

Annual Council and Full Council

18 May 2022



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Quorum: 7

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To the Members of the Borough Council

You are summoned to attend an annual and ordinary meeting of Eastbourne Borough Council to be held at the Court Room at Eastbourne Town Hall, Grove Road, BN21 4UG on 18 May 2022 at 6.00 pm to transact the following business.

Agenda

A. Business of Annual Council:

- 1 Election of Mayor.
- 2 Notification of apologies for absence.
- 3 **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).**

- 4 **Minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2022 (Pages 7 - 22)**

To consider the minutes of the last meeting of the Full Council held on 23 February 2022, and resolve whether to accept them as a correct record.

- 5 **Appointment of Deputy Mayor.**
- 6 **Investiture of the Mayor's Consort.**
- 7 **Mayor's Chaplin - Notification of Appointment**
- 8 **Mayor's Announcements (Pages 23 - 26)**

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

- 9 **Executive Arrangements**

Note: The election of Leader of the Council took place at the Annual Meeting on 21 May 2019. The Leader was appointed to a 4-year term of office.

Leader of the Council to report:

(a) Any changes in respect to the names of those Councillors serving on the Cabinet and the Councillor appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council (and Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet) and the respective areas of responsibility for each member of the Cabinet.

(b) That the terms of reference and constitution of the Cabinet be as set out in the Council's Constitution.

(c) To confirm if any delegations to individual Cabinet members in respect of executive functions have been made at this time.

10 Appointments Report (Pages 27 - 40)

To receive the report of the Head of Democratic Services.

11 Confirmation of the Calendar of meetings for 2022/23 (Pages 41 - 42)

To formally approve the calendar of meetings for 2022/23.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting will be adjourned for a short time to allow for the Civic Guests to leave the room and precede to the Civic Drinks Reception.

The Council will then resume and consider the remaining items on the Full Council agenda.

B. Business of Full Council:

12 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.

13 Petitions

A petition has been received from Gaynor Sedgwick (Chair of the Save Eastbourne Bandstand Group) signed by 2,319 members of the public which states:

'We the undersigned request that members of Eastbourne Borough Council and their officers:

1. Prioritise the immediate need of the Bandstand above other projects for any appropriate funding opportunities that arise.
2. Set up a planned, ongoing, increased and realistic annual maintenance budget and programme of works for the Bandstand with the aim to repair, restore and re-open the Bandstand."

This will be formally presented at the meeting by Gaynor Sedgwick and discussed in accordance with the Council's Petitions Scheme.

14 Corporate Plan 2020-2024 - Refresh (Pages 43 - 62)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive.

15 Annual Pay Policy Statement 2022-23 (Pages 63 - 68)

To consider the report of the Assistant Director of Human Resources and Transformation.

16 Motions.

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

(a) Motion - Cost of Living Emergency

Motion submitted by Councillor Babarinde:

This Council notes that:

- On 1 April 2022, Ofgem increased the energy price cap by 54%.
- In light of the increased energy price cap, the average standard tariff energy bill will increase by £693 per year. The average pre-pay meter energy bill will increase by £708 per year (Ofgem, 2022).
- On 6 April 2022, the Government increased National Insurance by 1.25 percentage points, which is projected to cost the average Eastbourne family an additional £108 per year.
- The Government has suspended the pensions 'triple lock' for 2022/3, meaning that Eastbourne's 25,806 pensioners will see a rise of 3.1% this year (instead of 8.3% under the triple lock formula). This year, this will cost an Eastbourne Resident on the full new state pension an average of £487, and an Eastbourne Resident on the full basic state pension an average of £373 (TUC, 2022).
- In 2021/22 Eastbourne Foodbank distributed food parcels at a rate of 17,440 per 100,000 people, the highest rate in the country (Trussell Trust, 2022).

This Council therefore declares a 'Cost of Living Emergency' and calls on the Government to:

1. Immediately impose a 'Windfall Tax' on the super profits of oil and gas companies and use this to take an average of £600 off an Eastbourne Resident's energy bills this year.
2. Immediately reduce the standard rate of VAT from 20% to 17.5% for one year, saving the average Eastbourne household a further £600 this year.
3. Immediately re-introduce the pensions triple lock to support Eastbourne's pensioners.

(b) Motion - New Hospital for Eastbourne

Motion submitted by Councillor Babarinde:

This Council notes that:

- In October 2020, the Government pledged a brand new hospital for Eastbourne.

This Council calls on:

- The Government to honour its promise of a brand new hospital for Eastbourne.
- East Sussex NHS Hospitals Trust to share its 'Building for our Future' Strategic Outline Case for Eastbourne's brand new hospital with the Save the DGH Campaign Group for constructive scrutiny without delay.

17 Special Urgency Decisions by Cabinet Members (Pages 69 - 70)

Report of the Leader on a Cabinet Member decision made under special urgency powers since the last meeting and reported in accordance with Section 17.3 of the Council's Access to Information Procedures Rules. A copy of the decision notice is attached for information:

Decision of Leader on 28 February 2022:

[2022/23 Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Relief scheme and the extension of Transitional Relief and Supporting Small Business relief scheme.](#)

18 Discussion on 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 Audit and Governance Committee - 2 March 2022** (Pages 71 - 76)
- (b) Minutes of Cabinet - 21 March 2022** (Pages 77 - 80)
- (c) Minutes of Planning Committee - 22 March 2022** (Pages 81 - 84)
- (d) Minutes of Planning Committee - 19 April 2022** (Pages 85 - 90)

19 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Full Council is scheduled to take place at 6 pm on 20 July 2022.



Robert Cottrill
Chief Executive

Information for the public

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Information for Councillors

Items for discussion:

Members of the Council who wish to raise items for discussion on any of the minutes of council bodies attached to the meeting agenda, are required to notify Democratic Services by 10am on the day of the meeting.

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).

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