



Council Meeting

14 December 2016

HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Hastings Borough Council to be held at the Aquila House, Breeds Place, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 3UY, on Wednesday, 14th December, 2016 at 6.00 pm at which meeting the business specified below is proposed to be transacted.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Legal Officer

Aquila House
Breeds Place
Hastings

6 December 2016

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Special Council and Full Council meetings held on 26 October 2016
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Announcements from the Mayor and Leader
5. Questions (if any) from: -
 - a) Members of the public under Rule 11
 - b) Councillors under Rule 12
6. Motion (Rule 14)
Councillor Wincott to propose, seconded by Councillor Roberts that:

This Council notes:
 1. That the House of Lords has amended the Bus Services Bill passing through Parliament to remove Clause 21 that would effectively

“prohibit a local authority from forming a company for the purposes of providing a local bus service”.

2. That the Localism Act (2011) provides general powers of competence to local authorities.

3. That municipal bus companies like Reading and Nottingham provide some of the best bus services in the country and have a successful track record of increasing bus passenger numbers and providing high quality bus services.

4. That polling by We Own It found that a majority of the public (57%) oppose clause 21, whilst just 22% support it. The opposition to Clause 21 is consistent across voters from all political parties.

This Council believes:

1. If there is a need and a demand from their public, then Councils should be able to provide their own bus services.

2. Should they wish, councils should be legally able to follow the model developed by Reading and Nottingham.

3. Consequently we support Clause 21 being omitted from the Bus Services Bill.

This Council resolves:

1. To write to the Secretary of State Chris Grayling MP at the Department for Transport urging him to support the Lord's amendment and omit Clause 21 from the final legislation.

2. To write to Amber Rudd MP to express our opposition to clause 21 and ask her to write to Chris Grayling MP at the Department of Transport to raise concerns about Clause 21.

3. To work with any organisations such as We Own It to publicise our opposition to clause 21 in local media.

7. Motion (Rule 14)

Councillor Edwards to propose that:

This Council applauds the outcome of the recent Hastings Business Improvement District election when the business community voted to invest up to £1m of their own money over the next five years in the town centre.

This demonstrates yet again the success of the government's long term economic plan.

8. Motion (Rule 14)

Councillor Cooke to propose, seconded by Councillor Patmore that:

Hastings Borough Council recognises that 1 in 4 people will suffer from some form of mental illness in their lifetime and as a caring organisation will do all it can to help them through these difficult periods.

The council also notes the support mechanisms in place within it's organisation to support employees with mental health issues.

The council further resolves to sign up to a mental health charter commitment which many companies and public bodies have already done to publicly show its commitment that in no way does it discriminate in the workplace against people who suffer from mental health issues and further to this demonstrate the same to those seeking employment with Hastings Borough Council.

9. Motion (Rule 14)

Councillor Patmore to propose, seconded by Councillor Rankin that:

On the 21st April 2016 it was the 90th birthday of our Queen, Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Given that this is indeed a year to remember for our esteemed and much loved monarch and given the fact that we used to have a portrait of the Queen in the old council chamber, would Hastings Borough Council action and agree to have a portrait of the Queen reinstated in the new Council chamber at Aquila House.

10. Motion (Rule 14)

Councillor Chowney to propose, seconded by Councillor Turner that:

This council expresses its profound concerns about NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs), and opposes them as currently formulated. We believe they will lead to cuts and further damaging privatisation of local health services, particularly for trusts that are in deficit, such as the Conquest Hospital Trust.

We strongly support the British Medical Association's 'five asks' that:

- the plans need to be made public as soon as possible;
- all proposals within the plans need to be realistic and evidence based;

- proposals to close hospitals, and to consolidate services across an area, should only be considered where there is clear evidence that such changes maintain or improve the quality of care patients receive;
- there needs to be a commitment to full consultation with clinicians, patients and the public on any proposed changes as early as possible;
- the plans need to be fully and properly funded;
- patient care, and not savings, needs to be the priority of each and every plan.

We also believe that district councils should be fully involved in the development of the plans, and call on the government to include district councils in design and implementation of the plans.

We further believe that the proposed 'footprint' for the Sussex and East Surrey STP is illogical. We believe all plans should be coterminous with county or unitary boundaries, to ensure better integration of health and social care.

We call on East Sussex County Council (ESCC) to reject the STP for Sussex and East Surrey unless the footprint is redesigned to be coterminous with county boundaries, and unless it clearly fulfils the BMA's 'five asks'.

We further instruct the leader of Hastings Council to write to Amber Rudd MP, Cllr Keith Glazier (Leader, ESCC), and the Secretary of State for Health to make them aware of our concerns.

11. Membership of Committees

To give effect to any request received from a political group for a change in their representation on committee(s)

12. Reports of Committees

- To resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of any items considered while the public were excluded by the relevant committee because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 referred to in the minutes of the relevant committee
- To receive and consider the recommendations and any decisions of the following committees: -

Minute No.	Subject	Cabinet Member / Chair
CABINET – 7 NOVEMBER 2016		
44.	EU Funding Application Approval – New Visitor Centre at Hastings Country Park Nature Reserve	Davies
45.(C)	Council Tax Support Scheme	Chowney
46.	Medium Term Financial Strategy	Chowney
47.(C)	Treasury Management – Mid Year Report 2016/17	Chowney
49. (E)	Commercial Property Purchase – Retail Park	Chowney
CABINET – 5 DECEMBER 2016		
52.	Petition in relation to Dog Control Orders and Public Space Protection Orders	Davies
53.	Hastings Local Plan – Statement of Community Involvement (SC) Update	Poole
54.	Financial and Legal Business Case for Local Housing Company	Chowney
55. (E)	Land at Churchwood Drive	Chowney

(C) – Council Decision

(E) – Exempt

Notes:

1. The Mayor will call over the minutes and members will rise and indicate those items which they wish to have discussed
2. No discussion shall take place at this stage upon any part II minute covered by resolution 7a) above. Any such discussion shall be deferred until item 8 on the agenda.

13. To consider the recommendations and decisions of committees (if any) which the Council resolved should be discussed after the exclusion of the public from the meeting

Note: Nothing contained in this agenda or in the attached reports and minutes of committees constitutes an offer or acceptance of an offer or an undertaking or contract by the Borough Council