

# 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 FRIDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2020, commencing at 5.00 pm.

The Mayor: Councillor Pamela Bryant

The Deputy Mayor: Councillor Michael Ford, JP

Councillor Keith Barton Councillor Geoff Fazackarley

Councillor Susan Bayford Councillor Jim Forrest

Councillor Ian Bastable Councillor Tiffany Harper

Councillor Susan Bell Councillor Carolyn Heneghan

Councillor Fred Birkett Councillor Connie Hockley

Councillor Jonathan Butts Councillor Leslie Keeble

Councillor Trevor Cartwright, MBE Councillor Gerry Kelly

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Councillor Louise Clubley Councillor Kay Mandry

Councillor Shaun Cunningham Councillor Simon Martin

Councillor Peter Davies Councillor Sarah Pankhurst

Councillor Tom Davies Councillor Roger Price, JP

Councillor Steve Dugan Councillor Katrina Trott

Councillor Tina Ellis Councillor Nick Walker

Councillor Jack Englefield Councillor Seán Woodward

Councillor Keith Evans



#### 1. Prayers

The meeting will commence with a short service of prayers.

#### 2. Apologies for Absence

### **3. Minutes** (Pages 9 - 18)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 05 December 2019.

#### 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.

Members are reminded that in 2019, the Monitoring Officer granted a 3-year period of dispensation to all Members to enable discussion and a decision to be taken at item 15 – Finance Strategy, Capital Programme, Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2019/20.

#### 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 Thursday, 5 December 2019 of Executive (Pages 19 20)
- (2) Minutes of meeting Monday, 16 December 2019 of Executive (Pages 21 26)
- (3) Minutes of meeting Monday, 6 January 2020 of Executive (Pages 27 32)
- (4) Minutes of meeting Monday, 3 February 2020 of Executive (Pages 33 38)

(5) Schedule of Individual Executive Member and Officer Delegated Decisions (Pages 39 - 40)

#### 11. 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, 11 December 2019 of Planning Committee (Pages 41 48)
- (2) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 22 January 2020 of Planning Committee (Pages 49 52)
- (3) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 29 January 2020 of Planning Committee (Pages 53 56)
- (4) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 28 January 2020 of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee (Pages 57 60)

#### 12. Reports of the Scrutiny Panels

To receive, consider and answer questions on reports and recommendations of the meetings of the Scrutiny Panels.

- (1) Minutes of meeting Monday, 16 December 2019 of Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel (Pages 61 64)
- (2) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 14 January 2020 of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel (Pages 65 68)
- (3) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 16 January 2020 of Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel (Pages 69 72)
- (4) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 21 January 2020 of Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel (Pages 73 76)
- (5) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 30 January 2020 of Streetscene Scrutiny Panel (Pages 77 80)

#### 13. Questions under Standing Orders with respect to meetings

To answer questions pursuant to the Council's Standing Orders 2.19 - 2.22 for this meeting.

#### 14. Motions under Standing Orders with respect to meetings

Members will be informed, prior to the meeting, of any motion duly notified in accordance with Standing Orders 2.10 - 2.13 but received after print and dispatch of the agenda.

(1) Update on Motion presented to Council on 14 June 2019 by Councillor R H Price. JP

To receive an update on the motion presented to Council on 14 June 2019 by Councillor R H Price, JP, in respect of the Citizen of Honour Awards.

(2) Notice of motion received on the 05 February 2020 from Councillor R H Price, JP

"I propose that Fareham Borough Council resolves to take the following action regarding Fireworks;

- 1. To encourage all public firework displays within the Borough to be advertised fully in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people.
- 2. To actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risk.
- 3. To encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock "quieter" fireworks for public display.
- 4. To write to the UK government urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays. This letter to be copied to the Local Government Association asking for their support to obtain this legislative change."
- (3) Notice of Motion received on the 06 February 2020 from Councillor Mrs K K Trott

"I propose that Fareham Borough Council calls upon the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to review the way Councils can use the proceeds from the 'Right to Buy' policy, in order to facilitate the provision of more, much needed, Affordable homes including those for Social Rent."

# 15. Finance Strategy, Capital Programme, Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2020/21

(1) Suspension of Standing Order 2.29 and 2.30

To consider suspending the provision of Standing Order 2.29 to allow the Executive Leader of the Council to speak on the matters referred to in items 15(2) and 15(3) for longer than five minutes and the spokesman for the Opposition Group to speak for not more than ten minutes; and to consider suspending the provisions of Standing Order 2.30 to allow the Executive Leader of the Council to speak on the matters referred to in items 15(2) and 15(3) more than once to respond to points raised in debate.

(2) Report to the Executive - 03 February 2020 (Pages 81 - 90)

The Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 03 February 2020, presented to Council at its meeting on 21 February 2020 at item 10(4) contained recommendations on the revenue budget and the level of Council

Tax for 2020/21.

