no short, medium or long term financial risk on the Authority.

At Ashford College progress was being made for all to see. He looked forward to welcoming the first students in September and with the protective cover now removed from the facade of the building, all could see this magnificent first new addition to Ashford's skyline.

The Leader said that work on an iconic office building had begun at the Commercial Quarter which symbolised Ashford's enterprising approach towards economic development and growth. Adjacent to Ashford International Station and opposite the Ashford College campus, the first phase of the Commercial Quarter (which would be marketed as CQ38 – 38 minutes to London), was a magnificent start to Ashford's commercial activities.

At Chilmington Green construction work was due to start on site soon and the Council was determined that this development would be a credit to the Borough. It would be a delightful case of real 'place making' because on its own a large housing development meant nothing, but the intention here was to create something outstanding. Not only clean and green but sustainable, and with its Community Management Organisation, having land, property and funding endowed for the benefit of the residents and under their control and management.

Ashford Borough Council had joined forces with KCC Public Health and its service provider, Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust, to open 'One You' a health shop located in Ashford Town Centre. The new health shop was part of Public Health England's national campaign and encouraged people to quit smoking, lose weight and be more active. 'One You' was something that health professionals up and down the country were excited about and he had been informed that the focus was very much on Ashford for delivering this project. It was seen as a key part of future healthcare delivered within the community.

Turning to Conningbrook Lakes, the Leader advised that a range of measures to improve the quality of the water at the Country Park were approved by Cabinet Members last week. This investment of up to £150,000 would ensure the ongoing establishment of the lake as a key water facility for the enjoyment of the public and the many clubs who regularly used it. As Members would recall, it was disappointing last summer when they had to cancel some events at Conningbrook Lakes because of the blue/green algae formation. The Council had therefore stepped in and acted swiftly to take essential steps to resolve the situation for the future.

The Leader said that the journey to bring about change to Ashford continued but had already seen significant achievements. They had gone from the worst recycling Local Authority in the United Kingdom to one of the best and in 2014 were named the most improved in the UK; Ashford had become the best and most inviting place in Kent for businesses to invest and locate; in 2014 Ashford was placed in the top 10% of the most desirable places to live; 69% of residents both lived and worked in the Borough – the third highest percentage in Kent; about 124,000 people lived in the Borough but Ashford was the least densely populated District in Kent at just 2.1 people per hectare; in the first quarter of 2016 Ashford outperformed the UK for town centre footfall – up 1.6% at the top of the league with the rest of the UK down on average 0.9%; Ashford's 1.5% unemployment was one of the lowest levels in the country; Ashford was the first Authority in the South East to be declared 'housing business ready' by Government thus recognising its housing delivery which should help in convincing Planning Inspectors of the strength of the Council's Local Plan; Tourism continued to grow and was a significant part of Ashford's economy; Ashford was the first Local Authority to have a formal District Deal with the KCC placing innovation, creativity and quality at the heart of their shared objectives; The Council was setting an example by paying its lowest paid staff the Ashford Living Wage and

its apprentices the Ashford Apprentice Wage; and the Council had taken serious steps to improve the Borough's appearance by taking over the employment and management of the KCC Grounds Maintenance team and all that this entailed.

In conclusion the Leader referred to the Council's commercial approach. This commercially and business focussed approach had been interesting the media recently, including Government trade paper the Municipal Journal. The budget that would be considered this evening would enable the Council to continue to deliver improved services that were valued by residents, while remaining the lowest Council taxing Authority in Kent by an increased margin. This was not just about the being the lowest at all costs, but it was because they were able to effectively manage their finances in a prudent way and yet still invest to improve services. They would continue to make bold decisions that would bring about fairly immediate change. These changes would be in the best interests of local residents and tax payers, but more importantly they would continue to encourage inward investment, support tourism and secure meaningful income streams, all in support of creating a vibrant and exciting Ashford which was economically secure for the long term future and was a great place to live with exciting prosperity for all.

The Mayor said he again wanted to echo the sentiments of the Leader. The Borough was a thriving one and he was very proud of that. He had been privileged and honoured to cut the ribbon and open the new bus service that past weekend and it was a unique project. He also agreed on the issue of partnership working and as a KCC Member as well, he was so pleased to see how Ashford Borough Council was working with Kent County Council.

**(b) The Mayor**

The Mayor said he wanted to make his usual announcement about charity events. His last big event for the year was coming up, a Rat Pack evening and further details would follow shortly. He hoped as many Members as possible would attend and enjoy the event. There would also be a charity concert put on by the Invicta Choir which he was supporting. This would be at St Teresa's Catholic Church on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. The choir were fantastic and he hoped Members would also support that event.

