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

Dear Sir/Madam

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee to be held in the Council Chamber, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill on Wednesday, 4th March, 2026 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

DAMIAN ROBERTS

Chief Executive

A G E N D A

1. Guidance for the Conduct of Meetings

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2. Apologies for absence
3. Notification of Substitute Members 9 - 10
4. Declarations of interest 11 - 12

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 \(tmbc.gov.uk\)](http://www.tomborough.gov.uk/code-of-conduct).

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

5. Minutes 13 - 20

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee held on 5 November 2025.

Matters for Recommendation to the Cabinet

6. South West Kent Waste Services Contract Retender 21 - 36

This report outlines the tender process, the evaluation of the tenders received, and makes a recommendation to Cabinet in respect of the Waste Services contract.

- Annex 1 – [report of 5 March 2025](#)
- Annex 2 – Private in accordance with LGA 1972 - Sch 12A Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

7. Public Space Protection Order 37 - 58

The report presents proposals in respect of a Public Space Protection Order for approval.

8. Biodiversity Duty 59 - 78

The report sets out how the Council is meeting its duty to protect and improve biodiversity under the biodiversity duty.

9. Review of Roadside Nature Reserves 79 - 188

This report presents a review of Roadside Nature Reserves (RNRs) following the monitoring of existing sites by the Medway Valley Countryside Partnership. The report brings forward proposals on future management, the expansion of existing sites and the creation of new RNRs for Members consideration.

Matters submitted for Information

10. Cabinet Member Portfolio Update 189 - 200

This report provides Members with an overview of the Cabinet Member update on Waste and Technical Services activities undertaken over the past 12 months and sets out some headline initiatives for the coming year.

11. Work Programme 2026 201 - 202

The Work Programme setting out matters to be scrutinised during 2026 is attached for information. Members can suggest future items by liaising with the Chair of the Committee.

12. Urgent Items 203 - 204

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

13. Exclusion of Press and Public 205 - 206

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

14. Urgent Items 207 - 208

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 S A Hudson (Chair)
Cllr K S Tunstall (Vice-Chair)

Cllr A G Bennison
Cllr S Crisp
Cllr R W Dalton
Cllr Mrs T Dean
Cllr F A Hoskins
Cllr J R S Lark

Cllr A McDermott
Cllr W E Palmer
Cllr S Pilgrim
Cllr M R Rhodes
Cllr Mrs M Tatton