



Council Meeting

**Wednesday, 13th
February, 2019**

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, 13th February, 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

6 February 2019

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting
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 Chowney to propose, seconded by Councillor Evans that:

“On the 8th of October 2018 the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) warned that “rapid, far-reaching, and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society” will be required in order to limit global temperature to 1.5C above pre-industrial level and that we have

only 12 years in which we can realistically accomplish this. Even half a degree above that will significantly worsen the risks of drought, floods, mass extinctions of animal species, and extreme heat and poverty for hundreds of millions of people.

Within the current financial and regulatory framework, addressing this is primarily a matter for governments – local authorities have limited influence over the development of the local economy, transport, and human behaviour. Councils need significantly increased powers to make real change locally, and significantly greater intervention by central government to reduce climate change and reduce dependency on fossil carbon.

Nevertheless, there are actions the council can take, to limit our own use of fossil carbon and encourage others to do the same, although this is limited by available resources and the scale of government cuts the council is having to cope with. Hastings Council takes this matter so seriously that we're committed to taking a lead on this and set a target for Hastings to become carbon neutral.

To this end, we will:

- Establish an ongoing Climate Change working group (as a panel of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee), which will scrutinise the council's policies and actions to make sure they take into account the climate change impact of everything we do;
- Develop a procurement policy that reduces our carbon emissions, procuring locally where possible, prioritising goods and services that are less dependent on fossil carbon, and prioritising companies who are taking steps to reduce their impact on climate change;
- Use whatever powers and influence we have, taking advantage of any new powers as they are made available to us by central government, to aim to make Hastings carbon neutral by 2030, or by 2050 at the latest, aiming for the borough to become energy self-sufficient through local sustainable energy generation, and call on East Sussex County Council to adopt a parallel commitment for Hastings;
- Press ahead with a programme of sustainable energy generation on council-owned and other land and buildings, investigating every viable council-owned site, as well as other sites, aiming towards supplying 30% of the town's electricity by 2030;
- Use the current review of the Local Plan to introduce policy requirements that new buildings should meet the most rigorous possible energy efficiency standards (for example, the 'Passivhaus' standards), include electric vehicle charging points in new housing and commercial developments, minimise the impacts of climate change (for example, by making sure

contribution to flooding is minimised) and include solar arrays or other sustainable energy generation wherever possible;

- Ensure council land is maintained in a way that maximises species diversity and mitigates species extinction;
- Encourage existing supermarkets to install EV charging points, lobby ESCC to take up existing government grants to install on-street EV charging points, and press for a properly co-ordinated national EV charging network;
- Include an evaluation of climate change implications in all reports to council committees;
- Build on our existing single use plastic policy by not only eliminating single use plastics in council buildings, but also at festivals and events held on council land. We will also strongly encourage local businesses to cut back on their use of SUPs;
- Use s.106 funding and planning conditions (and any available future powers) to continue the development of an off-road walking and cycling network as specified in the council's Local Plan;
- Appoint a member-level 'Climate Change Champion' to oversee the implementation of the above commitments and monitor the progress of the council's progress towards doing all it can to make Hastings a carbon-neutral town;
- Work with voluntary, statutory and community organisations in the borough wherever we can to achieve the above commitments;
- Maximise the resources the council dedicates to combatting climate change when national government restores council funding to a sustainable level."

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.

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 8 on the agenda.

Minute No.	Subject	Cabinet Member / Chair
CABINET – 7 JANUARY 2019		
128.	Ground Mounted Solar	Chowney
129.	Treasury Management - Mid-Year Report 2018-19	Chowney
130. (C)	Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2019/20	Rogers
131.	Community Partnership Funding Programme 2019-2021	Foward
132.	Cultural Development Fund	Foward
133.	South East Local Enterprise Partnership Sector Support Fund	Fitzgerald (Portfolio holder excluded due to declaration of interest)
135.1.	Business Rate Pilot – 75% retention	Chowney
CABINET – 4 FEBRUARY 2019		
139.	Flexible Homelessness Support Grant	Batsford
140. (C)	Amendments to the Council's Constitution	Rogers
141.	Delivering Efficient Sustainable Mobility, Accessibility and Responsible Travel (DESTI-SMART)	Forward
142.	Update of the Local Development Scheme	Forward

143. (C)	High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (ANOB) Management Plan	Forward
144.	Site at West Marina	Chowney
146. (C)	Approval of the Pay Policy Statement for 2019/20	Rogers
148. (E)	Commercial Property Purchases	Chowney

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.

APPENDIX

10. Previous Cabinet Agenda

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