



# Council Meeting

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**26 October 2016**

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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 Aquila House, Breeds Place, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 3UY, on Wednesday, 26th October, 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

18 October 2016

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### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 July 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 Bacon to move, seconded by Councillor Batsford, that:  
“Hastings Borough Council notes that:
  - corporate tax evasion and avoidance are having a damaging impact

on the world's poorest countries to such a level that it is costing them far more than they receive in aid

- this is costing the UK as much as £30bn a year
- this practice also has a negative effect on small and medium-sized companies who pay more tax proportionately.

Hastings Borough Council further notes that the UK Government has taken steps to tackle the issue of tax avoidance and evasion by issuing Procurement Policy Note 03/14 (PPN 03/14). This applies to all central government contracts worth more than £5m.

Hastings Borough Council also notes the existence of voluntary schemes promoting tax compliance such as the Fair Tax Mark, which can serve as an independent means of verification.

Hastings Borough Council notes the 2015 Public Contract Regulations which state (in section 4) that local government can choose to adopt Procurement Policy Note 03/14. This council believes that bidders for council contracts should be asked to account for their past tax record, using the higher standards in PPN 03/14.

Hastings Borough Council therefore calls for procurement procedures to be amended to require all companies bidding for service contracts worth more than £25,000 and for works contracts worth more than £25,000 to self-certify that they are fully tax-compliant in line with central government practice using the standards in PPN 03/14, applying to contracts of the size specified above.

This Full Council asks the Cabinet to publicise this policy and to report on its implementation annually.”

#### 7. Motion (Rule 14)

Councillor Dowling to move, seconded by Councillor Fitzgerald, that:

“This Council notes that hundreds of thousands of women including many residents in Hastings had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little or no personal notification of the changes. Some women had only two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age.

This Council:

- gives its full support to the campaign by Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) to address this problem;
- calls upon the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born between 6th April 1951 and 5th April 1953 who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification;

- instructs the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and the Member of Parliament for Hastings and Rye to express this view and ask them to support WASPI's campaign and meet with their Hastings representatives.”

8. Motion (Rule 14)

Councillor Atkins to move, seconded by Councillor Wincott, that:

“Hastings Borough Council believes the safety of our children is of paramount importance as they travel to and from school within our Borough. Parents parking irresponsibly and illegally at school time is a real danger to children’s safety across Hastings and it is our duty to ensure our children are safe.

We therefore urge every school to include reminders to parents in their weekly newsletters to parents about parking safely around the school, alongside calling the County Council to deploy more enforcement officers at school peak times to help prevent illegal and irresponsible parking and to explore every other enforcement option and safety policy at their disposal to maintain the safety of our children.”

9. Motion (Rule 14)

Councillor Patmore to move, seconded by Councillor Lee, that:

“Hastings Borough Council will support the placing of a new Blue Plaque on 447 Bexhill Road, St. Leonards on Sea to commemorate Claude Nunney, the most decorated ordinary private soldier in the Canadian Army in World War 1 and the only Great War soldier who was born in this town to be awarded the Victoria Cross”

10. Membership of Committees

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

11. Appointment of Independent Persons

(Report of the Chief Legal Officer)

12. 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: -

<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Cabinet Member / Chair</b>
<b>CABINET – 8 AUGUST 2016</b>		
20.	European Maritime Fisheries Fund Community Led Local Development (Hastings FLAG( 2))	Poole
21.	Healthy Hastings & Rother Programme	Forward
22. (E)	Connecting Hastings and Rother Together – Community Led Local Development (CHART CLLD) (Part II)	Poole
<b>CABINET – 5 SEPTEMBER 2016</b>		
25.	Planning Service Review Report	Forward
26.	Anti-Poverty Strategy Refresh	Forward
27.	Management Response to the Overview and Scrutiny Review of Community Safety	Davies
28.	Management Response to the Overview and Scrutiny Review of Digital Inclusion	Cartwright
29.	Community Partnership Fund 2017/19	Forward
30.	Final Accounts 2015/16	Chowney
31. (C)	Annual Treasury Management Report 2015/16	Chowney
32.	Coastal Medium Term Plans	Poole
33.	Energy Procurement	Chowney
34.	Procurement of Cleaning Contracts	Chowney
<b>CABINET – 10 OCTOBER 2016</b>		
37.	Sustainable Housing in Inclusive Neighbourhoods (SHINE) Updated Bid	Forward
38.	Land on Churchfields Estate	Chowney
40. (E)	Land on Churchfields Estate	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 12a) above. Any such discussion shall be deferred until item 13 on the agenda
13. 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