**308 Licensing and Health and Safety Committee –  
16<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**Resolved:**

**That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing and Health and Safety Committee held on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 be approved and adopted.**

**309 Cabinet – 12<sup>th</sup> January and 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

The report of the Corporate Director (Law and Governance), which had been tabled, clarified the procedure for consideration of the Cabinet minutes.

**(a) Cabinet – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**Resolved:**

- That (i) the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 be received and noted with the exception of Minute Nos. 257, 258 and 259.**
- (ii) Minute Nos. 257, 258 and 259 be approved and adopted.**

**(b) Cabinet – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

Councillor Bartlett said that with regard to Minute No. 290 - "M20 Junction 10A – Allocation of Capital Spend", he was pleased to read the Cabinet recommendation to support the funding of £16m for Junction 10A. He was also pleased to note that consideration was being given to a programme of resurfacing of the existing road. If this Council's funding could help secure that then it would greatly improve the quality of life of people in the Borough and particularly those badly affected by it in Willesborough. It showed what this Council could achieve when it worked together and with others.

The Mayor said he echoed these comments. This stretch of the M20 went through his Ward and for the last 20 years funding for some sort of Junction at 10A was being sought. It seemed at times that it would never happen, but it now appeared that in two or three years a new fully functioning junction would be open.

Councillor Michael said that whilst Members were talking about silencing and resurfacing of the M20 around Junction 10, it was also worth remembering that the same issues were present at Junction 9 and the residents who lived there, and in particular at Sandyhurst Lane, had been fighting for something to be done there for about ten years now. He asked that this was also mentioned in any discussions on future quietening of the road surface.

**Resolved:**

**That subject to the expiry of the period by which decisions arising from the Meeting of the Cabinet held on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 may be called in, i.e. 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017: -**

- (i) the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 be received and noted with the exception of Minute Nos. 286, 287 and 290.**
- (ii) Minute Nos. 287 and 290 be approved and adopted.**
- (iii) the recommendations in Minute No. 286 be deferred for consideration as part of the agenda item dealing with the Budget and Council Tax Resolutions 2017/18.**

## **310 Council Tax 2017/18 Resolutions and General Fund Budget and Minute Number 286**

The Mayor drew attention to a revised Annex C to the report which had been tabled.

The Leader of the Council proposed

“That the budget recommendations as set out in Minute No. 286 of the Cabinet and the formal Council Tax resolutions for 2017/18 as amended by Annex C tabled at the meeting, be approved”

This was seconded.

The Leader also advised that in accordance with Procedure Rule 15.4A a recorded vote was required to be taken on the budget recommendations and any amendments moved and seconded during the debate.

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 Chilton said he shared the Leader's acclamation of the Borough and its ambitions and he only objected to the word 'momentum' for personal reasons! He advised that Overview and Scrutiny now sat as part of Policy and Performance rather than Member Services and this year the Task Group, which also included Councillors Mrs Martin, Michael, Alex Howard and Burgess, did a sterling job of scrutinising the budget over what were very long and sometimes arduous sessions. He also wanted to thank Councillor Smith who attended those sessions as well as Portfolio Holders, in particular Councillor Shorter for his continuous attendance. He said that for this year Overview and Scrutiny noted that the Council Tax base remained the lowest in Kent and the Council continued to deliver services despite the reductions in Government grant. The risks to the budget had been noted and Overview and Scrutiny was satisfied that robust monitoring was in place to deal with anything unexpected that may arise. They also wanted to commend the new PID initiative that would streamline delivery of services and curtail any unrealistic ambitions from Members, so that staff could continue to work appropriately. There was concern about the level of staff resources and this was highlighted in every budget session, however they were pleased that this year's pay award would give the lowest paid staff the highest percentage increase. Councillor Chilton drew the Council's attention to the recommendations within the report and he was pleased that the Cabinet had accepted all of them. He concluded by advising that a few years ago Overview and Scrutiny had found the draft budget to be not achievable, but he was pleased to say that this year they had found the budget to be achievable and they commended it to the Council.

The Leader said he thanked Councillor Chilton for his comments and he valued the work of Overview and Scrutiny. The Council did have its opposition parties but he considered it was true to say that they all worked well together collectively for the people of the Borough. Of course there would always be times when they disagreed, but he hoped that recent times had shown that a Conservative Administration in Ashford could think about giving the lowest paid the biggest rewards and although they offered the lowest Council Tax in Kent they did not cut or diminish services. In addition to some of the things he had mentioned earlier the Council did have a soul and a heart and a moral compass. There were many examples. One was with the

waste and recycling collection service with Biffa which had a marvellous system of assisted collections for the elderly and infirm, as well as the decision to take Syrian refugees – the number of which was manageable at 250 individuals over five years, but was more per 1000 head of population than any other District in the entire UK. Therefore he wanted to thank the Opposition Group Leaders and Members for the contribution they made to the work of this Council because at the end of the day they all served the people of Ashford.

