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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 1 March 2017 at 6.00 pm for the transaction of the business set out in the Agenda.

Chief Executive

Members of the Council:

S S Chandler (Chairman)	N Dixon	S M Le Chevalier
D Hannent (Vice-Chairman)	M R Eddy	S C Manion
J S Back	A Friend	K Mills
S F Bannister	R J Frost	K E Morris
T J Bartlett	B Gardner	D P Murphy
P M Beresford	B J Glayzer	M J Ovenden
T A Bond	P J Hawkins	A S Pollitt
P M Brivio	P G Heath	G Rapley
B W Butcher	J M Heron	A F Richardson
P I Carter	S Hill	M Rose
N J Collor	M J Holloway	D A Sargent
M D Conolly	S J Jones	F J W Scales
M I Cosin	L A Keen	P Walker
G Cowan	N S Kenton	P M Wallace
D G Cronk	P S Le Chevalier	P A Watkins

AGENDA

1 **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 **MINUTES** (Pages 8 - 18)

To confirm the attached Minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2017.

3      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (Page 19)

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      **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.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 (Leader's Time):

- (a) The Leader (and Cabinet) shall have up to 15 minutes to make within this report any statements that they wish on any topic or subject that they feel should be drawn to the attention of the Council.
- (b) The Leader (or their nominee) of the Major Opposition Group (Labour Group) shall be allowed up to 10 minutes to respond.
- (c) The Leader (or their nominee) of the Other Opposition Group (UKIP Group) shall be allowed up to 5 minutes to respond.
- (d) The Leader of the Council shall be allowed up to 5 minutes to exercise a right of reply (or 25% of the time given to the Opposition Group Leaders, whichever is the greatest).

6      **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).)

7      **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

To receive answers in respect of questions from the public to Members of the Executive asked in accordance with Rule 11 of the Council Procedure Rules.

- (a) Questions will be asked in the order in which notice of them was received, except that the Chairman may group together similar questions.
- (b) The period for questions by the public shall be limited so that no further questions shall be put after the elapse of 15 minutes from the commencement of the first question.
- (c) A maximum of three minutes is allowed for the each question to be read.
- (d) A questioner who has put a question in person may also put one supplementary question without notice to the member who has replied to his or her original question. A supplementary question must arise directly out of

the original question or the reply.

- (e) Afterwards, any other Member at the Chairman's discretion may speak for up to two minutes on a question or reply.

### **Questions from the Public**

- (a) Ms J Mead will ask the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste and Planning, Councillor N S Kenton:

“At the meeting of DDC Cabinet on 3 October 2016 a number of recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 13 September 2016 were approved. Can you update me on the progress against each of these recommendations and in particular can you update me on recommendation (b) regarding deadlines for planning applications?”

In answering the question can you include the following:

- Have the developers submitted a planning application since 3 October? If not, what action has the council taken?
- What further action does the council intend to take and by what date?
- If an outline planning application has been submitted what does it say? When will it be made public? What timescales are DDC now working to in terms of a full finalised planning application?”

## **8 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

To receive answers in respect of questions from Members of the Council to the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Council or the Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee asked in accordance with Rule 12 of the Council Procedure Rules.

There were no questions submitted.

- (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 P M Brivio will ask the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing, Councillor N J Collor:

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing tell the meeting if DDC has any plans to install charging points for electric vehicles?”

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

“The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste and Planning will recall that on the 13 September the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee made seven recommendations regarding the Regent Cinema including that the developer be given three months to submit an outline planning application and 6 months to submit a full planning application. Would he please update Council on the current situation regarding the seven recommendations?”

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

“Why does this Council, when assessing tenders for goods and services not include in reports to Councillors if it has taken into account during the procurement process the social value requirements as defined by the Local Services Social Value Act 2012 which requires councils to consider the social, environmental and economic impact of contracts and how they can best impact the local community alongside best value for money, as it does with legal and equality and diversity requirements?”

- (4) Councillor L A Keen will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor P A Watkins:

“Can the Leader of the Council describe the mechanisms for informing and consulting local residents on the proposed 4-council merger within the engagement exercise proposed in the consultants' report?”

- (5) Councillor B Gardner will ask the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste and Planning, Councillor N S Kenton:

“At cabinet in January 2017 when the item on planning appeals and planning conditions was discussed it was proposed that a working party of three councillors should be set up as a matter of urgency to discuss the whole situation of planning. Would the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste and Planning inform the Council as to when the first meeting of this group might take place?”

- (6) Councillor G Cowan will ask the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance, Councillor M D Conolly:

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance inform the Council how much this Council has received in Capital Receipts from the sale of land in Aylesham used for the new housing developments and what percentage will the Aylesham area receive?”

- (7) Councillor P M Brivio will ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health

and Wellbeing, Councillor P M Beresford:

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health and Well-being provide an update on the Selective Licensing Scheme that this Council agreed to introduce in January 2015?”

- (8) Councillor B Gardner will ask the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste and Wellbeing, Councillor N S Kenton:

“In March 2015 there was a training session for councillors at which councillors were informed that there was a backlog of just over 600 planning enforcement cases. Members were further informed that the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste and Planning had agreed to write off over 60% of these as they were not worth pursuing for various reasons, but that the remaining 245 would be taken up. Can the Portfolio Holder confirm if he has written off another 200 cases and, if so, how many are still being pursued?”

- (9) Councillor G Cowan will ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health and Wellbeing, Councillor P M Beresford:

“Could the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health and Well-being inform the Council of the percentage of new houses in Aylesham that will be offered to Aylesham people as social housing?”

## 9 **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 D A Sargent will move:

"This Council recognises and notes the continuing problems that many people in the District living in private rented sector accommodation face due to poor maintenance of properties and uncertainty of how long they will be able to remain in their homes because of short term tenancies.

This Council agrees to request that the government Housing Minister introduces as soon as practical more robust regulation of the Private Rental sector, to increase building maintenance standards and to encourage more responsible landlords and to seriously consider introducing some form of rent control."

- (2) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, Councillor S J Jones will move:

“Council believes that bidders for Council contracts should be asked to account for their past tax record, using the standards in Procurement Policy Note 03/14, rather than the lower standards in the recent regulations. Council calls for the Council's procurement procedures to be amended to require all companies bidding for Council contracts to self-certify that they are fully tax-compliant in line with central government practice, using the standards in PPN 03/14, applying to contracts of the size specified.

Council asks the Cabinet to publicise this policy and to report on its implementation annually for the next three years.”

10 **PAY POLICY STATEMENT** (Pages 20 - 29)

To consider the attached report of the Director of Governance.

11 **COUNCIL BUDGET 2017/18 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2017/18–2020/21**

To consider the report of the Director of Finance, Housing and Community.

Due to its size, the report is a supplementary paper to the main agenda.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.6 a recorded vote will be held in respect of this item.

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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