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13 May 2025

Dear Councillor

COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 13TH MAY, 2025 – SUPPLEMENT (2)

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the Tuesday, 13th May, 2025 meeting of the Council, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

Agenda No Item

11. **Appointment of Cabinet (Pages 3 - 4)**

To note the Leader's appointments to the Cabinet and the portfolios they will hold.

Details of appointments are attached at Annex 1.

12. **Appointment of Committees (Pages 5 - 10)**

To consider the establishment and composition of the Committees of the Council and their sub-committees for the municipal year.

Details of nominations are attached at Annex 2.

13. **Appointment of Scrutiny Select Committees, Panels and Other Member Groups (Pages 11 - 16)**

To appoint Scrutiny Select Committees, Advisory Panels and Other Member Groups for the municipal year.

Details of nominations are attached at Annex 3.

14. **Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair (Pages 17 - 18)**

To appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair of each Committee.

Details of nominations are attached on Annex 4.

15. **Appointments to Outside Bodies (Pages 19 - 24)**

To appoint representatives to serve on outside bodies.

Details of nominations are attached at Annex 5.

16. **Appointment of Substitute Members (Pages 25 - 30)**

To appoint substitute Members to attend specific meetings in the absence of the ordinary Member.

Details of nominations are attached at Annex 6.

22. **Questions from Members pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 5.5 (Pages 31 - 32)**

- 25/002MEM – Planning Enforcement at Dux Farm

Response of Cabinet Member for Planning attached.

Yours sincerely

DAMIAN ROBERTS
Chief Executive

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COUNCIL MEETING – 13 MAY 2025

APPOINTMENTS TO CABINET

The Council to note that the Cabinet will comprise six Members (in addition to the Leader) with responsibilities as follows:

Councillor	Party	Portfolio
Matt Boughton	Conservative	Executive Leader
Martin Coffin	Conservative	Deputy Executive Leader; and Finance, Waste and Technical Services
Robin Betts	Conservative	Housing, Environment and Economy
Des Keers	Conservative	Community Services
Adem Mehmet	Conservative	Infrastructure and Tonbridge Regeneration
Mike Taylor	Independent Alliance (Kent)	Planning

In accordance with paragraph 6 of the Rules for the Making of Decisions by Executive Members (set out in Part 4 of the Constitution) the Leader may amend the Scheme of Delegation relating to executive functions at any time during the year.

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NOMINATIONS TO COMMITTEES

Audit Committee (7 Members)							
	Councillor	Cons.	Lib. Dem	Ind. Alliance Kent	Greens	Labour	Total
T	Bishop		1				
R	Cannon	1					
J	Clokey		1				
M	Hood				1		
J	Lark	1					
M	Rhodes	1					
B	Parry				1		
	TOTALS	3	2	0	2	0	7
	Political Balance:	3	2	0	2	0	

General Purposes Committee (11 Members)							
	Councillor	Cons.	Lib. Dem	Ind. Alliance Kent	Greens	Labour	Total
B	Banks		1				
K	Barton				1		
L	Chapman	1					
M	Coffin	1					
J	Clokey		1				
D	Davis	1					
A	McDermott	1					
B	Parry				1		
M	Rhodes	1					
R	Roud		1				
K	Tanner	1					
	TOTALS	6	3	0	2	0	11
	Political Balance:	6	3	0	2	0	

Joint Standards Committee (11 Members + 6 Parish Members)							
Councillor		Cons.	Lib. Dem	Ind. Alliance Kent	Greens	Labour	Total
K	Barton				1		
S	Bell	1					
G	Bridge		1				
D	Davis	1					
T	Dean		1				
S	Hammond	1					
J	Lark	1					
B	Parry				1		
M	Rhodes	1					
R	Roud		1				
K	Tanner	1					
<i>(Parish members to be appointed from a pool of nominated representatives)</i>							
TOTALS		6	3	0	2	0	11
Political Balance:		6	3	0	2	0	

A Hearing Panel will be appointed from Members of the Joint Standards Committee

Licensing and Appeals Committee (13 Members)							
Councillor		Cons.	Lib. Dem	Ind. Alliance Kent	Greens	Labour	Total
B	Banks		1				
A	Bennison					1	
C	Brown	1					
M	Coffin	1					
A	Cope				1		
D	Keers	1					
D	King	1					
R	Oliver				1		
R	Roud		1				
M	Taylor			1			
D	Thornewell		1				
K	Turnstall	1					
C	Williams	1					
TOTALS		6	3	1	2	1	13
Political Balance:		6	3	1	2	1	

