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Council Chamber, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks



# Cabinet

## Supplementary Agenda

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5. <b>Budget update</b> <b>Updated appendix E and F</b>	(Pages 1 - 4)	Adrian Rowbotham Tel: 01732 227153

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## Members suggestions received - Supported

Committee	No.	Councillor	Description	Current position
IIAC		Cllr Horwood	Reduce the number of In Shape issues from 4 to 3, how much would that save. Breakdown of comms budget, what would 1 or 2 issues will be able to save	Supported
IIAC		Cllr Morgan	Suggested at IIAC: Give people option to receive communication either electronically or via paper	Supported
IIAC		Cllr Varley	Suggested at IIAC: Produce 3 larger issues of In Shape (more content)	Supported
IIAC		Cllr Abraham	Suggested at IIAC: Work with parishes to get In Shape information into their publications	Supported
IIAC		Cllr Manamperi	Suggested at IIAC: Increase advertising income	Supported
IIAC		Cllr Horwood	Review the print room service	Supported
IIAC		Cllr Darrington	Suggested at IIAC: Build Bio-Digestor at Dunbrik, save waste being taken out of district & generate income (question our the fact we are a collecting authority)	Supported
IIAC		Cllr Malone	Suggested at IIAC: look at sustainability of the building i.e. reduce heating and lighting use / costs	Supported
IIAC		Cllr Skinner	Suggested at FIAC but wording provided for IIAC: SDC should undertake systematic value for money studies of its activities. This would apply to all portfolio holders and all services. It should start as soon as possible and should be a continuing activity	Supported but IIAC wished to further understand context and wanted further information on what we already did and what additional WFM could we do
C&G and II		Cllr Purves & Cllr Clayton	Solar Panels on Council Property (also to be presented to IIAC)	Presented to C&G, not supported. Presented to IIAC who supported the idea but wanted to focus on SDC buildings first
C&G and II		Cllr Malone	Utility Costs / Solar Panels - increase the number of SDC buildings that have solar panels and taking out borrowing to fund their installation thereby reducing utility costs on an ongoing basis in a self-funding manner	Presented to C&G, not supported without specific savings identified but supported in principle by IIAC

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**Members suggestions received - Not supported**

Committee	No.	Councillor	Description	Current position
IIAC		Cllr Manston	Stopping the Printed version of In Shape	not supported
IIAC		Cllr Manston	Close Print Studio	not supported
IIAC		Cllr Manston	Close Argyle Road or close 1-3 days a week	not supported
C&G		Cllr Manston	Reduce Street cleaning by 1/4	Not supported
C&G		Cllr Manston	Reduce waste to fortnightly	Not supported as agreed it would be covered under Waste Strategy
C&G		Cllr Manston	Collect recycling at communal points instead of from each address	Not supported as agreed it would be covered under Waste Strategy
C&G		Cllr Purves	Stop providing CCTV service or receive external funding towards to cost of the service	Not Supported
C&G		Cllr Clayton	Accelerate review of waste collection strategy	Not supported as agreed it would be covered under Waste Strategy
DCAC		Cllr Malone	Development Management - Given reduced income/activity levels are there opportunities (i) to reduce staffing levels (or contractor employment) commensurately and/or (ii) to increase pricing for paid services?	Not supported as a vacancy is currently being held to offset this reduction in income and should planning applications increase a resource will be required.
DCAC		Cllr Malone	Given reduced income levels is there an opportunity to reduce staffing levels commensurately?	Not supported as a vacancy is currently being held to offset this reduction in income and should planning applications increase a resource will be required.
P&P		Cllr Purves	Grants to organisations. Combine with CIL funding to save on admin.	Not Supported

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**Members suggestions received - Direct to Cabinet**

Committee	No.	Councillor	Description	Current position
FIAC		Cllr Malone	Public Toilets - are there any (i) that we could potentially close without significant adverse impact on residents/users or (ii) where charges could be introduced or increased or (iii) as with the suggestion on Playgrounds above where we can seek sponsorship	received after committee meeting
FIAC		Cllr Malone	Member Allowances- Whilst the number of Members receiving allowances has increased, presumably the work Members are required to do has not in aggregate. Would it therefore be reasonable/feasible to fix the Allowances at their previous total value and simply divide them amongst those undertaking Special Responsibilities, such that while more Members get SRAs, the total amount paid remains unchanged and each Member get less money.	received after committee meeting
FIAC		Cllr Malone	Discretionary Rate Relief - Review DRR, in particular explore the possibility to increase Council tax charges on any vacant properties	received after committee meeting
FIAC		Cllr Malone	Property Investment Strategy. Is there potential to further increase the Quercus dividend over time? The forecast from 27/28 onwards feels conservative, shouldn't they also be increasing in line with other costs and income at around 2% as an aspiration?	received after committee meeting

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FIAC		Cllr Malone	Heating in Argyle. It was very warm in the FIAC meeting the other evening. Can the thermostat in Argyle Road (and other SDC properties) be turned down to save heating costs	received after committee meeting
CGAC		Cllr Horwood	Close or lease Bus Station toilet to Sevenoaks Town (5 year) so it doesn't clash with LEH. Possibly change it to a pay for use toilet	Not presented to committee
CGAC		Cllr Malone	Playgrounds - to support the maintenance of local playgrounds, could we reach out to local companies or groups (major local employers, Lions Club, local Chambers of Commerce, Business Networking International) to become sponsors of playgrounds with associated advertising as one often sees on roundabout flower gardens	Not presented to committee
CGAC & IIAC		Cllr Edward- Winser	To increase the number of solar panels across the district. Install rain water collection and also use solar panels in car parks for generation of electricity and also shade for cars	Raised at DCAC, solar panels already discussed at CGAC and IIAC
IIAC		Cllr Darrington	Energy saving light bulbs, timers	Raised at DCAC
IIAC		Cllr Darrington	In Shape printing, cheaper paper	Raised at DCAC
IIAC		Cllr Darrington	In Shape printing - Outsource In Shape so that it is more customer focused and SDC receive a income and reduce our costs	Raised at DCAC
IIAC		Cllr Reay	Bevan Place and Council advertising	Raised at DCAC
IIAC		Cllr Edward- Winser	non-flushing toilets for ladies	Raised at PPAC

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