



2nd June 2025

TO ALL MEMBERS OF FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND the Meeting of Faversham Town Council to be held on **Monday 9th June 2025 at 7.00pm** in The Guildhall, Faversham.

Yours sincerely

Louise Bareham

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Town Clerk

The Mayor will allow a maximum of thirty minutes for Members of the Council to receive questions from registered electors of the Town before the formal meeting commences. A member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes during the public session. When providing your name and address prior to addressing the meeting, please confirm or otherwise, that you consent to your personal details being recorded in the Minutes. Your personal data will be processed as directed by GDPR Article 5. At the start of the meeting the Mayor will confirm if all or part of the meeting is being filmed or audio recorded. The whole of the meeting can be recorded, except where there are confidential or exempt items. If any member of the public has an objection to being filmed, please make yourself known to the Mayor or the Town Clerk before the start of the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
To receive apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests
Members who have an interest to declare on any items on the Agenda, must declare the existence and nature of it at the start of the meeting and act in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct (s27 Localism Act 2011).
3. Town Council Minutes
To receive and accept as a true record the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 12th May 2025 and any matters for report.
4. Mayor's Announcements
To receive the Mayor's Announcements.

5. Report from Community Police Officers
To receive the report from Faversham Community Police Officers (tabled if received)
6. Policy and Resources Committee
To receive the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee dated 2nd June 2025 and agree any recommendations.
7. Heritage Creek and Buildings Committee
To receive the Minutes of the Heritage Creek and Buildings Committee dated 4th June 2025 and agree any recommendations (tabled)
8. Active Travel Committee
To receive the Minutes of the Active Travel Committee dated 5th June 2025 and agree any recommendations.
9. Significant Events
To confirm that there were no legal claims outstanding against Faversham Town Council at **31st March 2024** and no provision for any uninsured element was required in the 2024/25 budget. *NB Confirmation is required as part of the external audit process with Forvis Mazars.*
10. Annual Governance Statement 2024/25
To approve Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25 acknowledging responsibility for the Accounting Statement.
11. Accounting Statements
To approve Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/2025.
12. Period for the Exercise of Public Rights
To agree the dates set for the period of the exercise of public rights as Wednesday 11th June to Tuesday 22nd July 2025.
13. Local Government Reorganisation
Whilst recognising that Local Government Reorganisation is still in the early stages in Kent, Faversham Town Council believes it is appropriate to formally agree a position at this current stage, to enable conversations and discussions to take place with various organisations. Cllr Rowlands proposes the following motion:

Faversham Town Council's preference is a four unitary council division across Kent and considers, from the current models put forward, its preferred option is Model 2, (Swale, Canterbury and Thanet). It also recognises that Model 4 (Swale, Ashford and Maidstone) does have merit.

Faversham Town Council considers, if a two or three unitary council division be decided, then we should pursue a move to an East Kent Unitary Authority, even if this means we seek a split from the current Swale Borough Council

boundary and that, furthermore, we start to build evidence as to why this should be the case.

The Town Council agrees that members of the Strategic Working Group should begin conversations with neighbouring parishes.

14. Newsletter

To approve the Summer 2025 newsletter.

15. Receipts and Payments

To approve the receipts and payments for June 2025.

16. Private Session

To RESOLVE that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted.

17. Staffing Committee

To receive the Minutes of the Staffing Committee dated 2nd June 2025 (tabled).