



# **Council Meeting**

**Council Offices  
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Dover**

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

Summons and Agenda

**Nadeem Aziz**  
Chief Executive





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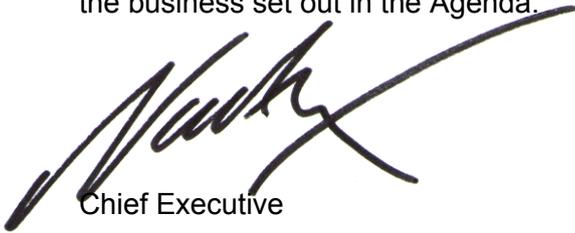
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To the Members of the Council,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **COUNCIL** to be held in the Council Chamber at these Offices on Wednesday 31 January 2018 at 6.00 pm for the transaction of the business set out in the Agenda.

  
Chief Executive

Members of the Council:

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| 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      | A M Napier       |
| T A Bond                  | P J Hawkins      | M J Ovenden      |
| P M Brivio                | P G Heath        | A S Pollitt      |
| B W Butcher               | J M Heron        | G Rapley         |
| P I Carter                | M J Holloway     | N A G Richards   |
| N J Collor                | S J Jones        | M Rose           |
| M D Conolly               | P D Jull         | D A Sargent      |
| M I Cosin                 | L A Keen         | F J W Scales     |
| G Cowan                   | N S Kenton       | P Walker         |
| D G Cronk                 | P S Le Chevalier | P M Wallace      |

AGENDA

1 **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 **MINUTES**

To confirm the Minutes of the meetings held on 18 October 2017 and 6 December 2017 (to follow).

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (Page 7)

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 **PRESENTATION OF HONORARY ALDERMAN AWARDS**

Presentation of Honorary Alderman awards to former district councillors Mr G J Hood and Mr P A Watkins, who were conferred Honorary Alderman status at a meeting of the full Council convened for the purpose on 18 October 2017.

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.

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).

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.

There were no valid questions from the public received within the notice period.

8 **SEAT ALLOCATION AND GROUP APPOINTMENTS**

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

To note the following changes by the Conservative Group:

|                            |  |
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| Dover Joint Transportation | Councillor P D Jull to replace Councillor M J Holloway |
| Licensing Committee        | Councillor P D Jull to replace Councillor M J Holloway |

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

9 **COUNCIL TAX BASE 2018-19** (Pages 8 - 13)

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

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

10 **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2018/19**

To consider the report of the Director of Governance (to follow).

11 **MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE SCHEME 2018/19**

To consider the attached report of the Director of Governance (to follow).

12 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS** (Pages 14 - 17)

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.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.5, Members may ask one supplementary question in addition to their original question providing that the supplemental question arises directly out of the original question or the reply.

The questions are set out in the agenda papers.

13 **MOTIONS** (Page 18)

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.

The Motions received on notice are set out in the agenda papers.

14 **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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Declarations of Interest

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)

Where a Member has a new or registered DPI in a matter under consideration they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting.

Other Significant Interest (OSI)

Where a Member is declaring an OSI they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

Voluntary Announcement of Other Interests (VAOI)

Where a Member does not have either a DPI or OSI but is of the opinion that for transparency reasons alone s/he should make an announcement in respect of a matter under consideration, they can make a VAOI. A Member declaring a VAOI may still remain at the meeting and vote on the matter under consideration.

Note to the Code:

Situations in which a Member may wish to make a VAOI include membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items; where a Member knows a person involved, but does not have a close association with that person; or where an item would affect the well-being of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position. It should be emphasised that an effect on the financial position of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc OR an application made by a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc would both probably constitute either an OSI or in some cases a DPI.

