

Full Council

20 February 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 February 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 21 November 2022. (Pages 7 - 14)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council dated 21 November 2022.

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 Members' Code of Conduct.

4 Announcements. (Pages 15 - 16)

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 is enclosed.

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 Policy and Performance Procedure Rule 17, to receive details of any urgent decisions taken by the Cabinet or Cabinet members since the previous meeting.

9 Recommendations from Cabinet, Committees and Other Council Bodies.

(a) Council Budget and Setting of the Council Tax 2023/24. (Pages 17 - 50)

Report of the Chief Finance Officer and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Assets on behalf of the Cabinet. Referred from Cabinet on 2 February 2023, incorporating the recommendations from the Cabinet reports on:

- General Fund Revenue Budget 2023/24 and Capital Programme.
- Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators 2023/24, Capital Strategy and Investment Strategy.
- Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Revenue Budget and Rent Setting 2023/24 and HRA Capital Programme 2023-26.

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 any amendments.

(b) Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2023/24. (Pages 51 - 52)

Report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Assets on behalf the meeting of Cabinet on 8 December 2022.

(c) Approval of Licensing Fees 2023/24. (Pages 53 - 60)

Report of the Chair of the Licensing Committee on behalf of the Committee, referred from the meeting of Licensing Committee held on 12 January 2023.

Note - some presentational changes have been made to Appendix 1 since presented to the Licensing Committee (shown highlighted) to provide greater transparency on the 1 year private hire licence fees available, the total fees applicable for a new driver, and the fee for an English Test resit.

10 Appointment of the Monitoring Officer. (Pages 61 - 64)

Report of Chief Executive.

11 Notices of motion.

(a) Motion - Rights of the River. (Pages 65 - 66)

Motion submitted by Councillor Matthew Bird.

12 Calendar of Meetings 2023-24. (Pages 67 - 68)

To agree the proposed Calendar of Meetings for 2023/24.

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

13 Written questions from Councillors.

To deal with written questions which Councillors may wish to put to the Chair of the Council, Cabinet Member 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.

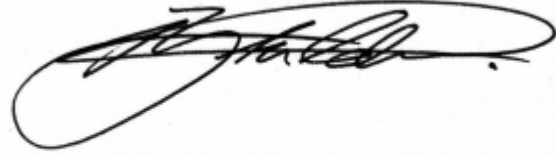
To deal with ward issues which Councillors wish to raise in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19 (if any).

16 Reporting back on meetings of outside bodies. (Pages 69 - 78)

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 to take place on 22 May 2023 at 6 pm.



Robert Cottrill
Chief Executive

Information for the public

Accessibility: Please note that the venue for this meeting is wheelchair accessible and has an induction loop to help people who are hearing impaired. This agenda and accompanying reports are published on the Council's website in PDF format which means you can use the "read out loud" facility of Adobe Acrobat Reader.

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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 of 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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