

# Full Council

## 23 February 2022



Working in partnership with **Eastbourne Homes**

Quorum: 7

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**To the Members of the Borough Council**

**You are summoned to attend an ordinary/annual meeting of Eastbourne Borough Council to be held at the Shackleton Hall, Welcome Building, Devonshire Quarter, Compton Street, Eastbourne BN21 4BP on 23 February 2022 at 6.00 pm to transact the following business.**

NOTE - Attendees are recommended to wear a face covering to move around the building until seated or unless speaking into a microphone. Attendees are also recommended to take a lateral flow ahead of attending the meeting. The meeting will be webcast and a link to view the webcast will be available on the Council's website.

## Agenda

**1 Minutes of the meetings held on 17 November 2021 and 31 January 2022. (Pages 7 - 14)**

**2 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) by members as required under Section 31 of the Localism Act and of other interests as required by the Code of Conduct (please see note at end of agenda).**

**3 Mayor's announcements. (Pages 15 - 16)**

A list of the Mayor's announcements in respect of his activities since the last meeting is attached for information.

**4 Notification of apologies for absence.**

**5 Public right of address.**

The Mayor to report any requests received from a member of the public under council procedure rule 11 in respect of any referred item or motion listed below.

**6 Order of business.**

The Council may vary the order of business if, in the opinion of the Mayor, a matter should be given precedence by reason of special urgency.

**7 Matters referred from Cabinet or other council bodies.**

The following matters are submitted to the Council for decision (council procedure rule 12 refers):-

**(a) Council Budget and Setting of the Council Tax for 2022/23.** (Pages 17 - 42)

Report of Councillor Holt on behalf of the Cabinet. Referred from Cabinet on 9 February 2022. To include decisions in respect of:

- General Fund Budget 2022/23 and Capital Programme.
- Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators 2022/23, Capital Strategy and Investment Strategy.
- Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Revenue Budget and Rent Setting 2022/23 and HRA Capital Programme 2021-25

**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 votes on any amendments and substantive motions.

**(b) Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme.** (Pages 43 - 44)

Report of Councillor Shuttleworth on behalf of the Cabinet. Referred from Cabinet on 1 December 2021.

**(c) Appointment of External Auditor.** (Pages 45 - 60)

Report of the Chief Finance Officer. Referred from Audit and Governance Committee on 12 January 2022.

**(d) Approval of Licensing Fees and Charges 2022-23.** (Pages 61 - 68)

Report of Councillor Maxted on behalf of the Licensing Committee of 17 January 2022.

**(e) Review of the Cumulative Impact Assessment part of the Statement of Licensing Act Policy 2019-2024.** (Pages 69 - 72)

Report of Councillor Maxted on behalf of the Licensing Committee of 17 January 2022.

**8 Motions.**

The following motions have been submitted by members under council procedure rule 13:-

**(a) Motion 1 - 20 mph speed limits**

Motion submitted by Councillor Murray:

“Eastbourne Borough Council:

1. Supports the ‘20’s Plenty Eastbourne’ campaign:

“We have all seen the benefits of less traffic on the road because of lockdown, the aim of this campaign is to ask East Sussex County Council to help keep these improvements in air quality and road

safety by introducing 20mph speed limits in all the areas where we have schools and where people live, work, shop, play or learn”

2. Calls on East Sussex County Council to implement 20mph as the default speed limit in Eastbourne; and
3. Agrees that the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Place Services and Special Projects and Chair of the Planning Committee write to East Sussex County Council on behalf of the Council to request making 20mph the default speed limit on streets throughout Eastbourne in places where people live, work, shop, play or learn, leaving 30mph as the exception on those roads, where full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users allows a higher limit.”

