

Council

Date: Thursday 20th July 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 20th July 2023** in the **Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath**.

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely



Jo Morrison
Democratic Services Manager
for Chief Executive

Please note the following arrangements for pre-group meetings:

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. 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 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.

4. MINUTES - 25TH MAY 2023 & 15TH JUNE 2023 (Pages 7 - 16)

Both sets of minutes 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 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. NOTIFICATION OF MEMBERS ELECTED ON 22ND JUNE 2023

To note that Councillors Liz Hardman and Grant Johnson were elected to the Paulton ward on 22nd June 2023.

8. 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.

9. ANNUAL BUSINESS ITEMS DEFERRED FROM THE AGM (Pages 17 - 24)

This report invites the Council to consider the annual business items that were deferred from the 25th May 2023 Council.

10. REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL (Pages 25 - 30)

The Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' Allowances were asked by Council on 25th May 2023 to specifically consider the new role of Cabinet Project Lead and whether an allowance was appropriate. They met on 19th June to consider this and their recommendations are included in the report.

11. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER ADVOCATES (Pages 31 - 36)

The Council has a scheme to appoint Member Advocates who provide a voice for certain interests within the Council or community.

12. CORPORATE STRATEGY 2023-2027 (Pages 37 - 52)

The council's Corporate Strategy will guide council activity and budget planning over the next four years. This report invites Council to adopt the Corporate Strategy and its associated outcomes framework as set out in the appendix.

13. FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT WITH OLEKSANDRIYA (Pages 53 - 60)

At its meeting of 16th March 2023, Council resolved to pursue and formalise a friendship agreement between B&NES Council and the city of Oleksandriya. Delegated authority was given to the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council to negotiate, agree and sign the friendship agreement on behalf of B&NES Council. The Leader has exercised this authority and Council is now invited to give its approval to invite the Mayor of Oleksandriya City Council to counter-sign the document on 21st July 2023.

14. TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2022/23 (Pages 61 - 82)

Treasury risk management at the Authority is conducted within the framework of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice 2021 Edition (the CIPFA Code), which requires the Council to approve a Treasury Management Strategy before the start of each financial year, review performance during the year, and approve an annual report within six months after the end of each financial year. This report gives details of performance

against the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2022/23.

15. AVON PENSION FUND TERMS OF REFERENCE JULY 2023 (Pages 83 - 94)

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 APF Committee recommended a change in the quorum of the committee set out in its Terms of Reference (ToR) at its last meeting on 23rd June 2023 and seek Council approval for the change.

16. STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022 - 2023 (Pages 95 - 122)

To consider the annual report of the Standards Committee.

17. MOTION FROM THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP - KNIFE CRIME (Pages 123 - 124)

18. 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.