

Full Council

5 March 2025



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 Court Room at Eastbourne Town Hall, Grove Road, BN21 4UG on 5 March 2025 at 6.00 pm to transact the following business.

Agenda

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2024 (Pages 7 - 10)

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 11 - 14)

A list of the Mayor's announcements in respect of her 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 Petition - Sovereign Centre

To receive a petition containing 2,388 signatures, with the title 'Call for a public meeting regarding the future of the Sovereign Centre'.

The petition organiser will have 5 minutes to speak, followed by up to 15 minutes of debate by Councillors.

8 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 2025/26 (Pages 15 - 42)

Report of the Chief Finance Officer and Councillor Butcher on behalf of the Cabinet. Referred from Cabinet on 12 February 2025, incorporating the recommendations from the Cabinet reports on:

- General Fund Revenue Budget 2025-26 and Capital Programme
- Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators 2025-26, Capital Strategy and Investment Strategy
- Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 2025-26

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, including on substantive motions and on amendments.

(b) General Fund Accommodation Programme (Pages 43 - 44)

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Regeneration and Planning and Councillor Diplock on behalf of the Cabinet. Referred from Cabinet on 12 February 2025.

(c) Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (Pages 45 - 180)

Report of the Chief Executive and Councillor Butcher on behalf of the Cabinet. Referred from Cabinet on 12 February 2025.

(d) Eastbourne Local Development Scheme (Pages 181 - 220)

Report of the Chief Executive and Councillor Swansborough on behalf of the Cabinet. Referred from Cabinet on 12 February 2025.

(e) Approval of Licensing Fees 2025/2026 (Pages 221 - 228)

Report of the Chief Executive and Councillor Morris on behalf of the Licensing Committee. Referred from the Licensing Committee on 27 January 2025.

(f) Eastbourne Borough Council Statement of Gambling Principles (Pages 229 - 282)

Report of the Chief Executive and Councillor Morris on behalf of the Licensing Committee. Referred from the Licensing Committee on 17 December 2024.

9 Calendar of Meetings 2025/26 (Pages 283 - 284)

To agree the Calendar of Meetings for 2025/26.

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

10 Motions.

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

(a) Motion - Cross-Boundary Infrastructure

Motion submitted by Councillor Shuttleworth:

“Eastbourne Borough Council recognises that, with the update to the National Planning Policy Framework in December 2024 and reforms to the planning system in England, our area could see more new development on the Eastbourne Borough Council and Wealden District Council borders coming forward. This will undoubtedly lead to additional pressures on services and infrastructure across the area.

Eastbourne Borough Council will continue to seek to work collaboratively with neighbouring authorities to understand the cross-boundary infrastructure capacities and constraints, and how authorities can work together to address the issues going forward in a way that does not detrimentally impact our borough.”

(b) Motion - No confidence in the Cabinet

Motion submitted by Councillor Smart:

“This Council has no confidence in the Cabinet of Eastbourne Borough Council due to past failings, lack of foresight, and current panic measures.”

11 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 Planning Committee - 12 November 2024** (Pages 285 - 288)
- (b) **Minutes of Scrutiny Committee - 9 December 2024** (Pages 289 - 298)
- (c) **Minutes of Planning Committee - 10 December 2024** (Pages 299 - 300)
- (d) **Minutes of Cabinet - 11 December 2024** (Pages 301 - 308)
- (e) **Minutes of Audit and Governance Committee - 12 December 2024**
(Pages 309 - 314)
- (f) **Minutes of Licensing Committee - 17 December 2024** (Pages 315 - 316)
- (g) **Minutes of Licensing Committee - 27 January 2025** (Pages 317 - 320)

- (h) **Minutes of Scrutiny Committee - 10 February 2025** (Pages 321 - 332)
- (i) **Minutes of Planning Committee - 11 February 2025** (Pages 333 - 336)
- (j) **Minutes of Cabinet - 12 February 2025** (Pages 337 - 348)

12 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 21 May 2025 at 6 pm.

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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