**(b) Motion 2 - Holding Southern Water to account**

Submitted by Councillor Babarinde

“This Council notes that:

1. Southern Water has discharged untreated wastewater (raw sewage) into the sea in Eastbourne 20 times in the last year.
2. Southern Water was fined £90 million in 2021 for dumping raw sewage into the sea, after pleading guilty to 6,971 unpermitted sewage discharges.
3. Southern Water conducted a severe raw sewage dump on the Eastbourne coast for more than 17 hours on Saturday 5 February 2022.
4. The 5 February dump was caused by an electrical fault at the Southern Water Treatment Plant. No back-up system was in place and this could not be rectified until a portable generator was brought on to the site.
5. Clean Eastbourne sea is critical to Eastbourne’s tourism economy, the quality of our coastal environment, and to the enjoyment and fitness of local swimming groups and residents.
6. Southern Water made a profit £139 million last year.

This Council calls on:

1. Southern Water to swiftly complete a full and transparent investigation into the 5 February Eastbourne discharge, and its raw sewage dumping more generally.
2. Southern Water to take robust action to prevent such discharges from reoccurring in Eastbourne and elsewhere, including the deployment of a permanent on-site back-up generator at the

Eastbourne Water Treatment Plant.

3. Southern Water to take responsibility for such discharges in Eastbourne and apologise to Eastbourne residents, businesses and visitors.
4. The Government to introduce a 'Sewage Tax' on water companies' profits to begin compensating for their discharges, and to help fund a cleaner sea."

**(c) Motion 3 - Maintaining Heritage Assets**

Submitted by Councillor Smart

"This Council commits to properly maintaining its Heritage (and other) assets such the Bandstand, Winter Garden, Redoubt Fortress and Motcombe Pool."

**(d) Motion 4 - Cardiology Services at the Eastbourne DGH**

Submitted by Councillor Babarinde

"This Council calls on:

1. East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust to retain full cardiology services at the Eastbourne District General Hospital (DGH), including catheterisation laboratories and specialist inpatient services.
2. East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust to publish – in full – the criteria and the criteria weightings it will use to assess where local cardiology services will be located in the future, as part of its 'Improving cardiology and ophthalmology services in East Sussex' proposals.
3. Local residents in Eastbourne and the surrounding areas to contribute to East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's public consultation on its 'Improving cardiology and ophthalmology services in East Sussex' proposals before it concludes on Friday 11 March."

**9 Calendar of Meetings 2022/23. (Pages 73 - 74)**

To agree the Calendar of Meetings for 2022/23.

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

**10 Special Urgency Decisions by Cabinet Members (Pages 75 - 78)**

Report of the Leader on Cabinet Member decisions made under special urgency powers during the last three months and reported in accordance with Section 17.3 of the Council's Access to Information Procedures Rules. Copies of the decision notices are attached for information for the following decisions:

[Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant Scheme](#) – 14 January 2022

[COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund Scheme](#) – 31 January 2022.

**11 Discussion on minutes of council bodies.**

To receive and note the minutes of Council Bodies.

Members of the Council who wish to raise items for discussion (council procedure rule 14) on any of the minutes of the meetings of formal council bodies listed below must submit their request to the Head of Democratic Services no later than 10.00 am on the day of the meeting. A list of such items (if any) will be circulated prior to the start of the meeting.

*The following are appended to this agenda:-*

- (a) **Minutes of Cabinet - 1 December 2021** (Pages 79 - 84)
- (b) **Minutes of Planning Committee - 23 November 2021** (Pages 85 - 86)
- (c) **Minutes of Audit and Governance Committee - 24 November 2021**  
(Pages 87 - 92)
- (d) **Minutes of Scrutiny Committee - 29 November 2021** (Pages 93 - 98)
- (e) **Minutes of Planning Committee - 14 December 2021** (Pages 99 - 104)
- (f) **Minutes of Audit and Governance Committee - 12 January 2022**  
(Pages 105 - 108)
- (g) **Minutes of Licensing Committee - 17 January 2022** (Pages 109 - 112)
- (h) **Minutes of Planning Committee - 25 January 2022** (Pages 113 - 116)
- (i) **Minutes of Scrutiny Committee - 7 February 2022**
- (j) **Minutes of Cabinet - 9 February 2022**

**12 Date of the next meeting.**

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 18 May 2022.



**Robert Cottrill**  
**Chief Executive**

# Information for the public

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# Information for Councillors

## **Items for discussion:**

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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).

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