



Council Meeting

**Wednesday, 23rd
October, 2019**

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, 23rd October, 2019 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

15 October 2019

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 24th July 2019
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 Rogers to propose:

"This council notes:

- Government has endured central government funding cuts of nearly 50% since 2010.
- Between 2010 and 2020, councils will have lost 60p out of every £1 they have received from central government.
- The 2019 LGA survey of council finances found that 1 in 3 councils fear they will run out of funding to provide even their statutory, legal duties by 2022/23. This number rises to almost two thirds of councils by 2024/2025 or later.
- The LGA estimates councils will face a funding gap of £8 billion by 2025.
- Faced with these cuts from central government, the local government workforce has endured years of pay restraint with the majority of pay points losing 22 per cent of their value since 2009/10.
- At the same time as seeing their pay go down in real terms, workers experience ever increasing workloads and persistent job insecurity. Across the UK, an estimated 876,000 jobs have been lost in local government since June 2010 – a reduction of 30 per cent. Local government has arguably been hit by more severe job losses than any other part of the public sector.
- There has been a disproportionate impact on women, with women making up more than three quarters of the local government work force.

This council believes:

- Our workers are public service heroes. They keep our communities clean, care for those in need, and keep our towns and cities running.
- Without the professionalism and dedication of our staff, the council services our residents rely on would not be deliverable.
- Government funding has been cut to the extent that a proper pay rise could result in a reduction in local government services.
- The government needs to take responsibility and fully fund increases in pay; it should not put the burden on local authorities whose funding been cut to the bone.

This council resolves to:

- Support the pay claim submitted by Unite, GMB and UNISON on behalf of council and school workers for a £10 per hour minimum wage

and a 10% uplift across all other pay points in 2020/21.

- Call on the Local Government Association to make urgent representations to central government to fund the National Joint Council (NJC) pay claim.
- Write to the Chancellor and Secretary of State to call for a pay increase for local government workers to be funded with new money from central government.
- Meet with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim.
- Communicate with all local government workers encouraging them to join a trade union.”

7. Motion (Rule 14)

Councillor Chowney to propose:

“Hastings Borough Council agree to:

Train its corporate procurement team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply’s (CIPS) online course on Ethical Procurement and Supply. We also call on East Sussex County Council to adopt the same protocols...

1. Require its contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, wherever it applies, with contract termination as a potential sanction for non-compliance.
2. Challenge any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery.
3. Highlight to its suppliers that contracted workers are free to join a trade union and are not to be treated unfairly for belonging to one.
4. Publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
5. Require its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
6. Review its contractual spending regularly to identify any potential issues with modern slavery.
7. Highlight for its suppliers any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed.
8. Refer for investigation via the National Crime Agency’s national

referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery.

9. Report publicly on the implementation of this policy annually.”

8. Membership of Committees

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

9. 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
AUDIT COMMITTEE – 30 JULY 2019		
63.	Audit Committee Report to Full Council	Rankin
CABINET – 2 SEPTEMBER 2019		
195.	Medium Term Financial Strategy and 2019/20 Mid-Year Financial Review	Chowney
196.	Management Response to Overview & Scrutiny Review of Regeneration Funding	Forward
197.	Central St Leonards Renewal Area Exit Review	Batsford
198.1	12/13 York Buildings (Part 1)	Chowney
198.2 (E)	12/13 York Buildings (Part 2)	Chowney
CABINET – 7 OCTOBER 2019		

202.	Update on the Social Lettings Agency	Batsford
203. (C)	Polling Places Review 2019	Rogers
204.	Land at Whitworth Road	Chowney
205.	Acquisition of land in Ore Valley	Chowney
206.	Churchfield Business Centre	Chowney
207.	Old Town Hall	Chowney
208.	Cornwallis Street Car Park - Potential Development	Chowney
209. (C)	Constitutional Amendments	Rogers
210.	Museum Committee Recommendations	Forward

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 9a) above. Any such discussion shall be deferred to item 10 on the agenda.
10. 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.

Appendix - Cabinet Agendas 2 September & 7 October 2019

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