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (17 Members)							
Councillor		Cons.	Lib. Dem	Ind. Alliance Kent	Greens	Labour	Total
L	Athwal				1		
S	Bell	1					
T	Bishop		1				
C	Brown	1					
R	Cannon	1					
L	Chapman	1					
A	Cope				1		
P	Hickmott					1	
M	Hood				1		
F	Hoskins		1				
S	Hudson	1					
D	King	1					
A	McDermott	1					
A	Oakley		1				
W	Palmer			1			
K	Tanner	1					
D	Thornewell		1				
	TOTALS	8	4	1	3	1	17
	Political Balance:	8	4	1	3	1	

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APPOINTMENTS - AREA PLANNING COMMITTEES

Area 1 (14 Members)							
Councillor		Cons.	Lib. Dem	Ind. Alliance Kent	Greens	Labour	Total
L	Athwal				1		
K	Barton				1		
G	Bridge		1				
J	Clokey		1				
A	Cope				1		
M	Hood				1		
F	Hoskins		1				
D	King	1					
A	Mehmet	1					
R	Oliver				1		
B	Parry				1		
S	Pilgrim				1		
M	Rhodes	1					
K	Tunstall	1					
TOTALS		4	3	0	7	0	14

(For the Wards of Cage Green & Angel; Highham, Hildenborough, Judd, Trench and Vauxhall)

Area 2 (16 Members)							
Councillor		Cons.	Lib. Dem	Ind. Alliance Kent	Greens	Labour	Total
B	Banks		1				
R	Betts	1					
M	Boughton	1					
P	Boxall		1				
C	Brown	1					
M	Coffin	1					
S	Crisp				1		
T	Dean		1				
S	Harman	1					
S	Hudson	1					
J	Lark	1					
W	Palmer			1			
R	Roud		1				
K	Tanner	1					
M	Tatton		1				
M	Taylor			1			
TOTALS		8	5	2	1	0	16

(For the Wards of Birling, Leybourne & Ryarsh, Borough Green & Platt, Bourne, East Peckham, West Peckham, Merewoth and Wateringbury, Kings Hill, East Malling, West Malling & Offham, Pilgrims with Ightham)

Area 3 (14 Members)							
Councillor		Cons.	Lib. Dem	Ind. Alliance Kent	Greens	Labour	Total
S	Bell	1					
A	Bennison					1	
T	Bishop		1				
R	Cannon	1					
L	Chapman	1					
R	Dalton	1					
D	Davis	1					
S	Hammond	1					
P	Hickmott					1	
D	Keers	1					
A	McDermott	1					
A	Oakley		1				
D	Thornewell		1				
C	Williams	1					
	TOTALS	9	3	0	0	2	14

(For the Wards of Aylesford North & North Downs, Aylesford South & Ditton, Larkfield, Snodland East & HamHill, Snodland West & Holborough Lakes and Walderslade)

Area Planning Committees are not politically balanced and the Constitution requires Membership to be based on Wards. For the avoidance of doubt a Member of the Executive may serve on an Area Planning Committee if eligible to do so as a councillor

NOMINATIONS OF APPOINTMENTS

SCRUTINY SELECT COMMITTEES

Communities and Environment: (13 members)							
	Councillor	Cons.	Lib. Dem	Ind. Alliance Kent	Greens	Labour	Total
A	Bennison					1	
S	Crisp				1		
R	Dalton	1					
T	Dean		1				
F	Hoskins		1				
S	Hudson	1					
J	Lark	1					
A	McDermott	1					
M	Rhodes	1					
W	Palmer			1			
S	Pilgrim				1		
M	Tatton		1				
K	Tunstall	1					
	TOTALS	6	3	1	2	1	13
	Pol.Balance	6	3	1	2	1	

Finance, Regeneration and Property: (13 members)							
	Councillor	Cons.	Lib. Dem	Ind. Alliance Kent	Greens	Labour	Total
A	Bennison					1	
T	Bishop		1				
P	Boxall		1				
R	Cannon	1					
L	Chapman	1					
J	Clokey		1				
D	Harman	1					
W	Palmer			1			
B	Parry				1		
S	Pilgrim				1		
M	Rhodes	1					
K	Tanner	1					
C	Williams	1					
	TOTALS	6	3	1	2	1	13
	Pol.Balance	6	3	1	2	1	

