



Council Meeting

15 February 2017

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, 15th February, 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 February 2017

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 14 December 2016 and the Special Council meeting held on 18 January 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) Councillor under Rule 12
6. Motion (Rule 14)
Councillor Chowney to propose that:

“This council notes with concern the continued conversion of all schools in Hastings to academies. We believe that by taking schools out of local authority control, and reducing the powers and

responsibilities of governing boards, educational performance are not necessarily improved and a less rewarding educational experience for students can be created through a narrower curriculum.

There are now currently only two schools left in Hastings that have not converted to academies, and at one of these, Castledown Primary, there is now a proposal to convert this school to an academy too.

Parents are concerned about this for two reasons: firstly, because many parents chose Castledown because it was not an academy, and the conversion of this school to an academy reduces further the choice available to parents; and secondly, because only one academy sponsor chain is being considered, which again limits any choice parents might wish to make over the future of the school.

This council therefore supports parents in their campaign to oppose the academisation of Castledown School without any alternatives being presented, and calls for the current plans to be halted immediately so that parents, governors, staff, and other stakeholders can explore all possible options to improve standards and effectiveness of teaching at the school. We further call upon the Leader of the Council to write to Amber Rudd MP and the Lead Member for Children's Services at ESCC to raise these concerns, and ask ESCC if further support can be given to Castledown to restore the high standards and good Ofsted results it had in the recent past."

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 – 7 NOVEMBER 2016		
49. (E)	Commercial Property Purchase – Retail Park	Chowney
CABINET – 5 DECEMBER 2016		
55. (E)	Land at Churchwood Drive	Chowney
CABINET – 9 JANUARY 2017		
56.	East Sussex Building Control Shared Service	Forward
58.	Housing Renewal Enforcement Policy	Forward
59.	Community Partnership Funding 2017-19	Forward
60. (E)	Resource Planning	Chowney
61. (E)	Procurement of Cleaning Contracts	Chowney
CABINET – 6 FEBRUARY 2017		
64. (C)	External Auditor Appointment	Chowney
65.	The Firs Former Football Ground	Chowney
66. (C)	Pay Policy Statement	Cartwright

(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 7a) above. Any such discussion shall be deferred until item 8 on the agenda.
9. 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