



Council Meeting

**Wednesday, 22nd
November, 2023**

HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Hastings Borough Council to be held at the Council Chamber, Muriel Matters House, Breeds Place, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 3UY, on Wednesday, 22nd November, 2023 at 6.00 pm at which meeting the business specified below is proposed to be transacted.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Legal Officer

Muriel Matters House
Breeds Place
Hastings

14 November 2023

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting
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 Barnett to propose:

Violence against women and girls is a longstanding and shameful part of British society.

Many initiatives have been taken over the last sixty years to eliminate this unacceptable behaviour.

The women's rights movement in the 1960s and 1970s successfully campaigned for refuge provision for women subject to domestic abuse.

Significant investment was made in this, and also in training and support for women, throughout the 1970s and 1980s.

However it was only in 1991 that White Ribbon Day was established to provide a focus on the fact that men are the main perpetrators of violence against women and girls.

Men have been encouraged to become Ambassadors for White Ribbon Day and councillors nationally have signed up for this, including some in this Council.

White Ribbon Day this year is on November 25th and a national programme of activities will promote the importance of sustained action to stop further violence.

The Hastings and Rother Community Safety partnership has prioritised action against violence against women and girls since 2020.

It is proposed that this Council agrees to:

Ensure that action against violence against women and girls remains a priority for Hastings Borough Council's community safety work

And that male councillors are encouraged to become White Ribbon Ambassadors and speak out against violence against women and girls.

7. Membership of Committees

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

8. Reports of Committees

- a) 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.

- b) To receive and consider the recommendations and any decisions of the following committees.

Minute No.	Subject	Cabinet Member / Chair
CABINET – 2 OCTOBER 2023		
5. (C)	Reserves Policy 2023-24	Barnett
6.	Overview and Scrutiny: Call in recommendations	Barnett
7.	Southern Water Update	Roark
8.	New Countryside Stewardship Grant Aid for Hastings Country Park Nature Reserve 2024-2034	Roark
CABINET – 6 NOVEMBER 2023		
13a.	Hastings Town Deal Programme Update – Overview and Scrutiny Recommendations	Evans
13b.	Hastings Town Deal Programme Update	Evans
14.	Financial Monitoring Report	Barnett
15.	Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)	Barnett
16. (C)	Interim Review of Polling Places and Polling Districts 2023	Rogers
17.	Home Adaptation Support Service (HASS) Contract Tender	Rogers

(C) = Full Council decision

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 part II minutes covered by the resolution 8a) above. Any such discussion shall be deferred to item 9 on the agenda.
9. To consider the recommendations and decisions of committees (if any) which the Council has 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