Housing and Planning: (13 members)							
Councillor		Cons.	Lib. Dem	Ind. Alliance Kent	Greens	Labour	Total
S	Bell	1					
G	Bridge		1				
R	Dalton	1					
D	Davis	1					
P	Hickmott					1	
M	Hood				1		
D	King	1					
R	Oliver				1		
W	Palmer			1			
R	Roud		1				
K	Tanner	1					
D	Thornewell		1				
C	Williams	1					
TOTALS		6	3	1	2	1	13
Pol.Balance		6	3	1	2	1	

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NOMINATIONS OF APPOINTMENTS - ADVISORY PANELS

Parish Partnership Panel (13 members)						
Councillor	Cons.	Lib. Dem	Ind. Alliance Kent	Greens	Labour	Total
S Bell	1					
R Betts	1					
B Banks		1				
M Boughton	1					
P Boxall		1				
L Chapman	1					
M Coffin	1					
S Crisp				1		
R Dalton	1					
S Hammond	1					
P Hickmott					1	
M Tatton		1				
M Taylor			1			
TOTALS	7	3	1	1	1	13

There is no requirement for the Panel to be politically balanced

Tonbridge Community Forum (14 members - All Tonbridge ward)						
Councillor	Cons.	Lib. Dem	Ind. Alliance Kent	Greens	Labour	Total
L Athwal				1		
K Barton				1		
G Bridge		1				
J Clokey		1				
A Cope				1		
M Hood*				0		
F Hoskins		1				
D King	1					
A Mehmet	1					
R Oliver				1		
B Parry				1		
S Pilgrim				1		
M Rhodes	1					
K Tunstall	1					
TOTALS	4	3	0	6	0	13

There is no requirement for the Tonbridge Community Forum to be politically balanced. All Members representing wards in Tonbridge and Hildenborough sit on the Forum.

*Cllr Hood attends TCF in their capacity as Kent County Councillor and therefore unable to attend as a Borough Member.

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NOMINATIONS OF APPOINTMENTS - OTHER MEMBER GROUPS

Housing Association Liaison Panel (5 Members)						
Councillor	Cons.	Lib. Dem	Ind. Alliance Kent	Greens	Labour	Total
L Athwal				1		
R Betts	1					
M Boughton	1					
D King	1					
M Tatton		1				
TOTALS	1	1	0	1	0	3
Pol.Balance:	3	1	0	1	1	

Joint Employee Consultative Committee (JECC) (7 Members)						
Councillor	Cons.	Lib. Dem	Ind. Alliance Kent	Greens	Labour	Total
L Athwal				1		
T Bishop		1				
M Boughton	1					
M Coffin	1					
A Oakley		1				
R Oliver				1		
K Tanner	1					
TOTALS	3	2	0	2	0	7
Pol. Balance	3	2	0	2	0	

Joint Transportation Board (7 Members)						
Councillor	Cons.	Lib. Dem	Ind. Alliance Kent	Greens	Labour	Total
R Cannon	1					
M Coffin	1					
A Cope				1		
S Crisp				1		
D Davis	1					
F Hoskins		1				
D Thornewell		1				
TOTALS	3	2	0	2	0	7

Chairmanship with TMBC

Vice-Chairmanship with KCC in 2025/26

JTB not politically balanced

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**LIST OF NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF COMMITTEES,
SCRUTINY SELECT COMMITTEES AND PANELS AND OTHER MEMBER
GROUPS**

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>CHAIR</u>	<u>VICE-CHAIR(S)</u>
Audit Committee	Robert Cannon	James Lark
General Purposes Committee	Mark Rhodes	Alex McDermott
Joint Standards Committee	Dave Davis	Sue Bell
Licensing and Appeals Committee	Colin Williams	Keith Tunstall
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Anita Oakley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim Tanner; and • Lee Athwal
Area 1 Planning Committee	Mark Hood	Dennis King
Area 2 Planning Committee	Wendy Palmer	Chris Brown
Area 3 Planning Committee	David Thornevell	Roger Dalton
<u>SCRUTINY SELECT COMMITTEE:</u>		
Communities and Environment	Sarah Hudson	Keith Tunstall
Finance, Regeneration and Property	Dan Harman	Mark Rhodes
Housing and Planning	Dennis King	Sue Bell
<u>PANELS:</u>		
Parish Partnership Panel	Roger Dalton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Tatton; and • Parish Council representative
Tonbridge Community Forum	Lee Athwal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dennis King; and • Community representative

