

Lewes District Council



Council Agenda

Wednesday, 03 December 2014

Southover House, Lewes

Jenny Rowlands
Chief Executive

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Council Meeting

Councillors are kindly requested to switch off their mobile 'phones and other mobile devices 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 all Members of the Council

A meeting of the **Council** will be held in the **The Council Chamber, County Hall, St Annes Crescent, Lewes Address** on **Wednesday, 03 December 2014** at **14:30** which you are requested to attend. Please note the start time and that the venue for this meeting is wheelchair accessible and has an induction loop to help people who are hearing impaired.

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1 Minutes

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council dated 15 October 2014 (copy previously circulated).

2 Apologies for Absence

3 Declarations of Interest

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 15 October 2014 is enclosed (page 5).

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).

6 Petitions

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

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 (if any).

8 Questions to the Leader of the Council

To deal with questions (if any) which councillors may wish to put to the Leader of the Council. It will be at the Leader's discretion to re-direct questions to relevant Members of the Cabinet.

A councillor wishing to raise a question must notify the Chair of the Council of the text of the question prior to the commencement of the meeting.

(NB This item is limited to a maximum of 5 questions, with no more than 1 question being asked per councillor. If a question requires a detailed or technical response, the Leader may decide that a written response is more appropriate).

9 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 (if any).

10 Urgent Decisions taken by the Cabinet or Cabinet Members

In accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17, to receive details of any urgent decisions taken by the Cabinet or Cabinet Members since the Meeting of the Council on 15 October 2014.

11 Recommendations from Cabinet

To consider the recommendations from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 20 November 2014 (Minute Extracts herewith - page 7).

12 Notices of Motion

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13 Councillor Gardiner has submitted the following Notice of Motion:

"Background

While many ordinary people face falling household income and rising costs of living, some multinational companies are avoiding billions of pounds of tax from a tax system that fails to make them pay their fair share. Local governments in developing countries and the UK alike would benefit from a fairer tax system where multinational companies pay their fair share, enabling authorities around the world to provide quality public services. The UK government must listen to the strength of public feeling and act to end the injustice of tax dodging by large multinational companies, in developing countries and the UK.

Motion

This council resolves to write to the UK government:

welcoming its crack-down on UK tax avoidance, which includes measures such as a general anti-avoidance rule, capping income tax reliefs, and reducing annual tax free pension contributions from £250,000 to £40,000.

further welcoming the UK government's role in the OECD drive to introduce country by country reporting, and transfer pricing documentation, and exchange of information on taxation.

and urging the government to do all that it can to accelerate international co-operation on multinational corporate tax avoidance through the European Union, the OECD and other international bodies.

and further, to write to the President of the European Commission, and the chair of the European Union's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs urging them to treat the prevention of corporate tax avoidance as a priority during the current session."

13 Change to Membership of Planning Applications Committee and Scrutiny Committee

To consider the Report of the Assistant Director of Corporate Services (Report No 170/14 herewith - page 16).

14 Right to Buy Sales and Lease Extensions - Delegated Powers

To consider the Report of the Assistant Director of Corporate Services (Report No 171/14 herewith - page 18).

15 Reporting Back on Meetings of Outside Bodies

To receive feedback from the Council's representatives who serve on outside bodies in respect of meetings they have attended (if any). A councillor wishing to provide feedback must notify the Chair of the Council prior to the commencement of the meeting.

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