



# Council Meeting

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**19 April 2017**

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## HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Hastings Borough Council to be held at the Muriel Matters House, Breeds Place, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 3UY, on Wednesday, 19th April, 2017 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

7 April 2017

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### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 15 February 2017 and the Budget Council meeting held on 22 February 2017
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 Street to propose, seconded by Councillor Forward, that:  
  
“This council notes that the Government’s promise to maintain school funding per pupil in cash terms during this Parliament will lead to real-terms cuts in school budgets. The impact of inflation and extra costs

such as higher employer National Insurance and pension contributions means that the actual value of funding per pupil in real terms will fall by as much as 8 per cent or more. The National Audit Office has said that, as a result, schools will have to make £3 billion in cuts by 2020. The House of Commons Public Accounts Committee agrees.

According to calculations published recently, in East Sussex this would mean budget cuts totalling £22 million, an average of £311 per pupil, the equivalent of 590 teachers. In Hastings, it would mean cuts averaging £360,000 for each secondary, equivalent to £389 per pupil or the loss of 10 teachers and £90,000 for each primary, equivalent to £248 per pupil or 3 teachers.

The council calls on the Government to put extra money into education to protect schools and colleges against real terms cuts per pupil and compensate them for additional costs created by Government policy such as increased employer National Insurance and pension contributions. We further call on the Government to conduct an urgent, independent, objective, comprehensive and transparent assessment of the resources needed by our schools and colleges that is unconstrained by the current inadequate funding envelope.

The council instructs the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Education, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Amber Rudd MP to express these views and also to share them with other interested parties to include local media, schools, teachers' associations and school governors."

#### 7. Motion (Rule 14)

Councillor Webb to propose that:

"This council condemns the closure of St Leonards Crown Post Office and the decision of the Post Office to downgrade the status and service of the St Leonards Crown Post Office by attempting to franchise it into retail business. We are also concerned that for branches where the Post Office cannot find a franchise partner, it is now seeking to introduce the scaled back Post Office Locals service in its place. The council notes the opposition to these proposals by the residents of St Leonards and Hastings and believes that this proposal would lead to:

- The downgrading of vital services to the community.
- The loss of dedicated highly skilled knowledgeable workers.
- A detrimental impact on local businesses and the local economy in St Leonards.

We call upon the Leader of the Council to:

- Instigate the scrutiny committee to approach the Post Office for

full details as to the reasons for the closure of the St Leonards Crown Post Office with a view to developing a proposal to keep the current Crown Office open.

- Write to Margot James, Government Minister BEIS with responsibility for Post Offices, to raise our concerns about the potential franchise of the St Leonards Crown Post Office.
- Write to the Chief Executive of the Post Office, Paula Vennells, requesting that the Post Office reverse its decision, by protecting and investing in our cherished St Leonards Crown Post Office.

The terms of this motion will be sent to the local press.”

8. Motion (Rule 14)

Councillor Edwards to propose, seconded by Councillor Clarke, that:

“The council notes the absence of any public conveniences in the immediate town centre where there is an established demand from amongst many others, the elderly and disabled and, recognising its civic responsibility, will seek to make such a vital facility available at the earliest possible date.”

9. Membership of Committees

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

10. 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
<b>CABINET – 6 MARCH 2017</b>		
77.	Local List of Heritage Assets	Poole
78.	Potential Sports Village Development	Chowney
79.	Hastings Off-Street Parking Infrastructure Improvements	Fitzgerald

80.	Public Space Protection Order for Hastings	Fitzgerald
81.	Improving the Hastings Street Scene	Fitzgerald
<b>CABINET - 3 APRIL 2017</b>		
84.	12 / 13 York Buildings	Chowney
87. (E)	Update on Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Procurement	Chowney
88. (E)	12 / 13 York Buildings	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 8a) above. Any such discussion shall be deferred until item 9 on the agenda.

11. 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