

Full Council

19 February 2024



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 19 February 2024 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 20 November 2023 (Pages 7 - 14)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council dated 20 November 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 (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 Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17, to receive details of any urgent decisions taken by the Cabinet or Cabinet members since the previous meeting.

9 Member Attendance

To approve the absence of Councillor Coupland from attendance at any Full Council, Committee or Sub-Committee meeting of Lewes District Council pursuant to Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, due to his current ill health, for a period from 19 February 2024 up to and including the date of the November Full Council meeting, scheduled to be 18 November 2024.

10 Recommendations from Cabinet, Committees and Other Bodies

(a) Council Budget and Setting of the Council Tax for 2024/25 (Pages 17 - 54)

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

- General Fund Revenue Budget 2024-25 and Capital Programme
- Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators 2024-25 Capital Strategy
- Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Revenue Budget and Rent Setting 2024-25
- Council Tax Discounts and Premiums 2024-25

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 (Pages 55 - 190)

Report of the Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing on behalf the meeting of Cabinet on 7 December 2023.

- (c) **Re-imagining Lewes District: Delivering the Vision 2024 - 2028** (Pages 191 - 208)

Report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Assets on behalf the meeting of Cabinet on 1 February 2024.

- (d) **Approval of Licensing Fees 2024/2025** (Pages 209 - 232)

Report of the Chair of the Licensing Committee on behalf of the Committee, referred from the meeting of Licensing Committee held on 14 December 2023.

11 Members' Allowances Scheme - Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) (Pages 233 - 288)

Report of the Head of Democratic Services (and Monitoring Officer).

12 Notices of motion.

- (a) **Motion - Support for Zane's Law** (Pages 289 - 290)

Submitted by Councillor Makepeace.

- (b) **Motion - Giving Children the Best Start in Life** (Pages 291 - 292)

Submitted by Councillor MacCleary.

13 Calendar of Meetings 2024-25 (Pages 293 - 294)

To agree the proposed Calendar of Meetings for 2024/25.

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

14 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).

15 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).

16 Ward issues

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

17 Reporting back on meetings of outside bodies (Pages 295 - 302)

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

18 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 20 May 2024.



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 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

For any further queries regarding this agenda or notification of apologies please contact Democratic Services.

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