(Note: a copy of the report to the Executive is included in this Agenda pack)

If Members accept the Executive's recommendations, formal approval will be sought of the following matters:

- (a) the capital programme and financing of £64,246,000;
- (b) an overall revised revenue budget for 2019/20 of £9,319,200;
- (c) a revenue budget for 2020/21 of £9,606,500;
- (d) the remainder of the surplus in the spending reserve remains in the reserve to cover the anticipated future funding shortfalls as set out in paragraphs 17-20;
- (e) a council tax for Fareham Borough Council for 2020/21 of £165.22 per band D property, which represents a £5.00 increase when compared to the current year and is within referendum limits; and
- (f) an unchanged Council Tax Support scheme for 2020/21.

Please note: The Local Government Finance Settlement has not yet been agreed and will not be finalised until after 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at the earliest. In order to enable Council Tax bills to be issued within the statutory timescale, the Council will be asked to further approve:

(g) that authority be delegated to the Section 151 Officer, following consultation with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources, to amend the budget, as set out in this report, to reflect any necessary changes brought about as a result of the Final Local Government Finance Settlement 2020/21.

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, there will be a recorded vote on the budget decision.

(3) Council Tax for 2020/21 for Fareham Borough Council, Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service

Having made the necessary calculations in relation to its own budget, the Council must proceed to set the Council Tax for 2020/21 taking account of the amounts in precepts issued to the Council by Hampshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner and Hampshire Fire Authority. These precepts will not be issued before the publication of this agenda and will therefore be reported at the meeting, with provisional figures being given for those that are not yet approved.

In order to enable Council Tax bills to be issued within the statutory timescale, it is recommended that the Council agrees to delegate authority to the Deputy

Chief Executive Officer to amend the Council Tax 2020/21, in the event that any of the precepting authorities change their precept calculation from that expected and reported at the Council meeting.

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 there will be a recorded vote on the budget decision.

(Note: a schedule will be circulated at the meeting for approval, showing the formal calculations the Council must make, incorporating any figures recommended by the Executive. Members will also be advised of the wording of the formal resolution they must adopt to set the Council Tax for 2020/21, taking account of the requisite calculations and the precepts of Hampshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner and Hampshire Fire Authority).

#### **16.** Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Plans 2020/21 (Pages 91 - 102)

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 03 February 2020, presented to Council at its meeting on 21 February 2020 at item 10(4), contained recommendations on the Housing Revenue Account Spending Plans including the Capital Programme for the years 2019/20 to 2023/24. If Members accept the Executive's recommendations, formal approval will be sought of the following matters:

- (a) rents be approved for Council Dwellings as set out in paragraph 18 of that report with effect from 01 April 2020;
- (b) rents for Council garages be increased by 4.0% with effect from 01 April 2020;
- (c) the revised budget for 2019/20 be approved; and
- (d) the base budget for 2020/21 be approved;

(Note: a copy of the report to the Executive is included in this Agenda pack)

# 17. Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy 2020/21 (Pages 103 - 126)

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 03 February 2020, presented to Council at its meeting on 21 February 2020 at item 10(4) of this agenda, contained recommendations that the Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy 2020/21 be submitted to Council for approval. If Members accept the Executive's recommendation, formal approval will be sought that the Council approves the Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy 2020/21.

(Note: a copy of the report to the Executive together with the Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy 2020/21 are included in this agenda pack).

#### **18.** Capital Programme and Capital Strategy 2020/21 (Pages 127 - 148)

The minutes of the meeting held on 06 January 2020, presented to Council at its meeting on 21 February 2020 at item 10(3) contained recommendations on the Capital Programme and Capital Strategy 2020/21. If Members accept the Executive's recommendations, formal approval of the Capital Programme and Capital Strategy for 2020/21 will be sought.

(Note: a copy of the report to the Executive, together with the Capital Programme and Capital Strategy for 2020/21, is included in this Agenda pack.)

## **19. Approval of Pay Policy Statement 2020/21** (Pages 149 - 168)

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 06 January 2020, presented to Council at its meeting on 21 February 2020 at item 10(3) contained a recommendation that the updated Pay Policy, annexed to the Medium-Term Finance Strategy, be submitted to Council for approval. If Members accept the Executive's recommendation, formal approval will be sought that the Council approves the updated Pay Policy Statement 2020/21.

(Note: a copy of the report to the Executive, together with the updated Pay Policy Statement for 2020/21, is included in this Agenda pack)

### 20. Change to Audit and Governance Committee Meeting Date

The Council is asked to consider a revised date for the Audit and Governance Committee in March 2020 and agree that the meeting be moved from Monday 16 March to Monday 23 March, commencing at 6pm.

### **21.** Appointments to Committees (Pages 169 - 176)

In accordance with its Standing Orders, the Council is invited to consider a report on the appointment of committees and the allocation of seats following the nominations of political groups.

#### 22. Appointments to Outside Bodies

Council is asked to re-appoint a representative to Citizens Advice Fareham and a Deputy to South East Employer's Local Democracy and Accountability Network for Councillors.

At the end of the Council meeting, Members are invited to remain in the Council Chamber for a brief informal meeting concerning the selection of the Deputy Mayor for 2020/21.

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