



Council Meeting

**Thursday, 15th
December, 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 Thursday, 15th December, 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

7 December 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. Membership of Committees

To give effect to any request received from a political group for a change in their representation on committee(s).
7. 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 2022		
472.	Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan Refresh	Barnett
473.	Final Accounts 2021/22	Willis
474.	UK Shared Prosperity Fund	Barnett
475.	Proposal to Gate a Footpath in Baird Ward	Rogers
476.	Cabinet Appointments to Committees, Working Groups and Partnerships	Barnett
477.	Procurement and Renewal of Hybrid Mail System (Part 1)	Rogers
479. (E)	Procurement and Renewal of Hybrid Mail System (Part 2)	Rogers
CABINET – 5 DECEMBER 2022		
483. (C)	Designation of a Cycle Route Through Alexandra Park	Roark
484.	Fees and Charges	Willis
485. (C)	Buckshole Reservoir Finance Update (Part 1)	Roark
486. (C)	East Hill Cliff Railway – Major Works (Part 1)	Batsford
488. (C)(E)	Buckshole Reservoir Finance Update (Part 2)	Roark
489. (C)(E)	East Hill Cliff Railway – Major Works (Part 2)	Batsford

C= Council decision
E= Exempt from publication

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

9. Motion (Rule 14)

Councillor Hilton to propose:

Given that the Council is currently in no overall control, it is our belief that the Council should explore governance arrangements that enable all political parties to share in shaping and directing the future of the Council through the decision-making process.

Therefore, the Council resolves:

1. to instruct the Working Arrangements Group to review Hastings Borough Council's current governance arrangements, in order to:
 - a. consider the effectiveness of the current governance arrangements at Hastings Borough Council;
 - b. consider if a change in governance arrangements would improve the quality of decision making;
 - c. review how such a change would alter member involvement and engagement;
 - d. identify other corporate governance models available, including, but not limited to, Committee, and Hybrid systems;
 - e. assess the strengths and weaknesses of each system taking account of structural, legal, resource and cultural implications with the object of having an open and more democratic process including enabling wider participation by residents in our decision-making processes and more partnership working with other stakeholders in the town.
2. The Working Arrangements Group should seek external support and advice from organisations including the Local Government Association, the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny, New Local and other Councils with experience of undertaking

governance reviews.

3. The Working Arrangements Group will meet in January 2023 to agree its cross party membership and appoint the Chair and Vice Chair, its working arrangements and timetable for meetings to undertake the review of governance arrangements and should provide opportunities for all Councillors to contribute to the review process. It is proposed that a final report be presented to the full Council in October 2023, with any governance proposals. Should those proposals include a recommendation to change the Council's permitted form of governance under the provisions of Section 9K of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended by Schedule 2 of the Localism Act 2011, a motion to that effect will need to be agreed at that full Council with the new governance arrangements taking affect at the following Annual Council meeting.

10. Motion (Rule 14)

Councillor Patmore to propose:

The idea to allow Hastings United Football Club to build 86 dwellings on Pilot Field, while in turn building a new stadium and sports facility on Tilekiln Playing Fields in Hollington, was tested by the Planning Committee and has been granted full planning approval.

Over 1750 signatures have now been collected asking for the decision to be discussed at cabinet. In order for Hastings Borough Council to consider whether or not the Council should sell land to Hastings United Football Club and enter into any agreements with the developer to proceed, and in the spirit of openness and transparency, the Council agrees to:

- instruct the managing director (or nominee) to prepare a report to cabinet at the earliest opportunity with a view to setting out the current situation with Hastings United Football Club and reporting on whether or not the scheme to enable the proposed development at Pilot Field and Tilekiln Playing Fields is viable to recommend to Council; and
- set out what alternative provision is available to allow Hastings United to remain in Hastings.

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