

# Council

**Date: Thursday 10th October 2019**  
**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 10th October 2019** in the **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:

Conservative	Kaposvar room, floor 1
Liberal Democrat	Banqueting room, ground floor
Labour	Labour Group room, floor 2
Independent	Independent 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. We request that those filming/recording meetings avoid filming public seating areas, children, vulnerable people etc; however, the Council cannot guarantee this will happen.

The Council will broadcast the images and sounds live via the internet [www.bathnes.gov.uk/webcast](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/webcast). 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. This means that for meetings held on Thursdays notice must be received in Democratic Services by 5.00pm the previous Monday.** The Council now has a maximum time limit for this, so any requests to speak cannot be guaranteed if the list is full. 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 5.

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 - 21ST MAY 2019, 11TH JULY 2019, 5TH SEPTEMBER 2019 (Pages 7 - 32)

To be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR 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 CHAIR

If there is any urgent business arising since the formal agenda was published, the Chair will announce this and give reasons why she has agreed to consider it at this meeting. In making her decision, the Chair 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. CLIMATE EMERGENCY PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 33 - 60)

The Council declared a Climate Emergency in March 2019, committing the Council to provide the leadership to enable Bath and North East Somerset to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030 and called for a progress report six months later and annually thereafter. This is the first such report.

9. PROTOCOL ON COUNCIL COMPANY GOVERNANCE (Pages 61 - 70)

This report sets out the progress made on implementing the decisions of Council on 8 November 2018.

10. AVON PENSION FUND ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 71 - 92)

The Avon Pension Fund Committee discharges the responsibilities of the Council in its role as the administering authority of the Avon Pension Fund. The Committee reports annually to Council on the work it has undertaken in the previous twelve months. This report is for the 12 months to 31 March 2019.

11. STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 93 - 106)

Council is asked to consider the Standards Committee Annual report, and further consider the Committee's recommendation for an addition to the Code of Conduct.

12. MOTION FROM THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP - B&NES TRANSPORT OPTIONS BETWEEN BRISTOL & BATH (Pages 107 - 108)

13. MOTION FROM THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP - ELECTORAL REFORM (Pages 109 - 110)

14. MOTION FROM THE LABOUR GROUP - LIVING WAGE (Pages 111 - 112)

15. MOTION FROM THE LABOUR GROUP - TREE PLANTING IN B&NES (Pages 113 - 114)

16. QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

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