



Council Meeting

**Wednesday, 12th
October, 2022**

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, 12th October, 2022 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

4 October 2022

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 Jobson to propose:

Hastings suffers from far too many speeding drivers, many of whom use short cuts through residential areas. There have been two deaths on our streets in the first half of 2022. To address this situation,

Hastings Borough Council calls for the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit in residential areas of Hastings & St Leonards.

This idea is rapidly gaining ground across the UK: nearly 600 towns and cities – about 28 million people – now benefit from the safety and better air quality resulting from this lower speed limit. Wales has just introduced a 20 mph limit on urban and residential roads, which comes into force in 2023.

There are so many benefits to reducing speed limits. An area-wide limit makes it easier and safer to choose walking and cycling over car journeys for local trips. The significant reductions in air and noise pollution have a positive impact on physical health, including reductions in heart and lung disease. 20mph speed limits help create better-connected, safer, living communities, with higher air quality. Fewer road accidents, increased exercise, less fear and loneliness, and better-quality sleep from reduced noise levels all improve mental health.

Here are some of the specific benefits of a 20 mph limit:

- Lower carbon emissions: CO2 falls by an average of 26%.
- Nitrous oxide, NOx, falls by an average of 28%.
- Traffic noise falls by up to 50%.
- Greater child safety, making it more possible for children to walk to school.
- Fewer casualties. Evidence from Bristol, Edinburgh, Calderdale, Brighton and others shows how 20mph reduces casualties, saving police and NHS costs. A 1mph reduction in speed on an urban road reduces casualties on average by a whopping 6%.
- Most drivers obey the new speed limit without traffic calming measures. Speed limiters on new cars from 2022 will help.
- 20 mph reduces stop-start driving habits. Less accelerating / braking reduces brake and tyre particulates.
- It's excellent value for money. Doing nothing costs more!
- Businesses thrive where it is safe to walk and cycle.
- A 20 mph limit makes no significant difference to bus journeys across town. Many bus companies have found no difference in their timetables.

The biggest benefit, however, is much simpler, but harder to measure: an increase in well-being. Communities thrive if there is less danger and less noise, creating a stronger sense of place.

Hastings Borough Council wants these benefits for our citizens.

We note that East Sussex County Council has repeatedly rejected motions calling for default 20 mph speeds on all residential streets. However, the County Council has agreed to consider a default 20 mph limit as part of developing Local Transport Plan 4. The Leader of

Hastings Council will write to the Leader of East Sussex County Council and the Lead Member for Transport and Environment to call upon East Sussex County Council to make that commitment and invite them to work with us to implement a 20 mph limit on residential roads in Hastings and St Leonards. This should sit within a wider commitment to a Vision Zero approach to road safety, which aims at zero deaths or serious injuries on our roads and has already been adopted by both West Sussex and Kent County Councils.

We call upon the Leader of the Council to write to East Sussex County Council to ask them to set the process of implementing a 20 mph limit in Hastings and St Leonards in motion, working with police and ward councillors to identify all appropriate roads. We also ask all councillors on Hastings Borough Council for their active support for the 20's Plenty campaign, so we can build a town wide coalition to support this campaign.

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
AUDIT COMMITTEE – 28 JULY 2022		
153.	Audit Committee Report To Council 2021-22	Rankin
CABINET – 1 AUGUST 2022		
447.	Update on Health Inequalities Work in Hastings	Batsford

448.	York Buildings	Evans
CABINET – 5 SEPTEMBER 2022		
452.(C)	Annual Treasury Management Outturn Report – 2021-22	Willis
453.	Medium Term Financial Strategy	Willis
454.	Cabinet Appointments to Committees, Working Groups and Partnerships	Barnett
CABINET – 3 OCTOBER 2022		
463.(C)	Castleham Industrial Units Roof Refurbishment (Part 1)	Barnett
464.(C)	Agreeing the Delivery Model For Grounds Maintenance Services From November 2023 (Part 1)	Hilton
466.(E) (C)	Castleham Industrial Units Roof Refurbishment (Part 2)	Barnett
467.(E) (C)	Agreeing the Delivery Model For Grounds Maintenance Services From November 2023 (Part 2)	Hilton
468.(E)	591 Sedlescombe Road North	Barnett

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

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