

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee** 

Notice of a Meeting, to be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 at 7.00 pm.

The Members of this Committee are:-

Cllr Chilton (Chairman) Cllr Davison (Vice-Chairman) Cllrs. Adby, Apps, Bartlett, Buchanan, Burgess, Feacey, Hodgkinson, Mrs Hutchinson, Miss Martin, Mrs Martin, Mortimer, Sims, Yeo, Conservative vacancy.

# Agenda

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- 1. **Apologies/Substitutes** To receive Notification of Substitutes in accordance with Procedure Rule 1.2(iii)
- 2. **Declarations of Interest:-** To declare any interests which fall under (i) the following categories, as explained on the attached document:
  - a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI)
  - b) Other Significant Interests (OSI)
  - c) Voluntary Announcements of Other Interests

See Agenda Item 2 for further details

3. Minutes – to approve the Minutes of the Meetings of this Committee held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May and 11th June 2014

## Part I – Matters Referred to the Committee in Relation to Call-In of a Decision made by the Cabinet

None for this meeting

# Part II – Responses of the Cabinet to Reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

None for this Meeting

### Part III – Ordinary Decision Items

None for this meeting



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## Part IV – Information/Monitoring Items

4.	Annual Report of the Housing Framework 2013-18	1 - 27
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#### Declarations of Interest (see also "Advice to Members" below)

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Advice to Members on Declarations of Interest:

(a) Government Guidance on DPI is available in DCLG's Guide for Councillors, at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/240134/Openness\_and\_transparency\_on\_personal\_interests.pdf">https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/240134/Openness\_and\_transparency\_on\_personal\_interests.pdf</a>
plus the link sent out to Members at part of the Weekly Update email on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013.
(b) The Kent Code of Conduct was adopted by the Full Council on 19 July 2012, with revisions adopted on 17.10.13, and a copy can be found in the Constitution at

http://www.ashford.gov.uk/part-5---codes-and-protocols

(c) If any Councillor has any doubt about the existence or nature of any DPI or OSI which he/she may have in any item on this agenda, he/she should seek advice from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer or from other Solicitors in Legal and Democratic Services as early as possible, <u>and in</u> <u>advance of the Meeting</u>.