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To: MEMBERS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
(Copies to all Members of the Council)

Dear Sir/Madam

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held in the Council Chamber, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill on Thursday, 7th October, 2021 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Members of the Committee are required to attend in person. Other Members are encouraged to participate online via MS Teams.

Information on how to observe the meeting will be published on the Council's website.

Yours faithfully

JULIE BEILBY

Chief Executive

A G E N D A

PART 1 - PUBLIC

1. Apologies for absence

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2. Declarations of interest 7 - 8
- Members in any doubt about such declarations are advised to contact Legal or Democratic Services in advance of the meeting*

3. Minutes 9 - 16
- To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 11 March 2021 and 27 April 2021

4. Any Executive Decisions which have been 'called in' 17 - 18

Matters for Recommendation to the Cabinet

5. Northamptonshire County Council - Interventions Report 19 - 48

A report summarising the key issues arising from the Commissioners' Interventions Report at the former Northamptonshire County Council. Members are asked to review the issues raised and consider whether TMBC is adequately equipped to avoid these issues occurring. Members of this Committee are also asked to consider what role the Committee can play in supporting the 'financial agenda', and more generally whether Members feel that specific training might be needed.

6. Special Expenses Consultation 49 - 96

The Council launched a consultation on 22 June for a four week period regarding potential adjustments to the Special Expenses Policy. This report provides details of the responses to the consultation and seeks Members' recommendations on whether (or not) the cost of the non-strategic Public Conveniences in Tonbridge should be included within the Special Expenses policy; and also whether (or not) the cost of Christmas lights should be included within the Special Expenses policy.

7. Final Report: Marketing and Promotion 97 - 108

This report brings forward a revised protocol for marketing and promotion across the Council

8. Review of Tonbridge Forum and Parish Partnership Panel 109 - 114

Review of the format and engagement of Tonbridge Forum and Parish Partnership Panel, considering options for improvement.

Decisions to be taken under Delegated Powers

9. Scoping Report: Equality and Diversity Policy 115 - 118

A scoping report looking at the existing Policy and to identify opportunities for improvement or best practice

Matters for Information

10. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman - Annual Review Letter 119 - 130

This report sets out the annual report of the Ombudsman regarding complaints received and dealt with over the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

11. Urgent Items 131 - 132

Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent due to special circumstances and of which notice has been given to the Chief Executive.

Matters for consideration in Private

12. Exclusion of Press and Public 133 - 134

The Chairman to move that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting during consideration of any items the publication of which would disclose exempt information.

PART 2 - PRIVATE

13. Urgent Items 135 - 136

Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent due to special circumstances and of which notice has been given to the Chief Executive.

MEMBERSHIP

Cllr J L Sergison (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs A S Oakley (Vice-Chairman) and Cllr M O Davis (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr M C Base

Cllr J L Botten

Cllr C Brown

Cllr R I B Cannon

Cllr R W Dalton

Cllr M A J Hood

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