



# **Council Meeting**

**Council Offices  
White Cliffs Business Park  
Dover**

Wednesday, 17 September 2014

Summons and Agenda

**Nadeem Aziz**  
Chief Executive



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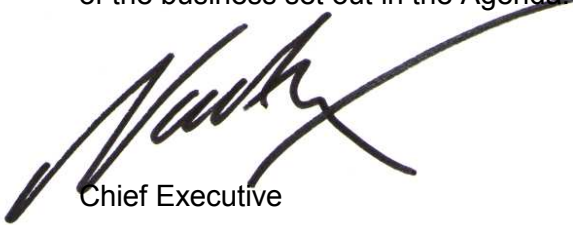
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To the Members of the Council,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **COUNCIL** to be held in the Council Chamber at these Offices on Wednesday 17 September 2014 at 6.00 pm for the transaction of the business set out in the Agenda.



Chief Executive

Members of the Council:

S R Nicholas (Chairman)	M R Eddy	K E Morris
P S Le Chevalier (Vice-Chairman)	R J Frost	M J Ovenden
J S Back	B Gardner	A S Pollitt
B W Bano	J H Goodwin	J A Rook
T J Bartlett	D Hannent	M A Russell
P M Beresford	P J Hawkins	F J W Scales
T A Bond	P G Heath	A R Smith
P M Brivio	G J Hood	C J Smith
B W Butcher	S J Jones	J M Smith
P I Carter	L A Keen	R J Thompson
S S Chandler	N S Kenton	J F Tranter
N J Collor	S M Le Chevalier	R S Walkden
M D Conolly	G Lymer	P Walker
G Cowan	S C Manion	P M Wallace
J A Cronk	K Mills	P A Watkins

AGENDA

1 **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 **MINUTES** (Pages 7 - 11)

To confirm the attached Minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2014.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (Page 12)

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.

(Up to fifteen minutes is allowed for the Report of the Leader (and Cabinet), up to ten minutes is allowed for the Leader of the Major Opposition Group (or his nominee) to respond, up to five minutes is allowed for the Leader of any other Opposition Group (or his nominee) to respond. The Leader is allowed up to five minutes as a Right of Reply or 25% of the time given to the Opposition Group Leaders, whichever is the greatest.)

6 **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.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, Ms Anne Morgan will ask the Portfolio Holder for Access and Waste Management, Councillor N J Collor, the following question:

*"Could you please tell me what is being done to ensure that the residents living adjacent to Cooting Road in Aylesham can live in peace and free from noise, refuse and human waste caused by the lorry drivers who park in Cooting Road overnight just yards from our homes, especially at weekends. The situation is becoming intolerable?"*

(A maximum of three minutes is allowed for the question to be read. Up to 15 minutes is allowed for this part of the meeting. Members of the public may ask one supplementary question without notice in addition to their original question. The supplementary question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply. Afterwards at the Chairman's discretion, any other Member may speak for up to two minutes on a question or reply.)

7 **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).)

**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) 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 P J Hawkins will ask the Portfolio Holder for Access and Property Management, Councillor N J Collor:

“Local residents have raised concerns about the lack of progress in bringing the Regent Cinema on Deal Seafront back into use, seemingly caused in part by objections raised by KCC. Will the appropriate Cabinet Member clarify the current situation, including any action being taken by this Council to ensure the building is open and available for community use as soon as possible?”

- (2) Councillor B W Bano will ask the Portfolio Holder for Access and Property Management, Councillor N J Collor:

“Will we ever see the introduction of 20 mph speed limits around our local schools?”

- (3) Councillor L A Keen will ask the Portfolio Holder for Access and Property Management, Councillor N J Collor:

“Can the Cabinet Member for Access and Property outline what steps Dover District Council is taking, in liaison with KCC Highways as necessary, to resolve the lorry parking problem in Cooting Road, Aylesham?”

- (4) Councillor A S Pollitt will ask the Portfolio Holder for Health, Well-being and Public Protection, Councillor P G Heath:

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Health, Well-Being and Public Protection inform the Council of how the usage of foodbanks has developed month by month over the last two years?”

- (5) Councillor M R Eddy will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor P A Watkins:

“Is the Leader comfortable with the standard of service that East Kent Shared Services provides to this Council in the collection of Council Tax?”

- (6) Councillor P M Brivio will ask the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Public Protection, Councillor P G Heath:

“Now that local authorities have a responsibility for public health, is it not time for the Portfolio Holder for Health and Well-Being to consider

adopting a "Cumulative Impact Policy" regarding applications for licences in certain parts of the district (as adopted by Canterbury City Council)?"

- (7) Councillor P Walker will ask the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste and Planning, Councillor N S Kenton:

"In March this year, it was agreed that a working group should be set up to examine the impact of Mr Pickles's changes to the process of determining the award of costs in planning appeals. When is this group actually going to meet?"

- (8) Councillor B W Bano will ask the Portfolio Holder for Health, Well-being and Public Protection, Councillor P G Heath:

"Can the Portfolio Holder for Health and Well-Being outline what actions he has taken to ensure that the safe and effective services required of the East Kent Hospital University Foundation Trust, following the recent CQC inspection, will be supported by adequate funding from the Clinical Commissioning Group?"

## 9 **MOTIONS**

- (1) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, Councillor K Mills will move:

"This council agrees to identify what impact the changes imposed on the Young Person's Travel Pass compared to the Freedom Pass have on young people within the district accessing youth provision, be it provided by CXK or the voluntary sector. These findings should be reported back to the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee."

- (2) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, Councillor G Cowan will move:

"This council notes:

- that inappropriate and offensive outbursts on social media have once again been made by a District Councillor
- these comments follow previous racist outbursts on social media by the same District Councillor which led the Council's Deputy Leader to state there was no place in our society for this kind of language
- comments such as those made by the councillor concerned damage the reputation of Dover District Council and the office of councillor
- changes made to the standards procedure mean that councils are effectively unable to take action against councillors who bring their role and/or their council into disrepute

This council instructs:

- the Monitoring Officer to deliver training for all councillors covering the Nolan Principles of Standards in Public Life and the appropriate use of

social media and urges political groups to encourage all members to attend

- the Leadership of Dover District Council to lobby Central Government to strengthen the standards procedure in local government to enable councils to take appropriate action against councillors who bring the council into disrepute.”

## 10 **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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