

Council Meeting

Council Offices White Cliffs Business Park Dover

Wednesday, 2 March 2016

Summons and Agenda

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To the Members of the Council,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **COUNCIL** to be held in the Council Chamber at these Offices on Wednesday 2 March 2016 at 6.00 pm for the transaction of the business set out in the Agenda.

Chief Executive

Members of the Council:

N Dixon P.S.Le Chevalier P.A. Watkins	S S Chandler (Chairman) D Hannent (Vice-Chairman) J S Back S F Bannister T J Bartlett P M Beresford T A Bond P M Brivio B W Butcher P I Carter N J Collor M D Conolly M I Cosin D G Cronk	M R Eddy A Friend R J Frost B Gardner B J Glayzer P J Hawkins P G Heath J M Heron S Hill M J Holloway T P Johnstone S J Jones L A Keen N S Kenton	S M Le Chevalier S C Manion K Mills K E Morris D P Murphy M J Ovenden A S Pollitt G Rapley A F Richardson M Rose D A Sargent F J W Scales P Walker P M Wallace
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AGENDA

1 **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 <u>MINUTES</u> (Pages 8 - 15)

To confirm the attached Minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2016.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (Page 16)

To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.

4 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive any announcements from the Chairman, Leader, Members of the Cabinet or Head of Paid Service.

5 **LEADER'S TIME**

To receive an oral report at the meeting from the Leader (and Cabinet) on the business of the Executive or on any topic or subject that it is felt should be brought to the attention of the Council.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 (Leader's Time):

- (a) The Leader (and Cabinet) shall have up to 15 minutes to make within this report any statements that they wish on any topic or subject that they feel should be drawn to the attention of the Council.
- (b) The Leader (or their nominee) of the Major Opposition Group (Labour Group) shall be allowed up to 10 minutes to respond.
- (c) The Leader (or their nominee) of the Other Opposition Group (UKIP Group) shall be allowed up to 5 minutes to respond.
- (d) The Leader of the Council shall be allowed up to 5 minutes to exercise a right of reply (or 25% of the time given to the Opposition Group Leaders, whichever is the greatest).

6 SEAT ALLOCATION AND GROUP APPOINTMENTS

To receive from Group Leaders any changes to seat allocations or appointments.

(Note: Any changes must be within the approved allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the political balance rules (where applicable).)

7 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

To receive answers in respect of questions from the public to Members of the Executive asked in accordance with Rule 11 of the Council Procedure Rules.

- (a) Questions will be asked in the order in which notice of them was received, except that the Chairman may group together similar questions.
- (b) The period for questions by the public shall be limited so that no further questions shall be put after the elapse of 15 minutes from the commencement of the first question.
- (c) A maximum of three minutes is allowed for the each question to be read.
- (d) A questioner who has put a question in person may also put one supplementary question without notice to the member who has replied to his or her original question. A supplementary question must arise directly out of

the original question or the reply.

(e) Afterwards, any other Member at the Chairman's discretion may speak for up to two minutes on a question or reply.

Questions from the Public

There were no questions from the public received within the notice period.

8 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Up to 60 minutes is allowed for this part of the meeting unless extended by the Chairman of Council on a motion moved, duly seconded and approved by the Council. Members may ask one supplementary question in addition to their original question.

(a) <u>To Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen of Committees</u>

To receive answers in respect of questions from Members of the Council to the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Council or the Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee asked in accordance with Rule 12 of the Council Procedure Rules.

There were no questions for Chairmen of Committees.

(b) To the Executive

To receive answers in respect of questions from Members of the Council to a Member of the Executive asked in accordance with Rule 12 of the Council Procedure Rules.

(1) Councillor S F Bannister will ask the Leader, Councillor P A Watkins:

"Does the Leader of the Council agree with me that the violence that occurred in Dover on 30 January this year should be deplored and that the Police should be adequately supported so that, at all future demonstrations, all the laws of Britain can be enforced, including those covering breaches of the peace, intimidation, criminal damage, use of racist language and incitement to racial hatred?"

(2) Councillor P M Brivio will ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health and Wellbeing, Councillor P M Beresford:

"What does the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health and Wellbeing think the changes, to be introduced through the Housing and Planning Bill currently going through Parliament, will have on tenants in the Dover District Council area if the "pay to stay" provisions become law?"

(3) Councillor M I Cosin will ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health and Wellbeing, Councillor P M Beresford:

"According to the budget presentations, the 500 social houses promised by the Conservatives before last May's elections are now "on hold". Can the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health and Wellbeing tell the Council how long these much needed homes may be

delayed?"

(4) Councillor P J Hawkins will ask the Leader, Councillor P A Watkins:

"Does the Leader share our concerns over the potential changes to Sunday trading laws and will he write to the Secretary of State in support of the Keep Sunday Special campaign?"

(5) Councillor A S Pollitt will ask the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance, Councillor M D Conolly:

"Does the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance agree with me that transparency is needed in the provision of all public services and that the Freedom of Information legislation should apply to all those bodies, whether public or private sector, that provide services funded by the public purse?"

(6) Councillor L A Keen will ask the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing, Councillor N J Collor:

"What steps is the Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing taking to ensure that parking enforcement is equitably applied across the district in order to regulate car and lorry parking in rural as well as urban areas?"

9 **MOTIONS**

Motions for which notice has been given are listed on the agenda in the order in which notice was received, unless the Member giving notice states, in writing, that they propose to move it at a later meeting or withdraw it.

If a Motion set out in the agenda is not moved by the Member who gave notice thereof it shall, unless postponed by consent of the Council, be treated as withdrawn and shall not be moved without fresh notice.

A Motion must be about matters for which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the District.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, Councillor M R Eddy will move:

"This Council is extremely concerned by Dover Harbour Board's proposals to extract sands and gravels from the Goodwin Sands, which protect the historic anchorage of The Downs and the coastline of the northern part of this district, and calls on Dover Harbour Board to provide a detailed briefing session to members as soon as possible."

10 **MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2016/17** (Pages 17 - 31)

To consider the attached report of the Director of Governance.

11 **PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2016/17** (Pages 32 - 42)

To consider the attached report of the Director of Governance.

12 **DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2016-2020** (Pages 43 - 51)

To consider the attached report of the Chief Executive.

13 <u>COUNCIL BUDGET 2016/17 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2016/17–</u> 2019/20

To consider the report of the Director of Finance, Housing and Community (to follow).

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.6 a recorded vote will be held in respect of this item.

14 **URGENT BUSINESS TIME**

To consider any other items deemed by the Chairman of the Council to be urgent in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.

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