

Agenda

Eastern Councillors and Residents Forum Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 16 June 2026

Time 7.00 pm

Venue: The Alexander Centre, 15-17 Preston Street, Faversham ME13 8NZ

Membership:

Councillors Lloyd Bowen, Alex Eyre, Charles Gibson (Vice-Chair), Kieran Golding, Alastair Gould, Carole Jackson, Rich Lehmann, Claire Martin, Ben J Martin (Chair), Hannah Perkin, Julien Speed and Terry Thompson.

Quorum = 3

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2. Apologies for Absence

3. Minutes

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5. Public Forum

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| 6. | Community Governance Review update (potential changes to arrangements for town and parish councils) | 5 - 6 |
| 7. | Local Government Reorganisation update (Government wants us to deliver your services differently) | 7 - 8 |
| 8. | You said, we did (including updates on matters arising) | 9 - 16 |
| 9. | Swale Bus Partnership Forum | 17 - 20 |
| 10. | Flooding in the Eastern Area | 21 - 24 |
| 11. | Reports/updates from Parish/Town Councils | |
| 12. | Local issues to be raised | |
| 13. | Confirmation of matters referred to Service Committee Chairs for | |

consideration

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