



Council Meeting

**Council Offices
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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 4 March 2015 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 - 18)

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2015 (to follow).

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (Page 19)

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 **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 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 in addition to their original question. Afterwards any other Member at the Chairman's discretion, may speak for up to two minutes on a question or reply.)

There were no questions received on notice from Members of the Public.

8 **LONG SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION**

In recognition of their long service as Members of Dover District Council the Chief Executive, Mr N Aziz, will present long service awards to the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>First Elected</u>	<u>Long Service</u>
Councillor G J Hood	1976	39 Years of continuous service
Councillor S R Nicholas	1987	27 Years of service

9 **SCRUTINY REPORT ON THE MOTION ON LIVE ANIMALS EXPORTS** (Pages 20 - 60)

To consider the report of the Scrutiny (Community and Regeneration) Committee in respect of the following Motion referred to it by Council:

"This Council opposes the resumption of the export of live animals to continental Europe from the port of Dover, despite widespread opposition from the British public and resolves to lobby the Secretaries of State for Transport and for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to amend the outdated Harbours, Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847 in order to allow port authorities in the UK the right to refuse the use of its port to any ship involved in such activities. The Council also resolves to lobby Dover Harbour Board to grant RSPCA inspectors access to the port and inspect any future shipments of live animals to the Continent."

The final report of the Scrutiny (Community and Regeneration) Committee is to follow.

10 **REVISIONS TO THE MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE SCHEME** (Pages 61 - 77)

To consider the report of the Director of Governance (to follow).

11 **PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2015/16** (Pages 78 - 88)

To consider the attached report of the Director of Governance.

12 **BUDGET** (Pages 89 - 217)

To consider the attached report of the Director of Finance, Housing and Community.

This will be a recorded vote in accordance with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014. The Regulations introduced a requirement for a recorded vote to be held whenever a budget decision, as defined by the provisions of The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) 2001, is made by the Council.

13 **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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