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## **To the Members of the Borough Council**

You are summoned to attend an **ordinary meeting** of the **Eastbourne Borough Council to be held at the Town Hall, Eastbourne**, on **Wednesday, 19 February 2014 at 6.00 pm** to transact the following business.

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# Agenda

- 1. Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2013 (previously circulated).**
- 2. Declarations of interests.**

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.**

**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. Amendment to Council procedure rules - Recorded named votes on setting the annual budget and council tax (Pages 1 - 2)**

Report of Head of Corporate Development.

**8. Council budget and setting of the council tax for 2014/15. (Pages 3 - 106)**

Report of Councillor Mattock on behalf of the Cabinet.

**9. Matters referred from Cabinet or other Council bodies.**

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

- (a)** Treasury management and prudential indicators 2014/15 (Pages 107 - 108)

Report of Councillor Gill Mattock on behalf of the Cabinet.

**10. Motions.**

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

- (a)** The future of maternity and paediatric services in Eastbourne.

Motion submitted by Councillor David Tutt, Leader of the Council, and Councillor David Elkin, Leader of the Opposition:

*That this Council notes the launch of the consultation process by the Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford Clinical Commissioning Group on the proposal document 'Better Beginnings' in respect of the future of NHS maternity, in-patient children's services and emergency gynaecology in East Sussex, and responds to it in detail, with the following key overarching messages:*

- 1. Promoting Eastbourne's current and ongoing need for these services having regard to the size and density of our catchment area, the growing overall population, the reducing average age of our population, the potential risks to patients if this is not provided, and the evidence of economic growth in the town.*
- 2. Challenging the assertion that the proposals would result in a safer service than would be the case if full services were maintained at both Eastbourne and Hastings sites and, as a result, maintaining a view that the omission of this as one of the options for consideration, is unacceptable.*
- 3. Having regard to the findings gleaned from the recent Scrutiny Seminar involving members of the Council and representatives of East Sussex Health Trust (ESHT) and the resulting content of the consultation document, the degree of influence that ESHT has had on the options being proposed and our strong concern at the apparent pre-determination of the outcomes of this consultation process.*

*Accordingly, the Council authorises both group leaders to co-sign the detailed response, invite the Council's Hospitals Champion, Honorary Freeman Liz Walke, to also co-sign the response on behalf of the 'Save the DGH' Campaign Group, consider the same invitation to any other appropriate co-signatories, and submit it ahead of the consultation deadline date of 8 April 2014.*

**(b)** Sussex Day

Motion submitted by Councillor Philip Ede:

*That this council officially recognises Sussex Day on 16th June 2014 and in subsequent years and publicising Sussex Day on its websites and via social media. That this council's events team are tasked with establishing the feasibility of an Eastbourne Sussex Day event for next year, in June 2015, and subject to its findings, commence formulating it.*

- (c)** Sovereign Harbour residents' contributions towards sea defence costs

Motion submitted by Councillor Patrick Warner:

*This Council accepts that residents have every right to feel that they were failed from the outset and for them to consider that fairness was not at the heart of the agreement which sees a charge put on Harbour residents alone to maintain sea defences. Furthermore, members will instruct officers to look into how best this council can contribute to righting the historic wrongs and ensure that fairness is at the heart of any new agreement in future.*

## **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 Corporate Development no later than 10.00 am on Wednesday 19 February 2014. 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 meeting of Conservation Area Advisory Group held on 19 November 2013 (Pages 109 - 112)
- (b)** Minutes of meeting of Planning Committee held on 26 November 2013 (Pages 113 - 116)
- (c)** Minutes of meeting of Audit and Governance Committee held on 4 December 2013 (Pages 117 - 122)
- (d)** Minutes of meeting of Scrutiny Committee held on 9 December 2013 (Pages 123 - 128)
- (e)** Minutes of meeting of Cabinet held on 11 December 2013 (Pages 129 - 144)

- (f) Minutes of meeting of Conservation Area Advisory Group held on 7 January 2014 (Pages 145 - 148)
- (g) Minutes of meeting of Planning Committee held on 7 January 2014 (Pages 149 - 152)
- (h) Minutes of meeting of General Licensing Committee held on 13 January 2014 (Pages 153 - 158)
- (i) Minutes of meeting of Scrutiny Committee held on 3 February 2014 (to follow)
- (j) Minutes of meeting of Planning held on 4 February 2014 (Pages 159 - 162)
- (k) Minutes of meeting of Cabinet held on 5 February 2014 (Pages 163 - 180)

**12. Exclusion of the Public - Motion that:**

The remainder of the business of the council concerns the consideration of the confidential proceedings of council bodies. As such, discussion is likely to disclose exempt information within the categories specified either beneath the item or within the open summary of the relevant minutes. Furthermore, in relation to paragraph 10 of schedule 12A, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The public, therefore, should be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

**13. Discussion of minutes of Council bodies.**

(See note at item 11 above). A list of items raised by members (if any) will be circulated prior to the start of the meeting.

*The following are appended to this agenda:-*

- (a) Confidential minutes of meeting of Cabinet held on 11 December 2013 (Pages 181 - 182)
- (b) Confidential minutes of meeting of Cabinet held on 5 February 2014 (Pages 183 - 186)



**Robert Cottrill  
Chief Executive**

## **Guidance notes:**

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**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 the Head of Corporate Development by 10am on Wednesday 19 February 2014.

**Disclosure of interests** - Members should declare their interest in a matter at the beginning of the meeting, and again, at the point at which that agenda item is introduced.

Members must declare the existence and nature of any interest.

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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). If a member has a DPI he/she may not make representations first.

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