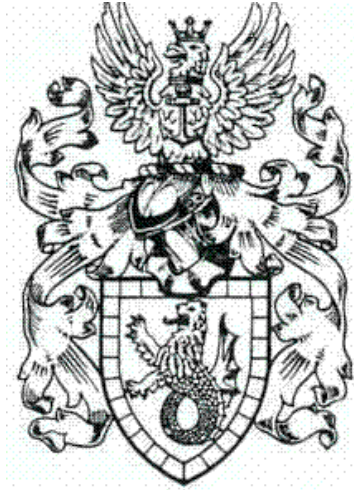


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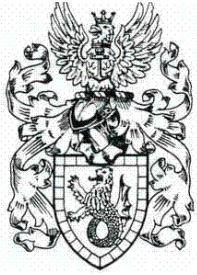
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Lewes House, Lewes
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Council Meeting

Councillors are kindly requested to switch off their mobile phones prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Note: At the commencement of the meeting the Chair will ask for a period of silence to enable councillors to focus their thoughts on the meeting or to pray silently.

To: The Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of **the Council** on **04 December 2007** at **14:30** in **The Chamber, Pelham House, St Andrew's Lane, Lewes** when it is proposed to transact the following business:

Please note the date, time and venue of the meeting.

1 Minutes

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council dated 26 September 2007 and the Minutes of the Trustees of the Mounfield Pleasure Ground Trust, Lewes, and the Stanley Turner Recreation Ground, Lewes dated 26 September 2007 (copies previously circulated).

2 Apologies for Absence

3 Disclosure by councillors of personal interests in matters on the Agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the councillor regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct

4 Announcements

To receive any announcements from the Chair of the Council, Leader of the Council, members of the Cabinet or the Chief Executive. A list of the Chair of the Council's engagements since the meeting of the Council on 26 September 2007 is enclosed – Appendix A.

Attached Documents:

5 Questions from Members of the Public

To deal with questions which members of the public may wish to put to members of the Cabinet in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 (if any).

Attached Documents:

[Questions from Members of the Public](#)

6 Petitions

To receive petitions from councillors or members of the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.

7 Written Questions from Councillors

To deal with written questions which councillors may wish to put to the Chair of the Council, a Lead Councillor on the Cabinet or the Chair of any committee or sub committee in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.

8 Ward Issues

To deal with ward issues which councillors wish to raise. A councillor wishing to raise a ward issue must notify the Chair of the Council prior to the commencement of the meeting in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.8.

9 Urgent Decisions taken by the Cabinet

In accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17, to receive details of urgent decisions taken by the Cabinet at its meetings on 17 October 2007 and 21 November 2007.

10 Recommendations from Cabinet

To consider the Recommendations from the meetings of the Cabinet held on 17 October 2007 and 21 November 2007 (and to receive questions and answers on those Recommendations) and to make resolutions thereon. (Recommendations herewith).

Attached Documents:

[Recommendations from Cabinet - 17 October 2007](#)

[Recommendations from Cabinet - 21 November 2007](#)

11 Recommendation from Licensing Committee

To consider the Recommendation from the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 9 October 2007 (Minute Extract herewith).

Attached Documents:

[Recommendation from Licensing Committee - 9 October 2007](#)

[Lewes District Council - Statement of Licensing Policy](#)

12 Notices of Motion

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13:

(a) Councillor Jones has submitted the following Notice of Motion:

“The EU Reform Treaty (also known as the Lisbon Treaty) will affect UK citizens including those within Lewes District.

The District Council believes the government should hold a referendum of the people before seeking to ratify the Treaty.

The District Council therefore resolves to write to the Prime Minister demanding that a referendum be held”.

(b) Councillors De Vecchi and Freeman have submitted the following Notice of Motion:

"This Council regrets the loss of post offices between 1999 and 2005 in the Lewes District area and notes with concern the announcement by the Government on 14th December 2006 of Ministers' plans to close 2500 Post Office branches across the UK, which includes branches in Chailey, Lewes, Newhaven and Seaford.

This Council further notes the social importance of Post Offices to the well being of both communities and individuals within Lewes District.

This Council believes that the recently announced closure programme is unnecessary and calls on the government to:

1. end the branch closure programme;
2. remove the Royal Mail restrictions on the Post Office to open up further business opportunities for the network;
3. stop removing Government business from Post Offices;
4. carry out a review of which additional Government functions could be

carried out through Post Offices;
5. invest in the Post Office network.

This Council welcomes the decision of the Government to withdraw its previous proposals to scrap completely the Post Office Card Account (POCA) but calls on Ministers to ensure that any replacement POCA should be open freely to all pensioners and benefit recipients who wants one. Therefore, the Council calls on the Government to avoid putting pressure on current and future POCA users to switch to having benefits and pensions paid directly into bank accounts."

(c) Councillors Collict and Freeman have submitted the following Notice of Motion:

"The Council accepts the conclusions of the Independent Scientific Group on Cattle TB that a large scale cull of badgers cannot meaningfully contribute to the future control of TB in cattle. The Council therefore condemns any attempt to undertake a cull of badgers in the area of Lewes District."

13 The Provision of Housing, Including Affordable Housing, in the District

To discuss matters relating to the provision of housing, including affordable housing, in the District in accordance with Cabinet Minute No 113.2 from its meeting held on 17 October 2007 (Minute Extract herewith. Report No 203/07 of the Director of Planning and Environmental Services and the Director of Finance and Community Services which was considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 17 October 2007 is attached for information. It will form the basis of the discussion at this Meeting)

Attached Documents:

[The Provision of Housing, Including Affordable Housing, in the District - Minute Extract Cabinet - 17 October 2007](#)

[The Provision of Housing, Including Affordable Housing, in the District - Report to Cabinet - 17 October 2007](#)

[The Provision of Housing, Including Affordable Housing, in the District - Report to Cabinet - 17 October 2007 - APPENDIX](#)

14 Amendments to the Council's Constitution

To consider the Report of the District Solicitor (Report No 232/07 herewith)

Attached Documents:

[Amendments to the Council's Constitution](#)

15 Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

To consider the Report of the Head of Democratic Services (Report No 233/07 herewith)

Attached Documents:

[Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places](#)

16 Appointment of Non-Lead Councillor on Cabinet

To consider the Report of the Head of Democratic Services (Report No 234/07 herewith)

Attached Documents:

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Chief Executive

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