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To the Members of the Council,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **COUNCIL** to be held in the Council Chamber at these Offices on Wednesday 26 November 2014 at 6.00 pm for the transaction of the business set out in the Agenda.



Chief Executive

Members of the Council:

S R Nicholas (Chairman)	M R Eddy	K E Morris
P S Le Chevalier (Vice-Chairman)	R J Frost	M J Ovenden
J S Back	B Gardner	A S Pollitt
B W Bano	J H Goodwin	J A Rook
T J Bartlett	D Hannent	M A Russell
P M Beresford	P J Hawkins	F J W Scales
T A Bond	P G Heath	A R Smith
P M Brivio	G J Hood	C J Smith
B W Butcher	S J Jones	J M Smith
P I Carter	L A Keen	R J Thompson
S S Chandler	N S Kenton	J F Tranter
N J Collor	S M Le Chevalier	R S Walkden
M D Conolly	G Lymer	P Walker
G Cowan	S C Manion	P M Wallace
J A Cronk	K Mills	P A Watkins

AGENDA

1 **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 **MINUTES** (Pages 7 - 11)

To confirm the attached Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2014.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (Page 12)

To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.

4 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive any announcements from the Chairman, Leader, Members of the Cabinet or Head of Paid Service.

5 **JOINT VISION FOR POLICING IN KENT**

To receive presentations from Mrs Ann Barnes, Kent Police and Crime Commissioner, and Mr Alan Pughsley, Chief Constable on the Joint Vision for Policing in Kent.

The order of business will be as follows:

- Presentation from Mrs Ann Barnes, Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (30 minutes)
- Presentation from Mr Alan Pughsley, Chief Constable (30 minutes)
- Joint Question and Answer Session

6 **LEADER'S TIME**

To receive an oral report at the meeting from the Leader (and Cabinet) on the business of the Executive or on any topic or subject that it is felt should be brought to the attention of the Council.

(Up to fifteen minutes is allowed for the Report of the Leader (and Cabinet), up to ten minutes is allowed for the Leader of the Major Opposition Group (or his nominee) to respond, up to five minutes is allowed for the Leader of any other Opposition Group (or his nominee) to respond. The Leader is allowed up to five minutes as a Right of Reply or 25% of the time given to the Opposition Group Leaders, whichever is the greatest.)

7 **SEAT ALLOCATION AND GROUP APPOINTMENTS**

To receive from Group Leaders any changes to seat allocations or appointments.

(Note: Any changes must be within the approved allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the political balance rules (where applicable).)

8 **POLLING DISTRICT REVIEW** (Pages 13 - 18)

To consider the attached report of the Head of Democratic Services.

The Electoral Matters Committee at its meeting held on 6 October 2014 made the following recommendation to the Council (Minute No. 11):

“That it be recommended to Council:

- (a) That each Polling District be designated as the Polling Place.

- (b) That where no suitable Polling Station was available the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to designate an adjoining Polling District for that Polling Place.”

9 **REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION 2014** (Pages 19 - 22)

To consider the attached report of the Director of Governance.

The Governance Committee at its meeting held on 2 October 2014 made the following recommendation to Council (Minute No. 31):

“That it be recommended to Council that the proposed changes in the Review of the Constitution 2014, and specifically the delegations in Part 3 that relate to Council functions be approved and incorporated into the Council’s Constitution.”

The Leader of the Council has approved the amendments for the Discharge of Executive Functions as it relates to the Scheme of Officer Delegations separately (Decision Notice 03/14)..

10 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

Up to 60 minutes is allowed for this part of the meeting unless extended by the Chairman of Council on a motion moved, duly seconded and approved by the Council. Members may ask one supplementary question in addition to their original question.

(a) **To Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen of Committees**

There were no questions submitted for Chairman/Vice-Chairman of Committees.

(b) **To the Executive**

To receive answers in respect of questions from Members of the Council to a Member of the Executive asked in accordance with Rule 12 of the Council Procedure Rules.