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| <b>Subject:</b>          | <b>COUNCIL TAX BASE 2018-19</b>  |
| <b>Meeting and Date:</b> | <b>COUNCIL – 31 JANUARY 2018</b>   |
| <b>Report of:</b>        | <b>Mike Davis, Director of Finance, Housing and Community</b>                            |
| <b>Portfolio Holder:</b> | <b>Councillor Mike Conolly, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance</b> |
| <b>Classification:</b>   | <b>UNRESTRICTED</b>  |

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**Purpose of the report:** To formally determine not to revise the reduction of Council Tax Discounts.  
 To formally determine not to revise the Council Tax Reduction Scheme.  
 To set the Council Tax base for 2018-19 by 31 January 2018, in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

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**Recommendation:** It is recommended that Council:

- (1) Determine that for the financial year 2018-19, the empty homes discount remains at 0% for Class C empty properties, and continue to remove the discount for 2nd homes so that Council Tax will be payable in full on these properties.
- (2) Determine not to revise the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2018-19
- (3) Approve the District's Council Tax Base for 2018-19 as 37,962.69 and the tax base for the towns and parishes in the Council's administrative area, as set out in the table at Appendix 2.

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## 1. Summary

1.1 The Council Tax base for the coming year is set by DDC, and is used by Kent County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent, Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority and the various town and parish councils when setting their Council Tax and their precepts.

## 2. Introduction and Background

2.1 The Council is required to set its tax base by 31 January every year, for the following financial year. The taxbase is defined mainly in terms of the number of Band D equivalent properties, but it is then adjusted to reflect various discounts.

2.2 The Council is also required on an annual basis:

- (a) To determine whether and, if so, the extent to which it will reduce or remove any Council Tax Discounts;
- (b) To determine not to revise the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2018-19. This scheme was approved by full Council in 2017.

- 2.3 The tax base for 2018-19 has been prepared in accordance with the current regulations<sup>1</sup> which came into force on 30 November 2012. The calculations are shown in Appendix 1
- 2.4 As the Council Tax base is defined in terms of “Band D equivalent” dwellings, and Band D dwellings are treated as “average” houses, all other properties are defined as a ratio against Band D houses, and pay Council Tax in accordance with that ratio.
- 2.5 The table below illustrates how this works.

| <b>Council Tax Band</b> | <b>Ratio to Band D</b> | <b>Number of Dwellings (based on the Valuation Office list)<sup>2</sup></b> |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Band A                  | 6/9                    | 7,005   |
| Band B                  | 7/9                    | 16,480  |
| Band C                  | 8/9                    | 13,755  |
| Band D                  | 9/9                    | 7,007   |
| Band E                  | 11/9                   | 4,258   |
| Band F                  | 13/9                   | 2,317   |
| Band G                  | 15/9                   | 1,439   |
| Band H                  | 18/9                   | 72  |

- 2.6 The basis of the calculation is to multiply the number of dwellings in each band by their respective ratio, then add the totals together to produce a “Band D equivalent” total. This is followed by a number of adjustments for factors such as single person discounts, people in receipt of Council Tax Reduction Scheme discounts, etc. The total is then adjusted for the anticipated collection rate, in order to determine the tax base.
- 2.7 Based on these factors it is recommended that the tax base for 2018-19 is set at 37,962.69

### **3. Identification of Options for the Setting of the Council Tax Base**

- 3.1 The setting of the Council Tax base is mainly a mechanical process based on the projected number of properties, level of discounts and collection rates, and does not produce options for Members to consider.

### **4. ~~Reduction of Council Tax Discounts~~**

<sup>1</sup> “Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012 (SI:2012:2194)”

<sup>2</sup> In the actual calculation this is adjusted for anticipated new build, demolitions, etc. expected during the year

4.1 From the year 2013-2014 and subsequently, the Council removed the following Council Tax Discounts in order to meet the cost of operating the chosen Council Tax Reduction Scheme:

- (a) Second Home discount of 10% removed;
- (b) Empty property exemption (Class C) removed.

4.2 Reductions in Council Tax Discounts are required to be determined on an annual basis, and it is recommended that the existing Council Tax reductions/removals are continued for the year 2018-9.

## **5. Council Tax Reduction Scheme**

5.1 The Welfare Reform Act 2012 abolished Council Tax Benefit from April 2013 and, in accordance with Section 13A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 the Council approved a local council tax reduction scheme, with effect from 1 April 2014, adopting, as the scheme, the document cited as “the Local Council Tax Support Scheme – Dover District Council 2015 (“the 2015 scheme”).