A recorded vote was then taken on the motion and the Members voted as follows: -

For: Councillors Adby, Apps, Barrett, Bartlett, Mrs Bell, Bell, Bennett, Bradford, Buchanan, Burgess, Chilton, Clarkson, Clokie, Dehnel, Mrs Dyer, Farrell, Feacey, Galpin, Heyes, Hicks, Koowaree, Krause, Link, Macpherson, Miss Martin, Mrs Martin, Michael, Murphy, Ovenden, Pickering, Shorter, Sims, Waters, Mrs Webb, Wedgbury, White.  
**Votes For 36**

Against: None  
**Votes Against 0**

Abstentions: None  
**Abstentions 0**

**Resolved:**

**That (i) the Budget for 2017/18 as recommended by the Cabinet in Minute No. 286 be approved.**

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

1. It be noted that on **8<sup>th</sup> December 2016** the Cabinet calculated:
  - a) The Council Tax Base 2017/18 for the whole Council area as **44,671.7** [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. that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2017/18 (excluding Parish precepts) is **£6,879,437.18 (Tables F and G)**.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2017/18 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:

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- (a) 99,688,422.60 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) 91,375,059.00 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) 8,313,363.60 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) 186.10 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) 1,433,926.42 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) 154.00 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 and E**)

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**Table A**

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

<b>PARISH</b>	<b>LOCAL TAX BASE</b>		<b>PARISH</b>	<b>LOCAL TAX BASE</b>
Aldington & Bonnington	594.45		Little Chart	128.76
Appledore	338.65		Mersham and Sevington	740.49
Bethersden	702.48		Molash	108.07
Biddenden	1,095.73		Newenden	101.97
Bilsington	145.62		Orlestone	597.25
Boughton Aluph and Eastwell	1,067.44		Pluckley	475.69
Brabourne	597.06		Rolvenden	681.00
Brook	155.02		Ruckinge	335.44
Challock	452.89		Shadoxhurst	543.13
Charing	1,306.17		Smarden	640.56
Chilham	746.22		Smeeth	360.06
Crundale (PM)	93.16		Stanhope	776.75
Egerton	501.20		Stone	201.76
Godmersham	172.62		Tenterden (TC)	3,533.93
Great Chart with Singleton	2,414.65		Warehorne	174.86
Hastingleigh	114.17		Westwell	324.58
High Halden	716.09		Wittersham	529.40
Hothfield	264.02		Woodchurch	834.75
Kenardington	107.35		Wye with Hinxhill	1,024.70
Kingsnorth	4,434.76			

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**Table B**

**Parish Council Precepts**

<b>PARISH</b>	<b>Parish Precept</b>		<b>PARISH</b>	<b>Parish Precept</b>
Aldington & Bonnington	28,515.00		Little Chart	6,000.00
Appledore	26,000.00		Mersham and Sevington	15,046.80
Bethersden	22,760.00		Molash	4,000.00
Biddenden	51,283.00		Newenden	5,020.00
Bilsington	4,230.00		Orlestone	20,390.00
Boughton Aluph and Eastwell	26,280.00		Pluckley	46,200.00
Brabourne	34,000.00		Rolvenden	25,146.62
Brook	7,070.00		Ruckinge	10,000.00
Challock	15,770.00		Shadoxhurst	15,000.00
Charing	87,098.00		Smarden	28,640.00
Chilham	26,498.00		Smeeth	22,376.00
Crundale (PM)	200.00		Stanhope	16,018.00
Egerton	18,331.00		Stone	5,500.00
Godmersham	5,430.00		Tenterden (TC)	335,700.00
Great Chart with Singleton	174,821.00		Warehorne	4,449.00
Hastingleigh	3,010.00		Westwell	15,759.00
High Halden	33,05.004		Wittersham	24,035.00
Hothfield	9,500.00		Woodchurch	22,800.00
Kenardington	4,850.00		Wye with Hinxhill	87,662.00
Kingsnorth	145,484.00			

