

Agenda

Policy and Resources Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 11 March 2026

Time 7.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT

Membership:

Councillors Mike Baldock, Lloyd Bowen (Vice-Chair), Charles Gibson, Tim Gibson (Chair), Alastair Gould, Angela Harrison, James Hunt, Elliott Jayes, Mark Last, Ben J Martin, Richard Palmer, Julien Speed, Ashley Wise and Dolley Wooster and one vacancy.

Quorum = 5

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5. Matters Arising

Update from the Chair on any matters from the previous meeting or upcoming agenda items relating to this Committee.

Items for Noting

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