5.2 The revised scheme for 2017 was agreed and approved at full council on 30th November 2016 and therefore not contained in this report.

## **6. Identification and Evaluation of Options for the Reduction of Council Tax Discounts**

6.1 The reduction of Council Tax discounts is a separate decision from the decision already taken to replace the Council tax Reduction Scheme. However, the additional income from the reduction in discounts mainly offsets the costs of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme.

6.2 The options identified are:

- (a) Reinstatement of the Second Home discount of 10% and / or the empty property exemption (Class C)
- (b) Maintain the removal of the Second Home discount of 10% and the empty property exemption (Class C)

6.3 Option (a) would require the Council to review the level of support provided in the Council Tax Reduction Scheme and / or make reductions in the budgets for other services. The operation of the scheme is continuously monitored, and is summarised in the Quarter 3 Performance Report included in the published Cabinet agenda for 5th February 2018.

## **7. Corporate Implications**

7.1 Comment from the Director of Finance, Housing and Community: Finance have been consulted and have no further comments to add. (SG)

- 7.2 Comment from the Solicitor to the Council: Legal have been consulted and have no comments to add.
- 7.3 Comment from the Equalities Officer: This report does not specifically highlight any equalities implications however, in discharging their responsibilities members are required to comply with the public sector equality duty as set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15>.

## **8. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – The Council Tax Base Calculation for 2018-19

Appendix 2 – The Council Tax Base for the Towns and Parishes

## **9. Background Papers**

Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012 (SI: 2012:2914)

Detailed calculations for District and Parish/Town Council Tax Bases

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**The Council Tax Base Calculation for 2018-19**

Council Tax Base = A x B:

- (i) A is the total of the "relevant amounts" (or Band D equivalents) for that year for each of the valuation bands which is shown or is likely to be shown for any day in that year in the authority's valuation list as applicable to one or more dwellings situated in this area.
- (ii) B is the authority's estimate of its collection rate for that year (97.65%)
- (iii) The "relevant amount" for a valuation band is the amount found by applying the formula:  $(H - Q + E + J) \times (F/G)$
- (iv) H is the number of chargeable dwellings in the area of the Council (as billing authority) on calculated in accordance with the regulations at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012
- (v) Q is the factor to take account of the discounts to which the amount of council tax payable was subject to that band, estimated in accordance with the regulations at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012
- (vi) E is a factor to take into account any premiums, if any, to which the council tax payable was subject to that band, estimated in accordance with the regulations at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012
- (vii) J is the estimated adjustments due to change in the number of dwellings, exemptions and discounts.
- (viii) Z is the total amount that the authorities estimates will be applied in relation to the Authorities council tax reduction scheme in relation to the band, expressed as an equivalent number of chargeable dwellings in the band.
- (ix) F is the number which is the proportion of dwellings in that band.
- (x) G is the number that, in that proportion, is applicable to dwellings in band D.

The amount calculated for Dover District Council's Council Tax Base in 2018-19 is 37,962.69 save for the following parts of the Council's administrative area where its Council Tax Base shall be the amounts shown against each part respectively.

Collection rate has been reviewed with regard to the changes, Council Tax Support discounts and exemptions. This report seeks the approval of the collection rate of 97.65%.

