

Council

Date: Thursday 25th May 2023

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 25th May 2023** in the **Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath**.

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. **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. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair will draw attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out under Note 5.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR 2023 - 2024

It is a legal requirement that the first formal business at the Annual General meeting shall be the election of a Councillor to be the Chair of the Council. The term of office of the Chair expires on the election of his successor at the Annual meeting of the Council in 2024. The present Chair of the Council is Councillor Shaun Stephenson-McGall who will preside over the election of his successor. Once the new Chair is elected, she will make and sign her Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and receive the Chain of Office.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR 2023 - 2024

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5. 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 4.4 Appendix 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.

6. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 16)

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

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. URGENT DECISION BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE - ENTRY HILL DEPOT CALL-IN VALIDATION (Pages 17 - 18)

This item is reported for information only and not for debate.

10. NOTIFICATION OF MEMBERS ELECTED ON 4TH MAY 2023 (Pages 19 - 20)

11. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER

The Council is required to elect a Councillor to be the Leader of the Council for the 4 year term from May 2023 AGM to May 2027 AGM. The Council is asked to note that all decisions regarding the appointment of a Deputy Leader, Cabinet Members and portfolios, the executive delegation scheme and frequency of Cabinet meetings are decisions solely for the Leader to make and publicise in due course.

12. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS, AND OTHER ANNUAL BUSINESS (Pages 21 - 76)

This report invites the Council to consider its non-executive and regulatory committee arrangements for the Council year May 2023 to May 2024 and other associated annual business. The Council is also required to formally undertake a statutory review of the political proportionality arrangements (as triggered under section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989) in respect of bodies that are required to be politically proportionate, following the recent local Council elections in May 2023, and this report addresses this.

13. PLEDGE TO CHILDREN IN CARE (Pages 77 - 86)

Following the publication of 'Care Matters: Time for Change' in June 2007, there has been a requirement for all Local Authorities to develop and publish a Pledge to their Looked after Children and Care Leavers. The Pledge sets out the services and support children should expect to receive.

Since the implementation of our Pledge in 2008, Bath & North East Somerset's Pledge to Children in Care has continued to be updated to reflect current regulations, guidance and best practice. The pledge is co-produced with children and young people in care and care experienced young adults.

The new Council following local elections is invited to affirm its commitment to the Pledge.

14. QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS AND PETITIONS 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.

15. QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS AND PETITIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

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