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### **All members of the Faversham Town Council**

**You are hereby summoned to attend** an Extraordinary Meeting of Faversham Town Council to be held on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 at 7.00pm** in The Guildhall, for the purpose of considering and resolving the business to be transacted as set out in this agenda. This meeting will be hybrid and members of the public may attend remotely.

Sarah Muteham PSLCC, Town Clerk

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27<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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A maximum of 15 minutes will be allowed to receive public questions and comments on items on the Agenda.

### **AGENDA**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

To receive and approve 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. Local Government Reorganisation**

To consider the frequency of future Parish and Town Council elections and agree further action ([Appendix A](#)).

## APPENDIX A

*From Swale Borough Council:*

As you will be aware, the next scheduled Parish and Town Council elections will take place in May 2027, which is expected to coincide with the shadow authority elections as part of Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).

While these elections will align in 2027, we are seeking your council's views on future election cycles. Parish and Town Councils currently operate on a four-year election cycle, whereas the new unitary (shadow) authority is expected to be elected initially for a five-year term, followed by a return to a four-year cycle thereafter.

Given this, there is an opportunity to consider whether, in the longer term, Parish and Town Council elections should:

- Continue on their existing four-year cycle, or
- Be realigned to coincide with the unitary authority election cycle where possible

Aligning cycles could offer potential benefits such as improved voter engagement and administrative efficiencies; however, we recognise that councils may have local preferences and considerations.

We would like to sincerely apologise for the short notice of this request. We have been asked to provide a response to MHCLG within a very limited timeframe, which means we need to consult with you at short notice. We fully appreciate the pressure this may place on councils and are grateful for your understanding.

Please could you respond by **Friday 5 June**.