| <b>Parish</b>              | <b>2017-18 Tax Base - using collection rate</b> | <b>2018-19 Tax Base using collection rate</b> |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| Alkham                     | 306.43  | 307.61  |
| Ash                        | 1120.04   | 1126.94                                       |
| Aylesham                   | 1103.18   | 1365.88                                       |
| Capel-Le-Ferne             | 626.51  | 660.15  |
| Deal                       | 6,594.87  | 6,651.71                                      |
| Denton-with-Wootton        | 172.20  | 171.45  |
| Dover                      | 7,924.76  | 8,073.27                                      |
| Eastry                     | 779.46  | 788.15  |
| Eythorne                   | 775.78  | 782.97  |
| Goodnestone                | 173.67  | 171.61  |
| Great Mongeham             | 268.30  | 268.71  |
| Guston                     | 374.32  | 374.95  |
| Hougham-Without            | 181.32  | 183.08  |
| Langdon                    | 227.85  | 227.56  |
| Lydden                     | 253.51  | 254.42  |
| Nonington                  | 295.17  | 293.16  |
| Northbourne                | 269.79  | 267.72  |
| Preston                    | 302.76  | 326.30  |
| Ringwould-with-Kingsdown   | 1,013.04  | 1,018.86                                      |
| Ripple                     | 150.81  | 152.03  |
| River                      | 1,497.88  | 1,487.35                                      |
| St Margarets-at-Cliffe     | 1,283.08  | 1,303.27                                      |
| Sandwich                   | 1,925.51  | 1,922.46                                      |
| Shepherdswell-with-Coldred | 738.74  | 753.56  |
| Sholden                    | 670.64  | 746.02  |
| Staple                     | 228.32  | 229.77  |
| Stourmouth                 | 111.50  | 113.25  |
| Sutton-by-Dover            | 305.59  | 307.40  |
| Temple Ewell               | 639.36  | 645.05  |
| Tilmanstone                | 153.23  | 153.26  |
| Walmer                     | 3,277.47  | 3,290.37                                      |
| Whitfield                  | 1,899.84  | 1,933.63                                      |
| Wingham                    | 672.16  | 681.07  |
| Woodnesborough             | 442.87  | 464.24  |
| Worth                      | 444.44  | 465.46  |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>37,204.40</b>                                | <b>37,962.69</b>                              |

## COUNCIL – 31 January 2018

### Questions Raised on Notice by Members

(a) To Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen of Committees

There were no questions received for Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen 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 B J Glayzer will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor K E Morris:**

“Would the Leader of this Council advise this Council as to what is being reviewed to assist the problems around empty shop fronts on our Dover high street. Where adequate spending provisions can be addressed to bring back the much needed opportunities for local business entrepreneurs, promoting our Towns tourism and wellbeing.”

**(2) Councillor P D Jull will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor K E Morris:**

“Following your promise at a previous council meeting to set up a Policy Action Group on the subject of homelessness, could the Leader give an update on what has happened since?”

**(3) Councillor M J Ovenden will ask the Portfolio Holder for Community Services, Councillor M J Holloway:**

“Through the good work of the Community Partnership Unit and its joint working with Kent Police, KCC and other organisations, and working closely with Kent’s Conservative Police and Crime Commissioner, this Conservative led District Council gives priority to making our communities safe, bearing down on crime and anti-social behaviour.

Can the Portfolio Holder reassure residents that community safety will remain a District priority in 2018? In answering the question could the Portfolio Holder confirm:

- That despite budget pressures, District staff numbers and resources allocated to the Council’s Community Services Team and CSP Unit, will remain at the current historically high level;
- The funding available for community safety projects in 2018; and
- What initiatives are in the pipeline, in particular to educate our younger citizens and steer them away from bad behaviour and crime.”

**(4) Councillor M Rose will ask the Portfolio Holder for Community Services, Councillor M J Holloway:**

"Increasing the District's prosperity for all residents is at the heart of this Conservative led District Council's agenda.

Building on the excellent foundations laid by his Conservative predecessor aimed at regeneration, the new Leader is committed to boosting the District's Tourism by harnessing the potential of its history, and strategic position as the UK's main gateway to Europe.

Can the Portfolio Holder please confirm what this Conservative led District Council is now doing to achieve this very welcomed ambition?"

**(5) Councillor G Cowan will ask the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing, Councillor N J Collor:**

"This council and more importantly the people of Dover district have waited for over two decades for the new DTIZ to open, many who rely on public transport. Can the Portfolio Holder for Access & Licensing advise this council what steps have been made to provide good transport links to the new DTIZ shopping centre located at St James?"

**(6) Councillor P M Brivio will ask the Portfolio Holder for Built Environment, Councillor J S Back:**

"Can the Portfolio holder for the Built Environment comment on what the implications for Dover District Council will be of Thanet District council pulling out of their support for the unified computer system for East Kent Housing?"