<u>OTHER MEMBER GROUPS</u>	<u>CHAIR</u>	<u>VICE-CHAIR</u>
Housing Associations Liaison Panel	Robin Betts	Matt Boughton
Joint Employee Consultative Committee	Martin Coffin	Matt Boughton
Joint Transportation Board	Martin Coffin	with KCC during 2025/26

May 2025

Council

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Part 1 - Public

Matters for Decision



Cabinet Member	N/A
Responsible Officer	Adrian Stanfield, Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive
Report Author	Allison Parris, Principal Democratic Services Officer

Supplementary Report - Appointments to Outside Bodies 2025/26

1 Summary and Purpose of Report

- 1.1 At each Annual meeting of the Council and beginning of the municipal year, Members are asked to approve appointments to Outside Bodies for the forthcoming year.
- 1.2 There have been a number of minor changes identified since the publication of the previous report and these are detailed in 5.5, 5.7.4 and 5.8. The recommendations have been amended accordingly.

2 Corporate Strategy Priority Area

- 2.1 Efficient services for all our residents, maintaining an effective council.
- 2.2 Formal appointments reflecting determined political balance arrangements supports effective governance and decision making.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 That the annual appointments to Outside Bodies for the municipal year 2025/26 be approved, as set out at Annex 5 to the report;
- 3.2 That the non-annual appointments to Outside Bodies for the municipal year 2025/26 be approved, as set out Annex 5 to the report;
- 3.3 That the Allington Community Liaison Group be removed from the Outside Bodies Schedule;
- 3.4 That the Gatwick Airport Noise Management Board Community Forum be removed from the Outside Bodies Schedule;

- 3.5 That the Rochester Airport Delivery Board be removed from the Outside Bodies Schedule;
- 3.6 That Mr Mark Davis be appointed as the Borough Council representative to serve on Tonbridge Town Lands and Richard Mylls Charity for a four-year period.
- 3.7 That the appointments of Mrs Dianne Huntingford and Vivian Branson to serve as Borough Council representatives on the Tonbridge United Charity be extended until May 2027.
- 3.8 That the approach to the Haysden Country Park User Panel adopted in 2021 be noted.

4 Introduction and Background

- 4.1 Representatives are appointed to outside bodies on an annual and non-annual basis to express the views of the Borough Council to those bodies on the work undertaken. There is also the opportunity to receive feedback on any issues emerging from those bodies that relate to the Council activities.

5 Proposal

- 5.1 The nominations for annual and non-annual appointments to Outside Bodies are set out in Annex 5.
- 5.2 A number of changes are also recommended to the Outside Bodies schedule as detailed below:

Annual Appointments

- 5.3 Removal of the Allington Community Liaison Group due to the lack of communication and current contact details.
- 5.4 The Borough Council to withdraw from the Gatwick Airport Noise Management Board Community Forum as the majority of business no longer has relevance to Tonbridge and Malling.
- 5.5 Following investigation with neighbouring authorities it was confirmed that the Rochester Airport Delivery Board no longer existed and, therefore, there was no requirement to appoint as an outside body.

Non-Annual Appointments

5.6 Tonbridge Town Lands and Richard Mylls Charity

- 5.6.1 Correspondence has been received from the Clerk to the Town Wardens asking the Borough Council to appoint Mr Mark Davis as Trustee to replace Mr David Davis. This is attached as Annex 5.1.

- 5.6.2 The terms of the Charity require the income to be applied for the benefit of the inhabitants of the former Urban District of Tonbridge and persons appointed as Town Wardens to be residents or to have extensive knowledge of the area. They may be, but need not be, a member of the Council.
- 5.6.3 The Charity has emphasised the value of having a person with a good knowledge of the local area and feel that Mr Davis possesses an extensive knowledge of the work of the Charity and a good understanding of the district having served as a Borough Councillor for the former Cage Green ward until 2023. Mr Davis is also a Trustee of the Tonbridge and Malling Leisure Trust, having been co-opted following his retirement as a Borough Councillor.
- 5.6.4 Mr Davis has indicated his willingness to accept this nomination.

