



Council Meeting

**Council Offices
White Cliffs Business Park
Dover**

Wednesday, 6 March 2024

Summons and Agenda

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Chief Executive



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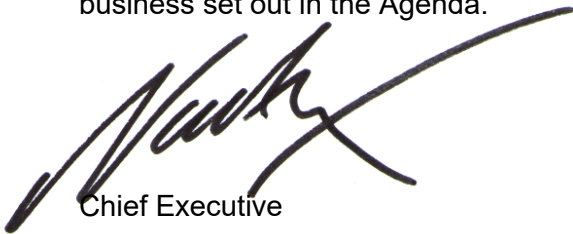
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To the Members of the Council,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **COUNCIL** to be held in the Council Chamber at these Offices on Wednesday 6 March 2024 at 6.00 pm for the transaction of the business set out in the Agenda.



Chief Executive

Members of the Council:

G Cowan (Chairman)	M F Hibbert	D J Parks
D G Cronk (Vice-Chairman)	S Hill	M P Porter
J S Back	N S Kenton	J L Pout
T J Bartlett	R M Knight	O C de R Richardson
M Bates	J P Loffman	M W Rose
D G Beaney	S M S Mamjan	C A Vinson
S H Beer	S C Manion	H M Williams
E A Biggs	K Mills	C F Woodgate
S B Blair	M W Moorhouse	L M Wright
P M Brivio	D P Murphy	C D Zossedter
D R Friend	M J Nee	

AGENDA

1 **APOLOGIES** (Page 7)

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 **MINUTES** (Page 8)

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2024.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (Page 9)

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

4 **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Page 10)

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

5 **LEADER'S TIME** (Page 11)

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 of the Main Opposition Group (or their nominee) shall be allowed up to 10 minutes to respond.
- (c) 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 Leader(s), whichever is the greatest).

6 **SEAT ALLOCATION AND GROUP APPOINTMENTS** (Page 12)

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 MEMBERS** (Page 13)

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

The questions received are set out in the order received in the agenda papers.

8 **REDISTRIBUTION OF FUNCTIONS AMONGST CHIEF OFFICERS** (Pages 14 - 21)

To consider the attached report of the Head of Paid Service.

9 **MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2024-25** (Pages 22 - 42)

To consider the attached report of the Head of Corporate Services and Democracy.

10 **PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2024-25** (Pages 43 - 52)

To consider the attached report of the Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.

11 **SECTION 25 REPORT** (Pages 53 - 63)

To consider the attached report of the S151 Officer.

12 **COUNCIL BUDGET 2024/25, MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2024/25-2027/28 AND 2024/25 COUNCIL TAX SETTING** (Pages 64 - 202)

To consider the report of the Strategic Director (Finance and Housing).

Recorded Vote

A recorded vote will be required in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 18.6 (Voting on Budget Decisions).

13 **URGENT BUSINESS TIME** (Page 203)

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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