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Table C

## BILLING AUTHORITY SHARE OF COUNCIL TAX 2017/18

PARISH	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
Aldington & Bonnington	134.65	157.09	179.53	201.97	246.85	291.73	336.62	403.94
Appledore	153.86	179.50	205.14	230.78	282.06	333.34	384.64	461.56
Bethersden	124.27	144.98	165.69	186.40	227.82	269.24	310.67	372.80
Biddenden	133.87	156.18	178.49	200.80	245.42	290.04	334.67	401.60
Bilsington	122.04	142.37	162.71	183.05	223.73	264.40	305.09	366.10
Boughton Aluph and Eastwell	119.08	138.93	158.77	178.62	218.31	258.00	297.70	357.24
Brabourne	140.64	164.07	187.51	210.95	257.83	304.70	351.59	421.90
Brook	133.08	155.25	177.43	199.61	243.97	288.32	332.69	399.22
Challock	125.88	146.86	167.84	188.82	230.78	272.74	314.70	377.64
Charing	147.12	171.64	196.16	220.68	269.72	318.76	367.80	441.36
Chilham	126.34	147.40	168.45	189.51	231.62	273.73	315.85	379.02
Crundale (PM)	104.10	121.45	138.80	156.15	190.85	225.55	260.25	312.30
Egerton	127.05	148.22	169.40	190.57	232.92	275.26	317.62	381.14
Godmersham	123.64	144.25	164.85	185.46	226.67	267.88	309.10	370.92
Great Chart with Singleton	150.94	176.09	201.25	226.40	276.71	327.02	377.34	452.80
Hastingleigh	120.24	140.28	160.32	180.36	220.44	260.52	300.60	360.72
High Halden	133.44	155.68	177.92	200.16	244.64	289.12	333.60	400.32
Hothfield	126.66	147.76	168.87	189.98	232.20	274.41	316.64	379.96
Kenardington	132.79	154.92	177.05	199.18	243.44	287.70	331.97	398.36
Kingsnorth	124.54	145.30	166.05	186.81	228.32	269.83	311.35	373.62
Little Chart	133.74	156.02	178.31	200.60	245.18	289.75	334.34	401.20
Mersham and Sevington	116.22	135.58	154.95	174.32	213.06	251.79	290.54	348.64
Molash	127.34	148.57	169.79	191.01	233.46	275.90	318.35	382.02
Newenden	135.49	158.07	180.65	203.23	248.39	293.55	338.72	406.46
Orestone	125.43	146.33	167.24	188.14	229.95	271.75	313.57	376.28
Pluckley	167.42	195.32	223.22	251.12	306.92	362.72	418.54	502.24
Rolvenden	127.29	148.50	169.72	190.93	233.36	275.78	318.22	381.86
Ruckinge	122.54	142.97	163.39	183.81	224.65	265.50	306.35	367.62
Shadoxhurst	121.08	141.26	161.44	181.62	221.98	262.34	302.70	363.24
Smarden	132.48	154.55	176.63	198.71	242.87	287.02	331.19	397.42
Smeeth	144.10	168.11	192.13	216.14	264.17	312.20	360.24	432.28
Stanhope	116.42	135.82	155.22	174.62	213.42	252.22	291.04	349.24
Stone	120.84	140.98	161.12	181.26	221.54	261.82	302.10	362.52
Tenterden (TC)	166.00	193.66	221.33	248.99	304.32	359.65	414.99	497.98
Warehorne	119.63	139.57	159.50	179.44	219.31	259.19	299.07	358.88
Westwell	135.04	157.54	180.05	202.55	247.56	292.57	337.59	405.10
Wittersham	132.94	155.09	177.25	199.40	243.71	288.02	332.34	398.80
Woodchurch	120.88	141.02	161.17	181.31	221.60	261.89	302.19	362.62
Wye with Hinxhill	159.70	186.32	212.93	239.55	292.78	346.01	399.25	479.10
Unparished Area	102.67	119.78	136.89	154.00	188.22	222.44	256.67	308.00