5.7 **Tonbridge United Charity**

- 5.7.1 Mrs Dianne Huntingford and Vivian Branson were appointed as the Borough Council representatives in April 2021 and their term of office expired at the end of April 2025.
- 5.7.2 The Charity Manager has been contacted to see if they wish to extend the appointments for a further four-year period. At the time of writing, no response has been received.
- 5.7.3 The Charity provides accommodation for people "who from age, ill health, accident or infirmity are wholly or in part unable to maintain themselves by their own exertions". The main activity is the management of the Five Gables cottages at Church Street, Tonbridge, Kent.
- 5.7.4 It is recommended that the appointments of Mrs Huntingford and Vivian Branson be extended until May 2027 in line with other non-annual appointments and pending confirmation from the Charity Manager.

5.8 **Haysden Country Park User Panel**

- 5.8.1 Engagement with the User Panel moved to a six-monthly newsletter following consultation with Members of the Panel in 2021 which indicated that there was no appetite to continue with face-to-face meetings.
- 5.8.2 This approach has been broadly welcomed by the User Panel.

6 **Other Options**

- 6.1 The other options that could be considered are:-
- Nominating another representative(s)

6.2 In light of the comments made in paragraph 5.5.3 it is not considered that alternative representatives should be considered for the Tonbridge Town Lands and Richard Mylls Charity at this time.

7 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

7.1 Whilst there are no direct financial implications arising from this report it should be noted that there might be some minor expenditure related to mileage and other claims for expenses.

8 Risk Assessment

8.1 Proper and appropriate political representation is key to good governance and decision making. Appointments to outside bodies encourages greater discussion and collaboration.

9 Legal Implications

9.1 There are no significant legal implications arising from the proposals in this report.

10 Consultation and Communications

10.1 The organisations will be contacted as soon as possible following Annual Council and informed which Cllr will be their outside body representative.

11 Implementation

11.1 If agreed at Annual Council the appointments will come into immediate effect.

12 Cross Cutting Issues

12.1 Climate Change and Biodiversity

12.1.1 Limited or low impact on emissions and environment.

12.1.2 Climate change advice has not been sought in the preparation of the options and recommendations in this report.

12.2 Equalities and Diversity

12.2.1 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Background Papers	None
Annex 5 Annex 5.1	Appointments to Outside Bodies; Correspondence of Clerk to Tonbridge Town Lands and Richard Mylls Charity

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2025/26	
Annual Appointments	
Allington Community Liaison Group	To be removed due to lack of communication and contact.
Citizens Advice in North and West Kent	Councillor Matt Boughton
Gatwick Airport Noise Management Board Community Forum	To be removed as no longer of relevance to Tonbridge and Malling.
High Weald Area of Natural Beauty	Councillor Dennis King
KCC Health Overview and Scrutiny	Councillor Kim Tanner
Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel	Councillor Des Keers
Kent Downs AONB Joint Advisory Committee	Councillor Mike Taylor
Kent Flood Risk Management Committee	Councillor Matt Boughton
Internal Drainage Boards:	
Lower Medway	Councillor Dave Davis
Upper Medway	Councillor Dennis King Mr Howard Rogers Mr Mark Davis Mr Owen Baldock
LGA General Assembly	Councillor Matt Boughton Councillor Martin Coffin (substitute)
Maidstone Mediation Scheme	Mrs Ann Kemp
Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London Adjudication Joint Committee	Councillor Dennis King To be confirmed (substitute)
Rochester Airport Consultative Committee	Councillor Des Keers
Rochester Airport Delivery Board	To be removed as organisation no longer exists.
Snodland Partnership	Councillor Luke Chapman + 1 Town Council appointment (Sue Bell)
South East England Councils (Leaders' Forum)	Councillor Matt Boughton Councillor Martin Coffin (substitutue)
Tonbridge and Malling Leisure Trust	Councillor Tim Bishop Councillor Keith Tunstall

