

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING SUMMONS

Members of Fareham Borough Council are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham, on **THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2013**, commencing at **6.00 pm**.

The Mayor: Councillor Susan Bayford

The Deputy Mayor: Councillor David Norris

Councillor Brian Bayford
Councillor Susan Bell
Councillor John Bryant
Councillor Pamela Bryant
Councillor Trevor Cartwright
Councillor Peter Davies
Councillor Marian Ellerton
Councillor Jack Englefield
Councillor Keith Evans
Councillor Geoff Fazackarley
Councillor Michael Ford, JP
Councillor Jim Forrest
Councillor Nick Gregory
Councillor Tiffany Harper
Councillor Connie Hockley

Councillor Trevor Howard
Councillor Leslie Keeble
Councillor Tim Knight
Councillor Arthur Mandry
Councillor Kay Mandry
Councillor Sarah Pankhurst
Councillor Roger Price, JP
Councillor Dennis Steadman
Councillor David Swanbrow
Councillor Katrina Trott
Councillor Nick Walker
Councillor David Whittingham
Councillor Paul Whittle, JP
Councillor Seán Woodward



1. Prayers

The meeting will commence with a short service of prayers.

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 October 2013.

4. Mayor's Announcements

5. Executive Leader's Announcements

6. Executive Members' Announcements

7. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest from members in accordance with Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct and disclosures of advice or directions received from Group Leaders of Political Groups, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

8. Presentation of Petitions

To receive any petitions presented by a member of the Council.

Note: any petition so presented will be dealt with in accordance with the Council's petition scheme.

9. Deputations

To receive any deputations of which notice has been given.

10. Reports of the Executive

To receive, consider and answer questions on reports and recommendations of the Executive. Minutes of the meetings of the Executive and a schedule of individual Executive member decisions are appended.

(1) Minutes of meeting Monday, 7 October 2013 of Executive (Pages 9 - 14)

(2) Minutes of meeting Monday, 4 November 2013 of Executive (Pages 15 - 20)

(3) Minutes of meeting Monday, 2 December 2013 of Executive (Pages 21 - 26)

(4) Schedule of Individual Executive Decisions (Pages 27 - 28)

11. Report of the Scrutiny Board

To receive, consider and answer questions on reports and recommendations of the meeting of the Scrutiny Board held on 21 November 2013.

- (1) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 21 November 2013 of Scrutiny Board (Pages 29 - 32)

12. Reports of Other Committees

To receive the minutes of the following Committees and to consider and answer questions on any reports and recommendations made.

- (1) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 9 October 2013 of Planning Committee (Pages 33 - 50)
- (2) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 20 November 2013 of Planning Committee (Pages 51 - 64)
- (3) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 5 November 2013 of Strategic Planning and Environment Policy Development and Review Panel (Pages 65 - 70)
- (4) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 6 November 2013 of Leisure and Community Policy Development and Review Panel (Pages 71 - 74)
- (5) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 24 October 2013 of Streetscene Policy Development and Review Panel (Pages 75 - 78)
- (6) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 12 November 2013 of Public Protection Policy Development and Review Panel (Pages 79 - 82)
- (7) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 14 November 2013 of Health and Housing Policy Development and Review Panel (Pages 83 - 86)
- (8) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 19 November 2013 of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee (Pages 87 - 90)
- (9) Minutes of meeting Monday, 25 November 2013 of Audit and Governance Committee (Pages 91 - 96)

13. Questions under Standing Order 17.2

To answer questions pursuant to Standing Order 17.2 for this meeting.

Questions by Councillor P J Davies to the Executive Leader:

1. What was the Housing Benefit Expenditure for the Borough of Fareham in 2011/12 and 2012/13 and what is it estimated to be in 2013/14?
2. Would the Leader agree that the recent reduction of the spare room subsidy for the under 60s, merely brings social housing in line with the private rented sector?

3. In percentage terms, what is the effect of the reduction in the spare room subsidy for the under 60s on the total Housing Benefit bill?
4. Would the Leader agree that it is unfair to all the ordinary decent hard working taxpayers in the Borough of Fareham for their taxes to be used to give Housing Benefits for dwellings larger than needed by their residents?

Questions by Councillor P J Davies to the Executive Member for Leisure and Commu

5. Would the Executive Member agree that Westbury Manor Gardens is an oasis of bucolic and sylvan charm?
6. Can the Executive Member explain why Westbury Manor Gardens closes at 5pm even in summer?

14. Motions under Standing Order 15

Members will be informed, prior to the meeting, of any motion duly notified in accordance with Standing Order 15 but received after print and dispatch of the agenda.

- (1) Notice of motion received 26 November 2013 by the Executive Leader:

“I propose that the Council agrees to write to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport to raise concerns about Fixed Odds Betting Terminals and their potential impact on problem gambling especially where some people are at risk of spending far too much time and money on them. Whilst fruit machines in pubs and bingo halls and amusement arcades where cash stakes are limited to £2, gamblers can bet with cash or via a debit card up to £100 every go on Fixed Odds Betting Terminals.

Therefore the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport is requested to demand urgent action against Fixed Odds Betting Terminals and reduce the maximum stake on Fixed Odds Betting Terminals to £2 per spin.”

- (2) Notice of motion received 2 December 2013 by the Executive Leader:

“In honour of the late Alderman Crouch's many years of unstinting service to the Borough of Fareham, I would like to move that this Council asks the Executive to agree to the naming of the new sheltered housing scheme on the site of the former Collingwood House as "Ernest Crouch Court".

This would be a fitting tribute to Alderman Crouch which would reflect his special interest and involvement in Housing throughout his many years of service on this Council.”

- (3) Notice of motion received 3 December 2013 by Councillor P J Davies:

“That Fareham Borough Council requests that Hampshire County Council provide a 'spare' lollipop person to cover when a lollipop person in the Borough of Fareham is off sick.”

15. Appointments to Committees

To make any changes in appointments to the seats on committees in accordance with the wishes of political groups. Such appointments will take effect from 13 December 2013.

16. Council Tax Support Scheme 2014/15 (Pages 97 - 126)

a report by the Director of Finance and Resources

17. The Hampshire Partnership (Pages 127 - 130)

a report by the Director of Regulatory and Democratic Services

18. Updates to the Constitution (Pages 131 - 174)

a report by the Director of Regulatory and Democratic Services

19. Schedule of Council and Committee Meetings: 2014-15 (Pages 175 - 180)

a report by the Director of Regulatory and Democratic Services

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