

Statement on Providing Leadership in Planning for the Future of the Community

Folkestone Town Council is committed to providing an opportunity for the community to state its views and provide information regarding how people feel about where they live.

The Town Council has a Planning Committee that has delegated authority to make comments and representations on behalf of the Council, the committee meets three weekly to consider and respond to planning applications and consultations within the statutory time frame.

Agendas are available via our website and applications can be viewed via a public kiosk in the foyer of the Town hall.

The Town Council works proactively wherever possible to strengthen and improve relationships with community groups, local organisations, businesses, statutory bodies, voluntary groups, borough and county councils. For example, hosting public engagement events at the Town Hall.

Folkestone Community Magazine enables the Town Council to engage with registered electors to gain an insight into local opinion.

Folkestone Town Council will:

- Continue to work in balancing the current needs of the people, the economy and the environment without compromising the future.
- Ensure a fair and equitable precept is set annually.
- Actively support the local business and tourism economy.
- Continue to comment on proposed planning applications and developments.
- Facilitate the use of the Town Hall for public engagement projects hosted by external bodies to ensure access to information on future planning projects to all sectors of the community.