

Agenda

Economy and Property Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 7 July 2026

Time 7.00 pm

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

Membership:

Councillors Monique Bonney (Chair), Shelley Cheesman, Simon Clark, Mark Last, Peter Marchington, Ben J Martin, Lee-Anne Moore, Tara Noe, Richard Palmer, Carrie Pollard, Ashley Shiel, Sarah Stephen, Terry Thompson, Mark Tucker and Ashley Wise (Vice-Chair).

Quorum = 5

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2. Apologies for Absence

3. Minutes

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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.

6. Chairs Briefing

Items for Noting

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3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

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