Annual Appointments	
West Kent Health Integrated Care Partnership Elected Members Forum	Councillor Kim Tanner
West Kent Partnership	Councillor Robin Betts
Youth and Community Centres/ Project Management Committees	Councillor Des Keers
Non-Annual Appointments	
Armed Forces Champions	Cllr Dave Davis Cllr Steve Hammond
Haysden Country Park User Panel (3 year appointment)	Councillor Mark Hood Councillor Dennis King <i>(Extended until May 2027)</i>
Hospital of the Holy Trinity, Aylesford	Mr David Lettington Councillor Colin Williams
Leybourne Lakes Country Park User Panel (3 year appointment)	Councillor Timothy Bishop Mr Brian Luker <i>(Extended until May 2027)</i>
Petley & Deakins Almshouse Charity	Ms April Clark Councillor Frani Hoskins
The Berry Housing Trust	Mr Richard Hogbin Ms Malita Gandolfo Sir Robert Nelson Mr Matthew Crisp
Tonbridge Town Lands & Richard Mylls Charity	Mr Owen Baldock Mrs Diane Huntingford Mr Eddie Prescott <i>Vacancy – Mr M Davis nominated</i>
Tonbridge United Charity	Mrs Dianne Huntingford Vivian Branson <i>(extended until May 2027)</i>
William Strong Foundation	Mr Howard Rogers Mr David Aikman

NOMINATIONS – SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Annex 6

Audit Committee					
	Conservative	Liberal Democratic	Green	Ind. Kent Alliance	Labour
1	Chris Brown	Bill Banks	Kath Barton		
2	Steve Hammond	Paul Boxall	Anna Cope		
3	Sarah Hudson	Garry Bridge	Steve Crisp		
4	Kim Taner	Trudy Dean	Robert Oliver		
5	Keith Tunstall	Roger Roud	Stacey Pilgrim		
Members of Cabinet cannot be appointed as a substitute to this Committee					

General Purposes Committee					
	Conservative	Liberal Democratic	Green	Ind. Kent Alliance	Labour
1	Robin Betts	David Thornewell	Lee Athwal		
2	Matt Boughton	Michelle Tatton	Steve Crisp		
3	Robert Cannon	Anita Oakley	Mark Hood		
4	Des Keers	Frani Hoskins	Robert Oliver		
5	Adem Mehmet	Garry Bridge	Stacey Pilgrim		

Joint Standards Committee

	Conservative	Liberal Democratic	Green	Ind. Kent Alliance	Labour
1	Robin Betts	Bill Banks	Lee Athwal		
2	Matt Boughton	Tim Bishop	Anna Cope		
3	Martin Coffin	James Clokey	Mark Hood		
4	Des Keers	Frani Hoskins	Robert Oliver		
5	Colin Williams	Michelle Tatton	Stacey Pilgrim		

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

	Conservative	Liberal Democratic	Green	Ind. Kent Alliance	Labour
1	Dave Davis	Bill Banks	Kath Barton		Angus Bennison
2	James Lark	Paul Boxall	Steve Crisp		
3	Mark Rhodes	Garry Bridge	Robert Oliver		
4	Keith Tunstall	Trudy Dean	Bethan Parry		
5	Colin Williams	Roger Roud	Stacey Pilgrim		

Members of Cabinet cannot be appointed as a substitute to this Committee

Community and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee – Substitute Members (if required)

	Conservative	Liberal Democratic	Green	Ind. Kent Alliance	Labour
1	Chris Brown	David Thornewell	Lee Athwal		Paul Hickmott
2	Robert Cannon	Roger Roud	Kath Barton		
3	Dave Davis	Garry Bridge	Anna Cope		
4	Dennis King	Tim Bishop	Mark Hood		
5	Colin Williams	Paul Boxall	Robert Oliver		

Members of Cabinet cannot be appointed as a substitute to this Committee

Housing and Planning Scrutiny Select Committee – Substitute Members (if required)

	Conservative	Liberal Democratic	Green	Ind. Kent Alliance	Labour
1	Robert Cannon	Bill Banks	Lee Athwal		Angus Bennison
2	Luke Chapman	Tim Bishop	Kath Barton		
3	Sarah Hudson	Frani Hoskins	Anna Cope		
4	Mark Rhodes	Anita Oakley	Steve Crisp		
5	Keith Tunstall	Michelle Tatton	Bethan Parry		

Members of Cabinet cannot be appointed as a substitute to this Committee

Finance, Regeneration and Property Scrutiny Select Committee – Substitute Members (if required)

	Conservative	Liberal Democratic	Green	Ind. Kent Alliance	Labour
1	Chris Brown	Garry Bridge	Lee Athwal		Paul Hickmott
2	Roger Dalton	Trudy Dean	Kath Barton		
3	Dave Davis	Frani Hoskins	Steve Crisp		
4	Sarah Hudson	Roger Roud	Anna Cope		
5	James Lark	David Thornewell	Mark Hood		

