

Council

Date: Thursday, 14th September, 2017
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath

To: All Members of the Council

Dear Member

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Council** on **Thursday, 14th September, 2017** in **Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath.**

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Refreshments will be available for Councillors from 5pm in the Aix-en-Provence Room (next to the Banqueting Room) on Floor 1.

Yours sincerely



Jo Morrison
Democratic Services Manager
for Chief Executive

Please note the following arrangements for pre-group meetings:

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| Conservative | Brunswick Room, Ground Floor |
| Liberal Democrat | Kaposvar Room, Floor 1 |
| Labour | Labour Group Room, Floor 2 |

NOTES:

1. **Inspection of Papers:** Papers are available for inspection as follows:

Council's website: <https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ieDocHome.aspx?bcr=1>

Paper copies are available for inspection at the Public Access points:- Reception: Civic Centre - Keynsham, Guildhall - Bath, The Hollies - Midsomer Norton. Bath Central and Midsomer Norton public libraries.

2. **Details of decisions taken at this meeting** can be found in the minutes which will be circulated with the agenda for the next meeting. In the meantime, details can be obtained by contacting as above.

3. **Recording at Meetings:-**

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 now allows filming and recording by anyone attending a meeting. This is not within the Council's control.

Some of our meetings are webcast. At the start of the meeting, the Chair will confirm if all or part of the meeting is to be filmed. If you would prefer not to be filmed for the webcast, please make yourself known to the camera operators.

To comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, we require the consent of parents or guardians before filming children or young people. For more information, please speak to the camera operator.

The Council will broadcast the images and sound live via the internet www.bathnes.gov.uk/webcast An archived recording of the proceedings will also be available for viewing after the meeting. The Council may also use the images/sound recordings on its social media site or share with other organisations, such as broadcasters.

4. **Public Speaking at Meetings**

The Council has a scheme to encourage the public to make their views known at meetings. They may make a statement relevant to what the meeting has power to do. They may also present a petition or a deputation on behalf of a group. They may also ask a question to which a written answer will be given. Advance notice is required not less than two full working days before the meeting. The Council now has a maximum time limit for this so any requests to speak cannot be guaranteed if the list is full. This means that for meetings held on Thursdays notice must be received in Democratic Services by 5.00pm the previous Monday. Further details of the scheme:

<https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=12942>

5. **Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

When the continuous alarm sounds, you must evacuate the building by one of the designated exits and proceed to the named assembly point. The designated exits are signposted. Arrangements are in place for the safe evacuation of disabled people.

6. **Supplementary information for meetings**

Additional information and Protocols and procedures relating to meetings:

<https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13505>

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A G E N D A

1. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman will draw attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out under Note 8.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At this point in the meeting declarations of interest are received from Members in any of the agenda items under consideration at the meeting. Members are asked to complete the green interest forms circulated to groups in their pre-meetings (which will be announced at the Council Meeting) to indicate:

(a) The agenda item number in which they have an interest to declare.

(b) The nature of their interest.

(c) Whether their interest is **a disclosable pecuniary interest** or an **other interest**,
(as defined in Part 2, A and B of the Code of Conduct and Rules for Registration of Interests)

Any Member who needs to clarify any matters relating to the declaration of interests is recommended to seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer or a member of his staff before the meeting to expedite dealing with the item during the meeting.

4. MINUTES - 13TH JULY 2017 (Pages 7 - 16)

To be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair(man)

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OR FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

These are matters of information for Members of the Council. No decisions will be required arising from the announcements.

6. TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

If there is any urgent business arising since the formal agenda was published, the Chairman will announce this and give reasons why he has agreed to consider it at this meeting. In making his decision, the Chairman will, where practicable, have consulted with the Leaders of the Political Groups. Any documentation on urgent business will be circulated at the meeting, if not made available previously.

7. QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Democratic Services Manager will announce any submissions received. The Council will be invited to decide what action it wishes to take, if any, on the matters raised in these submissions. As the questions received and the answers given will be circulated in written form there is no requirement for them to be read out at the meeting. The questions and answers will be published with the draft minutes.

8. PETITION FOR DEBATE - SAVE BATH LIBRARY (Pages 17 - 18)

The Council will hold a debate following receipt of a petition entitled – “Save Bath Library”. The petition will be introduced by the lead petitioner or their representative.

9. COUNCIL COMPANY GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS AND ANNUAL REPORTS (Pages 19 - 114)

The Council will be asked to agree the appropriate corporate governance arrangements for Council interests in Local Authority Companies and approve the annual accounts of Aequus Development Limited (ADL) and Bath Tourism Plus (BTP). The Council will also be asked to consider the request by Bath Tourism Plus for working capital finance in the form of a loan at commercial rates to enable the company to relocate and refurbish a new site for the Visitor Information Centre and a new back office. This will lead to the reduction of operational overheads.

10. YORK STREET INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS (Pages 115 - 118)

This item requests agreement for urgent funding to progress the repair of the underground vault situated under a part of York Street which is required for the Christmas market.

11. ANNUAL REPORT - CORPORATE AUDIT COMMITTEE (Pages 119 - 126)

The Corporate Audit Committee has specific delegated powers given to it from Full Council and as such is required to report back annually to Council under its Terms of Reference. This is the Annual Report of the Committee which details its work over the last year.

12. OUTSIDE BODIES REVIEW (Pages 127 - 154)

The Council will consider a report reviewing its arrangements for councillor representation on outside bodies.

13. MOTION FROM THE LABOUR GROUP - CARE LEAVERS AND COUNCIL TAX: A FAIRER START FOR CARE LEAVERS (Pages 155 - 156)

14. MOTION FROM THE LABOUR GROUP - TACKLING HATE CRIME (Pages 157 - 158)

15. MOTION FROM THE LABOUR GROUP - PUBLIC SECTOR PAY CAP (Pages 159 - 160)

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The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Jo Morrison who can be contacted on 01225 394358.