



Council Meeting

16 December 2015

HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Hastings Borough Council to be held at the Sussex Hall, White Rock Theatre, White Rock, Hastings, TN34 1JX, on Wednesday, 16th December, 2015 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

8 December 2015

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 October 2015 and the extraordinary Council meeting held on 25 November 2015
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 Forward to move, seconded by Councillor Chowney that:

This council agrees that:

- the Housing and Planning Bill is currently being debated in Parliament, and if passed would threaten the provision of affordable homes for rent and buy through:
 - forcing 'high-value' council homes to be sold on the open market;
 - extending the right-to-buy to housing association tenants; and
 - undermining section 106 requirements on private developers to provide affordable homes;
- there is no commitment in the Bill that affordable homes will be replaced like-for-like in the local area;
- whilst measures to help first-time buyers are welcome, the 'starter homes' proposals in the Bill will be unaffordable to families and young people on ordinary incomes in most parts of the country; will not preserve the taxpayer investment; and will be built at the expense of genuinely-affordable homes to rent and buy;
- the Bill undermines localism by taking 32 new wide and open-ended powers for the Secretary over councils and local communities, including the ability to override local plans, to mandate rents for social tenants, and to impose a levy on stock-holding councils, violating the terms of the housing revenue account self-financing deal;
- the Bill, whilst introducing some welcome measures to get to grips with rogue landlords, does not help with the high rents, poor conditions and insecurity affecting many of England's 11 million private renters – including one in four families with children – and does nothing to help arrest the recent rise in homelessness.

This council resolves to:

- analyse and report on the likely impact of the forced sale of social housing in Hastings, the extension of right-to-buy and the 'starter homes' requirement on the local availability of affordable homes;
- use this information to:

- support the Leader of the Council in writing to the local MP and the Secretary of State with our concerns about the Bill;
- make public our concerns, including by publishing the above information on the council's website and through the local press.

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 |
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| CABINET – 2 November 2015 | | |
| 18 | Management Response to the Overview and Scrutiny Review of the Council's Role in Raising Educational Achievement in Hastings and Educational Outcomes for the Town's Children and Young People | Forward |
| 19 | EU Funding Project Approval – Climate Active Neighbourhoods (CAN) | Forward |
| 20 (C) | Treasury Management – Mid Year Report 2015/16 | Chowney |
| 21 (C) | Council Tax Support Scheme | Chowney |
| 22 | Medium Term Financial Strategy | Chowney |
| 23 | Former Bathing Pool Site at West Marina | Chowney |
| 24 | Hastings and Rother Community Led Local Development | Chowney |
| CABINET – 7 December 2015 | | |
| 30 (C) | Review of Gambling Policy | Davies |

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| 31 (C) | Review of Licensing Policy | Davies |
| 32 (C) | Hastings Local Plan – Retention of Employment Land and Premises Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) | Poole |
| 33 (C) | Hastings Local Plan – Visitor Accommodation Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) | Poole |
| 34 | East Sussex County Council Waste and Minerals Site Plan – Proposed Submission Draft | Poole |
| 35 | New Factory Unit | Chowney |
| 36 (E) | New Factory Unit | 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 the resolution 8 (a) above. Any such discussion shall be deferred until item 9 on the agenda.

PART II

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