Members of Cabinet cannot be appointed as a substitute to this Committee

Joint Transportation Board – Substitute Members (if required)

	Conservative	Liberal Democratic	Green	Ind. Kent Alliance	Labour
1	Matt Boughton	Tim Bishop	Lee Athwal		
2	Luke Chapman	Garry Bridge	Kath Barton		
3	Des Keers	James Clokey	Robert Oliver		
4	Dennis King	Anita Oakley	Bethan Parry		
5	Kim Tanner	Roger Roud	Stacey Pilgrim		

Housing Association Liaison Panel

	Conservative	Liberal Democratic	Green	Ind. Kent Alliance	Labour
1	Sue Bell	David Thornewell	Kath Barton		
2	Martin Coffin		Steve Crisp		
3	Steve Hammond		Robert Oliver		
4	Kim Tanner		Bethan Parry		
5	Keith Tunstall		Stacey Pilgrim		

Members of Cabinet cannot be appointed as a substitute to this Committee

Joint Employee Consultative Committee (Full)

	Conservative	Liberal Democratic	Green	Ind. Kent Alliance	Labour
1	Robin Betts	Bill Banks	Kath Barton		
2	Dave Davis	David Thornewell	Anna Cope		
3	Dan Harman		Mark Hood		
4	Sarah Hudson		Bethan Parry		
5	Des Keers		Stacey Pilgrim		

Parish Partnership Panel					
	Conservative	Liberal Democratic	Green	Ind. Kent Alliance	Labour
1	Robert Cannon		Kath Barton		Angus Bennison
2	James Lark		Anna Cope		
3	Alex McDermott		Mark Hood		
4	Kim Tanner		Robert Oliver		
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1	Matt Boughton				
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COUNCIL

MEETING OF 13 MAY 2025

QUESTION ASKED PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 5.5

The following question (25/002) has been asked pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 5.5 by Councillor James Lark:

‘Residents in Plaxtol have been raising concerns with alleged planning enforcement breaches at Dux Farm for many months, prior to the submission of further planning applications on this site.

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council has failed to serve a Temporary Stop Notice on the basis Planning Enforcement Officers did not consider it fair and reasonable to do so. Please can the Cabinet Member for Planning liaise with Planning Enforcement Officers to provide information detailing at what further breaches need to happen for this authority to consider issuing a Temporary Stop Notice on this site?

On 10 February 2025 the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health indicated in an e-mail to the Leader of the Council that a meeting was being requested with the developer. Please can the Cabinet Member for Planning also report back to Full Council on the outcome of that meeting?’

Response of the Cabinet Member for Planning (Councillor Mike Taylor):

I am grateful to Cllr Lark for raising this question, ongoing problems in enforcement are something that has concerned me for some time.

The test applied to planning enforcement action is one of expediency, which is laid out in the Council’s Planning Enforcement Plan and Government guidance . In this case, given that national guidance states that in almost all cases, enforcement action should be held in abeyance pending the determination of applications relating to the potential breaches on a site, officers advised Councillors that they would not recommend formal action at this stage. The site remains under regular review and all correspondence from local residents is reviewed as quickly as possible.

The Director of Planning, Housing & Health and the Head of Planning have met with the developer to convey the concerns about the approach being taken with this site and to encourage them to deliver their scheme in a considerate manner.

It is a source of significant frustration that the legislation governing planning enforcement does not make it straightforward for the Council to take more action and that the risks involved in doing so are potentially financially and legally significant.

Recognising the frustration in the community not only neighbouring Dux Farm but near a number of development sites in the borough, I am in close liaison with senior

officers regarding enforcement action and will continue to be so. I am pleased to be able to confirm to Members that both of the vacant Planning Enforcement posts have now been appointed to, with start dates in the near future. Whilst this does not change the legal framework that the Council has to work within, I am confident that this will ensure that we are able to expedite cases where formal action is possible and recommended under our Planning Enforcement Plan. I will continue to work closely with the officer team to ensure that this important area of work remains a priority.

We spend a lot of resource drafting conditions to go with approvals, and then just let developers do what they want. I am not worried about conditions like materials, utilities and parking, but we need to find ways to ensure Public Health conditions like Contamination Remediation and Asbestos removal are carried out correctly.

I will be continuing to talk to Officers to find ways within the legal framework to ensure future Planning Approvals are kept on track with a more robust enforcement action.