

Full Council

24 February 2020

Quorum: 11

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To the Members of the Council

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber at County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes on 24 February 2020 at 6.00 pm to transact the following business.

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.

Agenda

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2019 (Pages 9 - 18)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council dated 25 September 2019.

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 (Pages 19 - 20)

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 previous meeting is enclosed.

5 Urgent items

Items not on the agenda which the Chair of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances as defined in Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

6 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 11 (if any).

7 Petitions

No petitions have been received for consideration under Council Procedure Rule 13.

8 Council Budget and Setting of the Council Tax for 2020/21 (Pages 21 - 48)

Report of Councillor Nicholson on behalf of the Cabinet. Referred from Cabinet on 10 February 2020, incorporating the recommendations from the Cabinet reports on:

- General Fund Revenue Budget 2020/21 and Capital Programme
- Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Revenue Budget and Rent Setting 2020/21 and HRA Capital Programme 2019-23
- Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators 2020/21, Capital Strategy and Investment Strategy

A copy of a General Fund amendment received from Councillor Linington is attached. Any further amendments received by the deadline of 6 pm on 23 February will be circulated.

Please note that the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 requires named votes to be taken and recorded when setting the annual budget and council tax, this to include on the substantive motions and any amendments.

9 Other matters referred from Cabinet or other Council Bodies.

The following matters are submitted to the Council for decision:-

- (a) **Corporate Plan 2020-24** (Report to follow).
Report of Director of Regeneration and Planning. Referred from Cabinet on 10 February 2020.

(b) Making the Seaford Neighbourhood Plan (Pages 49 - 50)

Report of Councillor O'Brien on behalf of the Cabinet. Referred from Cabinet on 10 February 2020.

(c) Adoption of the Lewes District Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations and Development Management Policies (Pages 51 - 52)

Report of Councillor O'Brien on behalf of Cabinet. Referred from Cabinet on 20 February 2020.

(d) Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2020/21 and Council Tax Class C Discount (Pages 53 - 68)

Report of the Director of Service Delivery. Recommendation from the meeting of Cabinet on 28 October 2019. Appendix 1 is circulated as a separate document.

10 Appointment of Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer (Pages 69 - 72)

Report of the Assistant Director – Legal and Democratic Services.

11 Governance Review Report (Pages 73 - 122)

Report of the Assistant Director – Corporate Governance and Assistant Director – Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer).

12 Calendar of Meetings 2020-21 (Pages 123 - 124)

To agree the proposed Calendar of Meetings for 2020/21.

This includes amendments to the date of Annual Council to be 18 May 2020, and to the date of the first Cabinet of the new municipal year to be 11 June 2020.

Please note: The Council dates will be subject to final approval at the annual meeting of the Council, in accordance with legislation.

13 Urgent decisions taken by the Cabinet, Cabinet members or Officers

In accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17, to receive details of any urgent decisions taken by the Cabinet, Cabinet members or Officers since the previous meeting.

(a) IT Provisions Decision Notice - Urgent decision taken by the Leader (18 December 2019) (Pages 125 - 126)

(b) Newhaven Neighbourhood Plan Decision Notice - Urgent decision taken by the Deputy Chief Executive (27 November) (Pages 127 - 128)

14 Notices of motion. (Pages 129 - 130)

To consider notice of motion which has been received from Councillor Davy.

15 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 12 (if any). The deadline for receipt of questions is 5 pm on 18 February 2020.

16 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.

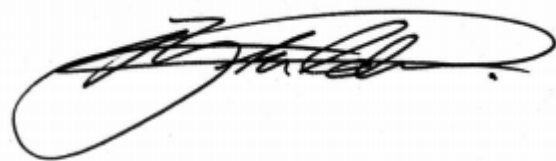
(NB - This item is limited to a maximum of 5 questions, with no more than 1 question being asked per Councillor. If a question requires a detailed or technical response, the Leader may decide that a written response is more appropriate).

17 Ward issues

To deal with ward issues which councillors wish to raise (if any).

18 Reporting back on meetings of outside bodies (Pages 131 - 138)

To receive any reports from the Council's representatives who serve on outside bodies in respect of meetings they have attended.



Robert Cottrill
Chief Executive

Information for the Public

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Information for Councillors

Disclosure of interests: Members should declare their interest in a matter at the beginning of the meeting.

In the case of a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI), if the interest is not registered (nor the subject of a pending notification) details of the nature of the interest must be reported to the meeting by the member and subsequently notified in writing to the Monitoring Officer within 28 days.

If a member has a DPI or other prejudicial interest he/she must leave the room when the matter is being considered (unless he/she has obtained a dispensation).

Councillor right of address: A member of the Council may ask the Chair, the Leader, a Cabinet member, the Chair of any committee or sub-committee, or a member of the Council to any external body or joint authority a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers of duties of which affects the district.

A member must give notice of the written question to Democratic Services in writing or by electronic mail no later than close of business on the fourth working day before the meeting at which the question is to be asked.

Democratic Services

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