**(7) Councillor P J Hawkins will ask the Portfolio Holder for Property Management and Environmental Health, Councillor T J Bartlett:**

"Customers waiting for a bus in South Street Deal can have a considerable time to wait, especially if arriving by public transport and waiting for a connecting bus for a long distance onward journey. Customers have seen the size of the waiting room and its opening hours decrease over the years until its closure and now have nowhere they can freely go for shelter or to feel safe and secure. Will the portfolio holder for Property Management and Environmental Health please tell me if this Council has plans to reopen the waiting room in South Street, Deal?"

**(8) Councillor A M Napier will ask the Portfolio Holder for Property Management and Environmental Health, Councillor T J Bartlett:**

"The Tram Shelter on Folkestone Road is Grade II listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 for its special architectural or historic interest and is reputedly the only remaining shelter of the Dover Corporation Tramways which ceased operating in 1936.

Will the Portfolio Holder for Property Management and Environmental Health outline what steps he proposes to take to protect this community asset from vandalism and deterioration?"

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

“Is the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing able to say if for Dover District Council has applied to the government for funding that is available (£1.5 million with further funding to follow) for the installation of car charging points?”

- (10) Councillor N A G Richards will ask the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing, Councillor N J Collor:**

“With increasing traffic on the Port Of Dover starting to impact the air quality and roads surrounding Dover, would the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing be willing to consider working with relevant partners to introduce a congestion charge for all HGVs using the port, in order to use the levy collected to combat these issues?”

- (11) Councillor M I Cosin will ask the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance, Councillor M D Conolly:**

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance please tell me if the appropriate capital will be set aside in the next year's budget for the renovation of Tides Leisure Centre in Deal?”

- (12) Councillor A M Napier will ask the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance, Councillor M D Conolly:**

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance tell me how much has the “Western Heights & Farthingloe” planning application cost this council financially?”

- (13) Councillor M R Eddy will ask the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance, Councillor M D Conolly:**

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance confirm that vulnerable people who have been sanctioned are able to request a Nil Income Form and whether this council volunteers that information rather than only provides the form on application?”

- (14) Councillor P Walker will ask the Portfolio Holder for Property Management and Environmental Health, Councillor T J Bartlett:**

“The considerably intolerable and on-going noise levels created at Lydden Race Circuit are seen by many residents as beyond an acceptable level. Will the Cabinet Member for Property Management and Environmental Health now take positive and decided action to put enforcement in place?”

- (15) Councillor M R Eddy will ask the Portfolio Holder for Property Management and Environmental Health, Councillor T J Bartlett:**

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Property Management and Environmental Health inform the Council of the number of announced and unannounced visits made by officers of our Port Health and Environmental Health services to each of the ferries sailing out of Dover over the last four calendar years?”

- (16) Councillor S F Bannister will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor K E Morris:**

“Is the Leader of the Council as concerned as our Independent MP for Dover that the proposal to introduce a ‘Dad’s Army’ Border Force would be a calamitous mistake?”

## COUNCIL – 31 January 2018

### Motions on Notice by Members

**(1) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, Councillor M J Holloway will move:**

“That the Council agrees that the Leader writes to the Minister for Communities and Local Government setting out the circumstances and actions taken around the Chimes at St Peter’s Church Sandwich and request the provision of robust guidance in dealing with statutory noise nuisance emanating from Church Bells and Chimes.

In the meantime the authority will continue to work with the Churches Conservation Trust to achieve a satisfactory resolution to the issue.”

**(2) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, Councillor P Walker will move:**

“Dover District Council will introduce an incentive scheme to aid small businesses in Dover’s Town Centre (from Cannon Street to London Road incl.) in order to help them benefit from the developing DTIZ.

This scheme should look at:

- How business rates are applied.
- Relocation to a more advantageous position in the town.
- Appointing a Small Business Advisor.”

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

“A councillor’s relationship with the community in their ward is one of the most important factors in our role as elected representatives. We can strengthen this relationship by redistributing the Dover District Community Grants Scheme fund to the individual ward councillors, so they can play an active hands-on role in the development of their ward.

This council will re-allocate £500 from the Dover District Community Grants Scheme to each ward councillor and modify the criteria so councillors can help a broader range of interests in the ward.”