

Agenda

Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 18 February 2026

Time 7.00 pm

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

Quorum = 16

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2. Apologies for Absence

3. Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 January 2026 (Minute Nos. TBA) as a correct record.

4. Declarations of Interest

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5. Mayor's Announcements

6. Questions submitted by the Public

To consider any questions submitted by the public. (The deadline for questions is 4.30 pm on the Wednesday before the meeting – please contact Democratic Services by e-mailing democraticservices@swale.gov.uk or call 01795 417330).

7. Questions submitted by Members

To consider any questions submitted by Members. (The deadline for questions is 4.30 pm on the Monday the week before the meeting – please contact Democratic Services by e-mailing democraticservices@swale.gov.uk or call 01795 417330).

8. Leader's Statement

9. Nomination of Mayor 2026/27

Each candidate's proposer and seconder will be invited to speak for up to three minutes in support of their nomination. If more than one nomination is received for the position, a secret ballot will be taken.

10. Nomination of Deputy Mayor 2026/27

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