Table D

## Council Tax Charge per Band

PARISH	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
Aldington & Bonnington	1,074.20	1,253.23	1,432.26	1,611.29	1,969.35	2,327.41	2,685.49	3,222.58
Appledore	1,093.41	1,275.64	1,457.87	1,640.10	2,004.56	2,369.02	2,733.51	3,280.20
Bethersden	1,063.82	1,241.12	1,418.42	1,595.72	1,950.32	2,304.92	2,659.54	3,191.44
Biddenden	1,073.42	1,252.32	1,431.22	1,610.12	1,967.92	2,325.72	2,683.54	3,220.24
Bilsington	1,061.59	1,238.51	1,415.44	1,592.37	1,946.23	2,300.08	2,653.96	3,184.74
Boughton Aluph and Eastwell	1,058.63	1,235.07	1,411.50	1,587.94	1,940.81	2,293.68	2,646.57	3,175.88
Brabourne	1,080.19	1,260.21	1,440.24	1,620.27	1,980.33	2,340.38	2,700.46	3,240.54
Brook	1,072.63	1,251.39	1,430.16	1,608.93	1,966.47	2,324.00	2,681.56	3,217.86
Challock	1,065.43	1,243.00	1,420.57	1,598.14	1,953.28	2,308.42	2,663.57	3,196.28
Charing	1,086.67	1,267.78	1,448.89	1,630.00	1,992.22	2,354.44	2,716.67	3,260.00
Chilham	1,065.89	1,243.54	1,421.18	1,598.83	1,954.12	2,309.41	2,664.72	3,197.66
Crundale (PM)	1,043.65	1,217.59	1,391.53	1,565.47	1,913.35	2,261.23	2,609.12	3,130.94
Egerton	1,066.60	1,244.36	1,422.13	1,599.89	1,955.42	2,310.94	2,666.49	3,199.78
Godmersham	1,063.19	1,240.39	1,417.58	1,594.78	1,949.17	2,303.56	2,657.97	3,189.56
Great Chart with Singleton	1,090.49	1,272.23	1,453.98	1,635.72	1,999.21	2,362.70	2,726.21	3,271.44
Hastingleigh	1,059.79	1,236.42	1,413.05	1,589.68	1,942.94	2,296.20	2,649.47	3,179.36
High Halden	1,072.99	1,251.82	1,430.65	1,609.48	1,967.14	2,324.80	2,682.47	3,218.96
Hothfield	1,066.21	1,243.90	1,421.60	1,599.30	1,954.70	2,310.09	2,665.51	3,198.60
Kenardington	1,072.34	1,251.06	1,429.78	1,608.50	1,965.94	2,323.38	2,680.84	3,217.00
Kingsnorth	1,064.09	1,241.44	1,418.78	1,596.13	1,950.82	2,305.51	2,660.22	3,192.26
Little Chart	1,073.29	1,252.16	1,431.04	1,609.92	1,967.68	2,325.43	2,683.21	3,219.84
Mersham and Sevington	1,055.77	1,231.72	1,407.68	1,583.64	1,935.56	2,287.47	2,639.41	3,167.28
Molash	1,066.89	1,244.71	1,422.52	1,600.33	1,955.95	2,311.58	2,667.22	3,200.66
Newenden	1,075.04	1,254.21	1,433.38	1,612.55	1,970.89	2,329.23	2,687.59	3,225.10
Orlestone	1,064.98	1,242.47	1,419.97	1,597.46	1,952.45	2,307.43	2,662.44	3,194.92
Pluckley	1,106.97	1,291.46	1,475.95	1,660.44	2,029.42	2,398.40	2,767.41	3,320.88
Rolvenden	1,066.84	1,244.64	1,422.45	1,600.25	1,955.86	2,311.46	2,667.09	3,200.50
Ruckinge	1,062.09	1,239.11	1,416.12	1,593.13	1,947.15	2,301.18	2,655.22	3,186.26
Shadoxhurst	1,060.63	1,237.40	1,414.17	1,590.94	1,944.48	2,298.02	2,651.57	3,181.88
Smarden	1,072.03	1,250.69	1,429.36	1,608.03	1,965.37	2,322.70	2,680.06	3,216.06
Smeeth	1,083.65	1,264.25	1,444.86	1,625.46	1,986.67	2,347.88	2,709.11	3,250.92
Stanhope	1,055.96	1,231.96	1,407.95	1,583.94	1,935.92	2,287.90	2,639.91	3,167.88
Stone	1,060.39	1,237.12	1,413.85	1,590.58	1,944.04	2,297.50	2,650.97	3,181.16
Tenterden (TC)	1,105.55	1,289.80	1,474.06	1,658.31	2,026.82	2,395.33	2,763.86	3,316.62
Warehorne	1,059.18	1,235.71	1,412.23	1,588.76	1,941.81	2,294.87	2,647.94	3,177.52
Westwell	1,074.59	1,253.68	1,432.78	1,611.87	1,970.06	2,328.25	2,686.46	3,223.74
Wittersham	1,072.49	1,251.23	1,429.98	1,608.72	1,966.21	2,323.70	2,681.21	3,217.44
Woodchurch	1,060.43	1,237.16	1,413.90	1,590.63	1,944.10	2,297.57	2,651.06	3,181.26
Wye with Hinxhill	1,099.25	1,282.46	1,465.66	1,648.87	2,015.28	2,381.69	2,748.12	3,297.74
Unparished Area	1,042.22	1,215.92	1,389.62	1,563.32	1,910.72	2,258.12	2,605.54	3,126.64