- (1) Councillor A S Pollitt will ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Children’s Services and Safeguarding, Youth and Community Safety, Councillor S S Chandler:

“What and/or who were the priorities of the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Children’s Services and Safeguarding, Youth and Community Safety in setting up a community event at Freemans Way, Deal, on 28 October and on what basis did the Portfolio Holder choose not to provide the ward Councillors with a copy of the action plan for the area as requested?”

- (2) Councillor P J Hawkins will ask the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance, Councillor M D Conolly:

“On 27 November 2013, Council resolved: “That Dover District Council supports the work of credit unions and will investigate the feasibility, methods and costs of enabling Members and staff to save

through the payroll system if they wish." Can the Portfolio Holder for Finance inform the Council of the progress made so far on this?"

- (3) Councillor A S Pollitt will ask the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance, Councillor M D Conolly:

"Does the Portfolio Holder for Finance agree that all who benefit from public spending, including multinational companies, should contribute their fair share and does the Portfolio Holder support Action Aid's Towns Against Tax Dodging campaign?"

- (4) Councillor M R Eddy will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor P A Watkins:

"Can the Leader of the Council outline how he views the future of Dover District Council in the light of the result of the Scottish independence referendum and proposals for the devolution of powers within England?"

- (5) Councillor B W Bano will ask the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Public Protection, Councillor P G Heath:

"Following the withdrawal of Concordia from its East Kent GP contracts, what steps has the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing taken to ensure that the patients currently on the lists of the Dover Medical Practice will continue to receive primary health care services with a GP of their choice?"

- (6) Councillor B W Bano will ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Children's Services and Safeguarding, Youth and Community Safety, Councillor S S Chandler:

"What response is DDC making to the proposals of KCC to reduce the number of Community Wardens by up to 50%?"

- (7) Councillor P Walker will ask the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste and Planning, Councillor N S Kenton:

"Can the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste and Planning inform the Council how many housing units have been granted planning permission since 1 May 2011, and how many of these were affordable housing,

- (a) in developments of 1 to 12 units.
- (b) in developments of 13 to 40 units.
- (c) in large developments of over 40 units?"

11 **MOTIONS**

Motions for which notice has been given are listed on the agenda in the order in which notice was received, unless the Member giving notice states, in writing, that they propose to move it at a later meeting or withdraw it.

If a Motion set out in the agenda is not moved by the Member who gave notice thereof it shall, unless postponed by consent of the Council, be treated as withdrawn and shall not be moved without fresh notice.

A Motion must be about matters for which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the District.

- (1) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, Councillor P M Brivio will move:

"In view of the successful voluntary schemes for the registration of private landlords, particularly in London and more locally in Thanet, this Council calls on Cabinet to draw up plans to implement a similar scheme in this district as soon as possible in order to drive up the quality of privately-rented housing available to our residents."

- (2) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, Councillor G Cowan will move:

"Recognising the important contribution of 16 and 17 year olds to the recent Scottish independence referendum and believing that Dover District's young people should also play a role in determining the future of their towns and villages, this Council supports reducing the voting age to 16. As encouraging participation in the political process is an essential means of engaging young people in modern society, Council requests the Chairman of the Council to write to the Prime Minister on behalf of the Council to urge him to introduce legislation to reduce the voting age to 16 as soon as practicable."

- (3) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, Councillor P M Wallace will move:

"Given the prediction that by the end of next year more road deaths will be caused by using a mobile phone than by drink driving, this council resolves to support the "Hands off" campaign to end the needless loss of life caused by motorists using mobile phones while driving, and this council requests the Community Safety Unit develops proposals for a campaign to raise awareness of this issue across the District."

- (4) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, Councillor T J Bartlett will move:

"This Council notes that Lloyds Banking Group has signalled its intent to close 150 branches over the next 3 years. It's branch in Wingham is the last high street bank that remains in the village. This Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the chairman of Lloyds, Lord Blackwell and it's CEO Antonia Horta Osario to ask that the Wingham branch, which serves both residents and local businesses, be saved from any closure programme."

12 **URGENT BUSINESS TIME**

To consider any other items deemed by the Chairman of the Council to be urgent in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.

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