

Council

Date: Wednesday 17th November 2021

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Public Access via YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/bathnescouncil>

To: All Members of the Council

Dear Member

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Council** on **Wednesday 17th November 2021** in **Zoom** - a link will be provided.

The agenda is set out overleaf.

This informal virtual meeting will help to inform the decision-making meeting on 18th November 2021. This virtual meeting will be conducted in the normal manner but, as any decisions made will not be legally enforceable, they will be formally made on 18th November 2021.

Yours sincerely



Jo Morrison
Democratic Services Manager
for Chief Executive

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. **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. 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. **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. WELCOME

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 - 16TH SEPTEMBER 2021 (Pages 7 - 8)

To be confirmed as a correct record and recommended for approval to Council on 18th November.

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 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.

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. CONSTITUTION REFRESH (Pages 9 - 68)

The Monitoring Officer has been tasked to refresh the Council's Constitution.

9. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION - PROPORTIONALITY REVIEW (Pages 69 - 74)

This report invites Council to agree a revised political proportionality table - offering a committee/panel place to each of the non-aligned Councillors following a change in political group membership.

10. AVON PENSION FUND ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 75 - 108)

The Avon Pension Fund 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 2021.

11. STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21 (Pages 109 - 120)

To consider the annual report of the Standards Committee.

12. TREASURY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE REPORT TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021 (Pages 121 - 138)

This report gives details of performance against the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2021/22 for the first six months of 2021/22.

13. CORPORATE PARENTING - REFERRAL FROM CHILDREN, ADULTS, HEALTH & WELLBEING PDS PANEL (Pages 139 - 154)

The Children, Adults, Health & Wellbeing Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel received a report on this in June 2021. A request was made for Full Council to also receive this report which provides updated information for Elected Members. As stated, the report outlines the effectiveness of the Local Authority in meeting its safeguarding responsibilities and progress of children in care and care leavers.

14. SAFETY FOR WOMEN - UPDATE REPORT (Pages 155 - 162)

This report provides an update, following the cross-party motion agreed at Council on 21st July 2021.

15. RACE PANEL UPDATE (Pages 163 - 166)

The B&NES Race Panel was set up by Council in July 2020 following the murder of George Floyd in the USA. The short report is to provide an update on the panel and the work undertaken over the past sixteen months.

16. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR WRIGHT - CARBON TAX (Pages 167 - 170)
17. MOTION FROM THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP - ENSURING PRIVATE CARS ARE PROTECTED FROM CLEAN AIR ZONE CHARGES (Pages 171 - 172)
18. MOTION FROM THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP - THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE (Pages 173 - 174)
19. MOTION FROM THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP - THE IMPACT OF FIREWORKS (Pages 175 - 176)
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The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Jo Morrison who can be contacted on 01225 394358.