Table E

## Breakdown of Council Tax per authority

Precepting Authority	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
Ashford Borough Council	102.67	119.78	136.89	154.00	188.22	222.44	256.67	308.00
Kent County Council	785.88	916.86	1,047.84	1,178.82	1,440.78	1,702.74	1,964.70	2,357.64
Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent	104.77	122.23	139.69	157.15	192.07	226.99	261.92	314.30
Kent and Medway Towns Fire Authority	48.90	57.05	65.20	73.35	89.65	105.95	122.25	146.70

**Table F**

CALCULATION OF THE BUDGET REQUIREMENT AND COUNCIL TAX AT BAND D		
	£	£
Gross Expenditure - General Fund	64,778,246.18	
Gross Expenditure - HRA	33,476,250.00	
Parish Precepts	<u>1,433,926.42</u>	99,688,422.60
Less Gross Income	(82,964,610.00)	(82,964,610.00)
NET EXPENDITURE		<u>16,723,812.60</u>
Surplus Distribution from Collection Fund	(200,000.00)	
New Homes Bonus	(3,394,889.00)	
Retained Business Rates	(3,666,600.00)	
Government Grant (RSG and S31 grants)	<u>(1,148,960.00)</u>	(8,410,449.00)
BUDGET REQUIREMENT		<u>8,313,363.60</u>
Less Parish Precepts		(1,433,926.42)
Council Tax Requirement		<u><u>6,879,437.18</u></u>
Council Tax Base		44,671.67
Band 'D' Council Tax		154.00
Average including Parishes		186.10

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**Table G**

REVENUE BUDGET				
SUMMARY				
Actuals 2015/16 £	Budget 2016/17 £	Projected Outturn 2016/17 £	Detail	Estimate 2017/18 £
1,257,747	1,270,720	1,360,180	Corporate & Strategy	1,375,250
1,237,036	1,380,320	1,449,310	Legal & Democratic	1,361,440
2,128,990	1,983,050	1,886,620	Planning & Development	1,937,930
845,169	2,554,620	2,538,580	Financial Services	2,643,320
181,637	291,010	351,990	HR, Communications and Technology	433,210
769,142	915,720	823,770	Housing Services	654,790
393,553	838,400	671,340	Health, Parking & Community Safety	516,490
4,714,705	4,963,150	4,736,900	Environment and Customer Services	4,909,440
(1,375,820)	(1,500,070)	(1,336,680)	Corporate Property & Projects	(1,399,390)
3,095,743	2,713,130	2,839,460	Cultural Services	2,972,040
<b>13,247,902</b>	<b>15,410,050</b>	<b>15,321,470</b>	<b>Service Expenditure</b>	<b>15,404,520</b>
(2,340,864)	(1,475,830)	(2,058,080)	Capital Charges & Net Interest	(2,032,910)
40,190	30,260	30,260	Concurrent Functions Grant	30,260
241,098	241,000	241,000	Levies	250,000
3,632,509	1,316,670	1,991,670	Contribution to Balances	1,319,041
<b>14,820,834</b>	<b>15,522,150</b>	<b>15,526,320</b>	<b>ABC Budget Requirement</b>	<b>14,970,911</b>
			<b>Income</b>	
(2,114,651)	(1,269,920)	(1,269,920)	Government Grant	(615,360)
(2,281,862)	(3,410,410)	(3,410,410)	Retained Business Rates	(3,422,120)
(933,921)	(538,000)	(538,000)	Business Rates S31 Grants	(500,000)
(3,150,387)	(3,782,820)	(3,782,820)	New Homes Bonus	(3,394,891)
41,280	41,500	41,500	Parish CTS Payment	40,900
0	0	0	Collection Fund Surplus	(200,000)
(6,352,539)	(6,562,500)	(6,562,500)	Council Tax	(6,879,440)
<b>28,754</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,170</b>	<b>Budget Gap</b>	<b>0</b>

## 311 Appointments Committee – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016

**Resolved:**

**That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Appointments Committee held on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016 be received and noted.**

## 312 Standards Committee – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017

**Resolved:**

**That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Standards Committee held on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 be received and noted.**

### **313 Annual Report of the Council's Monitoring Officer 2016**

**Resolved:**

**That the Annual Report of the Council's Monitoring Officer be received and noted.**

### **314 Programme of Meetings 2017/18 and 2018/19**

**Resolved:**

**That the Programme of Meetings for 2017/18 and 2018/19 as appended to these Minutes be adopted.**

### **315 Changes to Committee Membership – Appointments Committee**

**Resolved:**

- That**
- (i) Councillors Mrs Dyer and Pickering replace Councillors Powell and Bell respectively as Members of the Appointments Committee.**
  - (ii) Councillor Clokie be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Appointments Committee for the remainder of this Municipal Year.**

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MINS:

