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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, 6th April, 2023 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Members of the Committee are required to attend in person. Other Members may attend in person or 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

1. Guidance on the Conduct of Meetings

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PART 1 - PUBLIC

2. Apologies for absence
3. Notification of Substitute Members 7 - 8
4. Declarations of interest 9 - 10

Members are reminded of their obligation under the Council's Code of Conduct to disclose any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests in any matter(s) to be considered or being considered at the meeting. These are explained in the Code of Conduct on the Council's website at [Code of conduct for members – Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council \(tmbc.gov.uk\)](https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/code-of-conduct-for-members).

Members in any doubt about such declarations are advised to contact Legal or Democratic Services in advance of the meeting.

5. Minutes 11 - 16

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 26 January 2023.

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

Matters for Recommendation to the Cabinet

7. Corporate Strategy - Community Consultation 19 - 52

This report provides an update on the Corporate Strategy Community Consultation which was undertaken during January – February 2023, and seeks approval to make final amendments to the Corporate Strategy ahead of it being finalised.

8. Development Management Officer Protocol - Member Call-In Protocol 53 - 58

This report seeks Members' endorsement of an amended Development Management Officer Protocol – Member Call-ins.

9. Response to the DLUHC Technical Consultation: Stronger Performance of Local Planning Authorities Supported through an Increase in Planning Fees 59 - 72

This report requests Members to endorse the Council's proposed response to the DLUHC technical consultation seeking views on improving performance of local planning authorities by increasing planning fees, building capacity and capability, and introducing a more robust performance regime.

Decisions to be taken under Delegated Powers

10. Scoping Report - Review of Governance Arrangements 73 - 82

This report seeks to review the Council's governance arrangements and identify any opportunities to amend or improve existing procedures.

Matters for Information

11. Record of Decisions taken by the Executive 83 - 86

The record of decisions taken during January – March 2023 are attached.

12. Work Programme 87 - 88

The Work Programme setting out matters to be scrutinised during 2022/23 is attached for information. Members can suggest future items by liaising with the Chair of the Committee.

13. Urgent Items 89 - 90

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

14. Exclusion of Press and Public 91 - 92

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

15. Urgent Items 93 - 94

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 Mrs A S Oakley (Chair)

Cllr A E Clark (Vice-Chair) and Cllr M O Davis (Vice-Chair)

Cllr M C Base

Cllr C Brown

Cllr R I B Cannon

Cllr R W Dalton

Cllr N Foyle

Cllr D Harman

Cllr F A Hoskins

Cllr S A Hudson

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