

# Council

**Date: Thursday 12th November 2020**

**Time: 6.30 pm**

**Venue: Virtual meeting**

**To: All Members of the Council**

Dear Member

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Council** on **Thursday, 12th November, 2020** as a **Virtual meeting**.

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely



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## NOTES:

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

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

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. **Broadcasting at Meetings:-**

The Council will broadcast the images and sounds live via the internet;

<https://www.youtube.com/bathnescouncil>

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.

**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 can be found at:

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

5. **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. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. 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.

3. MINUTES - 10TH SEPTEMBER 2020 (Pages 7 - 14)

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

4. 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 it has been agreed for consideration at this meeting. In making this 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.

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. 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.

7. YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2020-21 (Pages 15 - 38)

The Local Authority has a statutory duty, in consultation with Health, Police and Probation, to publish an annual Youth Justice Plan. The Plan sets out agreed actions to help prevent youth offending and re-offending across Bath and North East Somerset.

Due to the current pandemic, the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales has advised there is no requirement to submit the Plan to them this year and therefore no national framework for completion. The Youth Offending Service Management Board has agreed to preparation of a shorter Plan in light of this.

8. GOVERNMENT INVITATION TO SOMERSET TO SUBMIT LOCALLY LED PROPOSALS FOR UNITARY LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Pages 39 - 42)

On 9th October 2020, the Council received a letter from the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government inviting submission for locally led proposals for unitary local government in Somerset (nationally, alongside North Yorkshire and Cumbria).

The Councils in these three areas now have the opportunity to develop and submit their proposals for how they want to restructure local government to establish unitary local government. This report concerns the B&NES response.

9. COUNCIL TAX LONG TERM EMPTY PROPERTY PREMIUMS (Pages 43 - 46)

Council has the discretion to amend the council tax premium charged for long-term empty properties and encourage the return of empty dwellings for occupied homes. This report recommends an increase to this premium.

10. COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION FUND - REPORT BACK FROM CORPORATE POLICY DEVELOPMENT & SCRUTINY PANEL (Pages 47 - 54)

This report sets out findings and recommendations from Policy Development & Scrutiny following the motion adopted by Council in July on a Community Contribution Fund (CCF) for Bath & North East Somerset.

11. AVON PENSION FUND ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 55 - 78)

The Avon Pension Fund Committee discharges the responsibilities of the Council in its role as the administering authority of the Avon Pension Fund in accordance with the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (as amended). The Committee reports annually to Council on the work it has undertaken in the previous twelve months and reference is also made in the report to the future work programme. This report is for the 12 months to 31 March 2020.

12. CORPORATE AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 79 - 86)

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.

13. SENIOR MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE UPDATE (Pages 87 - 90)

This report seeks Council's approval of the appointment to the new position of Chief Operating Officer and the appointment of an Interim Monitoring Officer. It also provides Council with an outline update on the proposed senior management structure for the future.

14. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING REPORTS TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020 (Pages 91 - 108)

This report gives details of performance against the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2020/21 for the first six months of 2020/21.

15. LABOUR GROUP MOTION - FREE SCHOOL MEALS (Pages 109 - 110)

16. LABOUR GROUP MOTION - FIREWORKS (Pages 111 - 112)

17. 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.