# **DATES OF MEETINGS MAY 2017 - MAY 2018**

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

## **MAY 2017**

M 1 **BANK HOLIDAY**  
 Tu 2 Selection & CR  
 7.30pm  
 W 3  
 Th 4 **KCC ELECTIONS**  
 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 **BANK HOLIDAY**  
 Tu 30  
 W 31

## **JUNE 2017**

Th 1  
 F 2  
 M 5  
 Tu 6  
 W 7  
 Th 8 Cabinet  
 F 9  
 M 12  
 Tu 13 Joint Transportation  
 W 14  
 Th 15 Audit  
 F 16  
 M 19  
 T 20  
 W 21 Planning  
 Th 22  
 F 23  
 M 26  
 T 27 O&S  
 W 28  
 Th 29  
 F 30

## **JULY 2017**

M 3  
 Tu 4  
 W 5  
 Th 6 JCC 2.30pm  
 F 7  
 M 10

Tu 11 Audit  
 W 12  
 Th 13 Cabinet  
 F 14  
 M 17  
 Tu 18  
 W 19 Planning  
 Council  
 Th 20  
 F 21

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

M 31

## **AUGUST 2017**

Tu 1  
 W 2  
 Th 3  
 F 4

M 7  
 Tu 8  
 W 9  
 Th 10 Cabinet  
 F 11

M 14  
 Tu 15  
 W 16 Planning  
 Th 17  
 F 18

M 21  
 Tu 22 O&S  
 W 23  
 Th 24  
 F 25

M 28 **BANK HOLIDAY**  
 Tu 29  
 W 30  
 Th 31

## **SEPTEMBER 2017**

F 1

M 4  
 Tu 5  
 W 6  
 Th 7 JCC 2.30pm  
 F 8

M 11  
 Tu 12 Joint Transportation  
 W 13  
 Th 14 Cabinet  
 F 15

M 18  
 Tu 19  
 W 20 Planning  
 Th 21

F 22  
 M 25  
 Tu 26 O&S  
 W 27  
 Th 28 Audit  
 F 29

## **OCTOBER 2017**

M 2  
 Tu 3  
 W 4  
 Th 5  
 F 6

M 9  
 Tu 10  
 W 11  
 Th 12 Cabinet  
 F 13

M 16  
 Tu 17  
 W 18 Planning  
 Council  
 Th 19  
 F 20

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

M 30  
 Tu 31

## **NOVEMBER 2017**

W 1  
 Th 2 JCC 2.30pm  
 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  
 Tu 21  
 W 22  
 Th 23  
 F 24

M 27  
 Tu 28 O&S  
 W 29  
 Th 30



## DECEMBER 2017

F 1  
M 4  
Tu 5 Audit  
W 6  
Th 7 Cabinet  
F 8  
M 11  
Tu 12 Joint Transportation  
W 13 Planning  
Th 14 Council  
F 15  
M 18  
Tu 19 O&S  
W 20  
Th 21  
F 22  
M 25 **BANK HOLIDAY**  
Tu 26 **BANK HOLIDAY**  
W 27 **OFFICES CLOSED**  
Th 28  
F 29

## JANUARY 2018

M 1 **BANK HOLIDAY**  
Tu 2  
W 3  
Th 4 JCC 2.30pm  
F 5  
M 8  
Tu 9  
W 10  
Th 11 Cabinet  
F 12  
M 15  
Tu 16 Licensing & H&S 10am  
W 17 Planning  
Th 18  
F 19  
M 22  
Tu 23 O&S  
W 24  
Th 25  
F 26  
M 29  
Tu 30  
W 31

## FEBRUARY 2018

Th 1  
F 2  
M 5  
Tu 6 Standards  
W 7  
Th 8 Cabinet  
F 9  
M 12  
Tu 13  
W 14 Planning

Th 15 Council (C Tax)  
F 16

M 19  
Tu 20  
W 21  
Th 22  
F 23  
M 26  
Tu 27 O&S  
W 28

## MARCH 2018

Th 1 JCC 2.30pm  
F 2  
M 5  
Tu 6  
W 7  
Th 8 Cabinet  
F 9  
M 12  
Tu 13 Joint Transportation  
W 14 Planning  
Th 15  
F 16

M 19  
Tu 20 Audit  
W 21  
Th 22  
F 23

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

## APRIL 2018

M 2 **EASTER MONDAY**  
Tu 3  
W 4  
Th 5  
F 6  
M 9  
Tu 10  
W 11  
Th 12 Cabinet  
F 13  
M 16  
Tu 17  
W 18 Planning  
Th 19 Council  
F 20

