

Meeting of Council on 20 February 2024

Leader's Report on the work of the Cabinet since the last Council meeting

This report covers the period since the last Council meeting held on Tuesday 14 November.

Meetings attended by the Leader of the Council & Cabinet Members

- Meeting of Finance & Investment Advisory Committee on 2 November
- Meeting of Housing & Health Advisory Committee on 7 November
- Meeting of Cabinet on 9 November
- Quercus 7 & Quercus Housing AGMs on 14 November
- Swanley Town Council Annual Liaison Meeting on 15 November
- Westerham Town Council Annual Liaison Meeting on 16 November
- Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on 21 November
- Meeting of Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee on 23 November
- Meeting with Laura Trott MP on 24 November
- Meeting with Locate in Kent on 29 November
- Meeting of People & Places Advisory Committee on 30 November
- Local Plan 'Pop Up Session' – Sevenoaks on 4 December
- Sevenoaks District Council Carol Service on 5 December
- Kent & Medway Economic Partnership Meeting on 5 December
- Member Training – Assets of Community Value on 5 December
- Meeting of Improvement & Innovation Advisory Committee on 5 December
- Local Plan 'Pop Up Session' – Edenbridge on 6 December
- Local Plan 'Pop Up Session' – Swanley on 11 December
- Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Group Leaders' Meeting on 12 December
- Local Plan 'Pop Up Session' – West Kingsdown on 12 December
- Local Plan 'Pop Up Session' – Westerham on 13 December
- Meeting of Development & Conservation Advisory Committee on 12 December
- Kent Council Leaders' Meeting on 13 December
- Quercus Housing Guarantor Board on 14 December
- Meeting of Cabinet on 14 December
- Silver Bells (over 55's) Christmas Party in Sevenoaks on 18 December

- Member Training - Treasury Management on 3 January
- Local Plan 'Pop Up Session' – Farningham on 4 January
- Local Plan 'Pop Up Session' – Sevenoaks on 9 January
- Meeting of Scrutiny Committee on 9 January
- Meeting of Health Liaison Board on 10 January
- Member Training – Equality, Diversity & Inclusion on 10 January
- Meeting of Finance & Investment Advisory Committee on 11 January
- Member Training – Planning: the appeal process on 17 January
- Edenbridge Town Council Annual Liaison Meeting on 18 January
- Meeting of Cabinet on 18 January
- Member Training – Understanding affordable housing on 23 January
- Meeting of Housing & Health Advisory Committee on 23 January
- Kent Council Leaders' Meeting on 24 January
- Meeting with West Kent Housing Association on 31 January
- Local Government Boundary Commission for England – All Councillor Briefing on 31 January
- Meeting with Tandridge District Council on 1 February
- South East Councils meeting on 2 February
- Meeting of Cabinet on 8 February

Updates from Cabinet since the last meeting of Council

Debate Not Hate

- Following Council's decision to support the Motion proposed by Cllr Manston to "...wholeheartedly support the Local Government Association's "Debate not Hate" campaign I am delighted that the Council has Sign up to the Debate Not Hate campaign on the LGA website and made their report available to all Councillors.
- At the time of writing this report we are in contact with LGA about sending letters to our local MP's to encourage their support of the campaign. In addition a letter will be sent to Government to ask them to work with the LGA to develop and implement a plan to address abuse and intimidation of politicians.
- Members may also wish to make use of the Councillor Toolkit, which is available on the Local Government Association website at <https://www.local.gov.uk/debate-not-hate-campaign-toolkit>

50 Years of Sevenoaks District Council

- Sevenoaks District Council was formed on 1 April 1974. In our Golden Anniversary year we will seek to highlight some of the key events and achievements over that time. I would very much welcome Members both past and present sharing their highlights and the memories they have of where they live, work or enjoy across our District.

Run, walk or push against dementia

- I am delighted, that once again the Council are supporting the Run, walk or push against dementia event being held on 19 May in Knole Park.
- The Sevenoaks Areas Dementia Friendly Community are an asset to our communities and are a fantastic example of what can be achieved by 'delivering together'.
- The events they hold and the support they give to those with dementia and their carer's and families makes a valuable contribution to the wellbeing of our residents.
- I would encourage everyone to visit the District Council's website and sign-up to take part on the day.