



# Council Meeting

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**Wednesday, 16th  
December, 2020**

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## HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a virtual meeting of the Hastings Borough Council to be held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 6.00 pm at which meeting the business specified below is proposed to be transacted. If there is still business outstanding at 9pm the meeting will adjourn and reconvene at 6pm on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Legal Officer

Muriel Matters House  
Breeds Place  
Hastings

8 December 2020

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### **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. Bathing Pool Petition
6. Questions (if any) from:
  - a) Members of the public under Rule 11
  - b) Councillors under Rule 12
7. Motion (Rule 14)

Councillor Cox to propose:

Age-friendly communities is a concept developed by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in 2006 with already over 800 members worldwide. In an Age-friendly community, services, local groups, businesses and residents all work together to identify and make the necessary changes in both the physical and social environment to both support and enable older people to lead healthy and active lives. Working together with Hastings Voluntary Action (HVA), the Centre for Ageing Better and Age UK, the lead for equalities along with interested councillors have already identified the first steps we need to take to put this plan into action.

Becoming an Age Friendly Community costs nothing, nor is it a commitment to spend funds that are not available but it is a statement of intent to; take into account the needs and wishes of older people in every area of policy making, to take those needs seriously, to combat the dreadful ageism seen in every area of society, particularly the media portraying older people as a burden with nothing further to offer and to share with the Age Friendly Cities network knowledge and expertise that will improve the lives of our residents in later life.

To become officially recognised as Age Friendly, the leadership in a town, city or county must make a written commitment to actively work towards becoming a great place to grow old in for all of its residents. This must be done with the support and engagement of older people and relevant stakeholders.

Hastings Borough Council, therefore, resolves to make an official application to join the UK Network of Age Friendly Communities. This will be a first step in its commitment towards joining the World Health Organisation Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities and to have a named Councillor who will become the Older Persons champion and who, will have the initial task of taking forward Age Friendly Hastings and ensuring that this is a target group in the HBC Equalities Charter.

#### 8. Motion (Rule 14)

Councillor Turner to propose:

This Council resolves:

- To request all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people.
- To actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare, impact to the environment especially toxic heavy metals as well as the impact on vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks.

- To write to the UK Government urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays.

- To encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock 'quieter' fireworks for public display.

9. Membership of Committees

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

10. Reports of Committees

- 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.
- 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 – 2 NOVEMBER 2020</b>		
285.	Final Accounts 2019/2020	Chowney
286.	Covid-19 Lockdown Update	Forward
<b>CABINET – 23 NOVEMBER 2020 – EMERGENCY DECISION</b>		
288.	Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme	Chowney
<b>CABINET – 7 DECEMBER 2020</b>		
292. (C)	Changes to Council Constitution	Rogers
293.	12/13 York Buildings	Chowney
294. (E)	Commercial Property Lease	Chowney

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 10a) above. Any such discussion shall be deferred to item 11 on the agenda.
11. 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 MINUTES**

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