



Extraordinary Council Meeting

**Wednesday, 17th
January, 2024**

HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend an Extraordinary Meeting of the Hastings Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber at Muriel Matters House, Breeds Place, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 3UY on Wednesday, 17th January 2024 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

9 January 2024

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Motion of No Confidence in the Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet

In accordance with Rule 3.1 of Part 4 of the HBC Constitution, the Mayor has been requested to call this Extraordinary Meeting of the Council to consider the following Motion.

Motion:

This meeting will call for 3 consecutive votes of no confidence in:

1. The Leader of Hastings Borough Council (HBC), Cllr. Paul Barnet.
2. The Deputy Leader of HBC, Cllr. Maya Evans
3. The remaining Cabinet members: Councillor Andy Batsford, Councillor John Cannan, Councillor Ali Roark and Councillor

Simon Willis.

The Labour Group call this Vote of No Confidence as we (5 undersigned) no longer have trust or confidence in the Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet, therefore, we seek an alternative leader and administration.

At a vital time in our Council's financial stability, strong leadership and an administration focussed on key decisions in the interests of our residents is needed. The current Leader, Deputy Leader and named Cabinet members have by their recent actions destabilised the functioning and administration of the Council. We believe their recent actions have created uncertainty at this critical time and do not provide this Council and the residents of Hastings with the confidence that is required to make key budgetary, strategic and financial decisions securing our Council's finances and protecting statutory services for our residents.

We therefore call on our fellow Councillors to support this motion and work together with us to vote for an alternative leader and administration.

Subject to this vote of no confidence being passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting on 17 January, we call on our fellow Councillors to then proceed to vote for a new Leader of the Council to lead a new collaborative administration to protect the Council and work in the best interests of our residents of Hastings.

Signed.
Cllr Heather Bishop
Cllr James Bacon
Cllr Judy Rogers
Cllr Margi O'Callaghan
Cllr Trevor Webb

4. Election of Leader of the Council (subject to the motion at item 3 being passed)

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