



# **Council Meeting**

**Council Offices  
White Cliffs Business Park  
Dover**

Wednesday, 18 October 2017

Summons and Agenda

**Nadeem Aziz**  
Chief Executive





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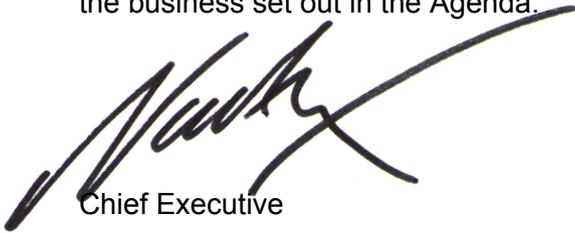
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10 October 2017

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 18 October 2017 at 6.00 pm for the transaction of the business set out in the Agenda.



Chief Executive

Members of the Council:

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

AGENDA

1 **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 **MINUTES**

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2017.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (Page 8)

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 **ELECTION OF A LEADER**

To elect a Leader of the Council to serve until the Annual Meeting of the Council following the ordinary election of all Councillors in 2019.

6 **COMPOSITION OF CABINET**

To note the number of Members to be appointed to the Cabinet.

The Local Government Act 2000 sets a statutory number of members of the Cabinet which, including the Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader of the Council, is a minimum of three members and a maximum of ten members.

7 **APPOINTMENT OF A CABINET**

To receive from the Leader of the Council any changes to the members of the Cabinet and related portfolios.

8 **APPOINTMENT OF SHADOW CABINET**

To note the composition of the Shadow Cabinet by the Main Opposition Group.

The Shadow Cabinet must directly reflect the composition of the Cabinet in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules.

9 **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).

10 **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).)

11 **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.

12 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS** (Pages 9 - 11)

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 Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen of Committees

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 received for Chairmen or Vice-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.

The questions are set out in the agenda papers.

13 **MODIFICATION OF PRESCRIBED STANDING ORDERS RELATING TO THE DISMISSAL OF STATUTORY OFFICERS** (Pages 12 - 29)

To consider the attached report of the Director of Governance.

14 **PROCEDURE RULES FOR WITHDRAWING FROM MEETINGS** (Pages 30 - 32)

To consider the attached report of the Director of Governance.

15 **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.

- (1) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, Councillor A M Napier will move:

"Over the past decade this council has invested heavily in promoting several key locations to investors; ranging from the Discovery Park in Sandwich to the St James Development Zone, which local business owners believe has been to the detriment of our Town Centres.

This council believes we should also value and invest in our traditional Town Centres, as they are not only economic assets, they are also valuable hubs for the community.

This council will add the Dover and Deal Town Centres to our list of key locations for investment, with an equivalent level of council resources allocated to them."

- (2) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, Councillor M R Eddy will move:

"A recent report in the Independent on Sunday revealed how housing benefit going to private renters has more than doubled in the last 10 years, from £3.7bn to £8.8bn, accounting for 36% of all housing benefit spending with the Treasury forecasting it will rise to £9.4bn by 2021/22.

At the same time, almost a third of private rented homes in England are currently substandard, equating to some £2.5bn currently going into the pockets of landlords who are renting out properties not meeting basic health and safety standards.

This council will write to the government to:

- 1) Demand they introduce a statutory system of licensing of all private

landlords.

- 2) Demand they fund councils adequately so we can invest properly in prevention, enforcement and prosecution of rogue landlords who rent out homes unfit for human habitation.
- 3) Ask for serious incentives for councils to build more social housing, beyond the substandard pledges made by the Prime Minister in her unforgettable conference speech.”

## 16 **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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