

Full Council

20 November 2023



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, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1UE on 20 November 2023 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 2023 (Pages 7 - 12)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council dated 25 September 2023.

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 previous meeting will be circulated.

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

To receive petitions from councillors or members of the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13 (if any).

8 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 previous meeting.

9 Code of Conduct Matter

The Monitoring Officer (MO) received several complaints regarding the conduct of Councillor Sean Macleod, following a social media post in March 2023.

The MO dealt with the complaints under the Council's arrangements for alleged failures to comply with the Code of Conduct. A thorough investigation took place, including interviews with key individuals. In reaching his conclusion, the MO consulted with the Council's Independent Person, Neal Robinson.

Councillor Macleod has accepted the conclusion of the Monitoring Officer in full regarding this matter and will issue a verbal apology at the meeting.

10 Recommendations from Cabinet, Committees and Other Bodies

(a) Updated and Aligned Scheme of Delegation to Officers (Pages 13 - 76)

Report of the Monitoring Officer and Legal Officer.

Considered and Referred by Audit and Governance Committee on 4 September 2023, and Cabinet on 4 November 2023.

(b) Lewes Local Plan - Preferred Options and Policies Directions (Pages 77 - 298)

Report of Councillor O'Connor on behalf of Cabinet held on 9 November 2023.

(c) Housing Benefit War Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation Policy (Pages 299 - 304)

Report of Councillor Nicholson on behalf of Cabinet held on 9 November 2023.

11 Polling Districts and Polling Places Review (Pages 305 - 346)

Report of the Head of Elections and Local Land Charges.

12 Notices of motion.**(a) Motion for the Ocean** (Pages 347 - 350)

To consider the notice of motion submitted by Councillor Francomb.

(b) Motion on Puppy Farms (Pages 351 - 352)

To consider the notice of motion submitted by Councillor Hoareau.

13 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).

14 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).

15 Ward issues

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

16 Reporting back on meetings of outside bodies (Pages 353 - 358)

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

17 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 19 February 2024 at 6 pm.



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 or 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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