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

M 30

## MAY 2018

Tu 1 Selection & CR  
W 2  
Th 3 JCC 2.30pm  
F 4

## BANK HOLIDAY

M 7  
Tu 8  
W 9  
Th 10 Cabinet  
F 11

M 14  
Tu 15  
W 16  
Th 17 Council  
F 18

M 21  
Tu 22 O&S  
W 23 Planning  
Th 24  
F 25

## BANK HOLIDAY

M 28  
Tu 29  
W 30  
Th 31

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JCC Joint Consultative Committee  
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### MAY 2018

Tu 1 Selection & CR  
W 2  
Th 3 JCC 2.30pm  
F 4

M 7 **BANK HOLIDAY**

Tu 8  
W 9  
Th 10 Cabinet  
F 11

M 14  
Tu 15  
W 16  
Th 17 Council  
F 18

M 21  
Tu 22 O&S  
W 23 Planning  
Th 24  
F 25

M 28 **BANK HOLIDAY**

Tu 29  
W 30  
Th 31

### JUNE 2018

F 1

M 4  
Tu 5  
W 6  
Th 7  
F 8

M 11  
Tu 12 Joint Transportation  
W 13  
Th 14 Cabinet  
F 15

M 18  
Tu 19 Audit  
W 20 Planning  
Th 21  
F 22

M 25  
T 26 O&S  
W 27  
Th 28  
F 29

### JULY 2018

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

M 9  
Tu 10 Audit  
W 11  
Th 12 Cabinet  
F 13

M 16  
Tu 17  
W 18 Planning  
Th 19 Council  
F 20

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

M 30  
T 31

### AUGUST 2018

W 1  
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  
Tu 21  
W 22  
Th 23  
F 24

M 27 **BANK HOLIDAY**  
Tu 28 O&S

W 29  
Th 30  
F 31

### SEPTEMBER 2018

M 3  
Tu 4  
W 5  
Th 6 JCC 2.30pm  
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 Audit  
F 28

### OCTOBER 2018

M 1  
Tu 2  
W 3  
Th 4  
F 5

M 8  
Tu 9  
W 10  
Th 11 Cabinet  
F 12

M 15  
Tu 16  
W 17 Planning  
Th 18 Council  
F 19

M 22  
Tu 23 O&S  
W 24  
Th 25  
F 26

M 29  
Tu 30  
W 31

### NOVEMBER 2018

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  
W 21  
Th 22  
F 23

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

## DECEMBER 2018

M 3  
Tu 4 Audit  
W 5  
Th 6 Cabinet  
F 7

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

M 17  
Tu 18 O&S  
W 19  
Th 20  
F 21

M 24 OFFICES CLOSED  
Tu 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
W 26 **BOXING DAY**  
Th 27  
F 28

M 31

## JANUARY 2019

Tu 1 **BANK HOLIDAY**  
W 2  
Th 3 JCC 2.30pm  
F 4

M 7  
Tu 8  
W 9  
Th 10 Cabinet  
F 11

M 14  
Tu 15 Licensing & H&S 10am  
W 16 Planning  
Th 17  
F 18

M 21  
Tu 22 O&S  
W 23  
Th 24  
F 25

M 28  
Tu 29  
W 30  
Th 31

## FEBRUARY 2019

F 1

M 4  
Tu 5 Standards  
W 6  
Th 7  
F 8

M 11  
Tu 12  
W 13  
Th 14 Cabinet

F 15

M 18  
Tu 19  
W 20 Planning  
Th 21 Council (C Tax)  
F 22

M 25  
Tu 26 O&S  
W 27  
Th 28

## MARCH 2019

F 1

M 4  
Tu 5  
W 6  
Th 7 JCC 2.30pm  
F 8

M 11  
Tu 12 Joint Transportation  
W 13  
Th 14 Cabinet  
F 15

M 18  
Tu 19 Audit  
W 20 Planning  
Th 21  
F 22

M 25  
Tu 26 O&S  
W 27  
Th 28  
F 29

## APRIL 2019

M 1  
Tu 2  
W 3  
Th 4  
F 5

M 8  
Tu 9  
W 10  
Th 11 Cabinet  
F 12

M 15  
Tu 16  
W 17 Planning  
Th 18  
F 19 **GOOD FRIDAY**

M 22 **EASTER MONDAY**  
Tu 23  
W 24  
Th 25 Council  
F 26

M 29  
T 30 O&S

## MAY 2019

W 1  
Th 2 **ABC Elections**  
F 3

M 6 **BANK HOLIDAY**  
Tu 7  
W 8  
Th 9  
F 10

M 13  
Tu 14  
W 15  
Th 16  
F 17

M 20  
Tu 21 Selection & CR  
W 22  
Th 23  
F 24

M 27 **BANK HOLIDAY**  
Tu 28  
W 29  
Th 30 Council  
F 31

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