

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 **FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2024**, commencing at **5.00 pm (or at the close of the Special meeting of the Council should this overrun)**.

The Mayor: Councillor Fred Birkett

The Deputy Mayor: Councillor Pal Hayre

Councillor Chrissie Bainbridge

Councillor Ian Bastable

Councillor Susan Bayford

Councillor Roger Bird

Councillor Pamela Bryant

Councillor Frair Burgess

Councillor Joanne Burton

Councillor Louise Clubley

Councillor Malcolm Daniells

Councillor Harry Davis

Councillor Steve Dugan

Councillor Tina Ellis

Councillor Jack Englefield

Councillor David Foot

Councillor Michael Ford, JP

Councillor Nick Gregory

Councillor David Hamilton

Councillor Tiffany Harper

Councillor Connie Hockley

Councillor Stephen Ingram

Councillor Kay Mandry

Councillor Simon Martin

Councillor Jacquie Needham

Councillor Paul Nother

Councillor Sarah Pankhurst

Councillor Katrina Trott

Councillor Nick Walker

Councillor Mrs Susan Walker

Councillor Seán Woodward



1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes (Pages 9 - 20)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14 December 2023.

3. Mayor's Announcements

4. Executive Leader's Announcements

5. Executive Members' Announcements

6. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest from members in accordance with Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct.

7. 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.

8. Deputations

To receive any deputations of which notice has been given.

9. 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, 8 January 2024 of Executive (Pages 21 - 26)

(2) Minutes of meeting Monday, 5 February 2024 of Executive (Pages 27 - 32)

(3) Schedule of Individual Executive Member and Officer Delegated Decisions (Pages 33 - 34)

10. 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 Monday, 11 December 2023 of Appointments Sub-Committee (Pages 35 - 36)

(2) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 13 December 2023 of Planning Committee (Pages 37 - 56)

- (3) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 14 December 2023 of Planning Committee (Pages 57 - 64)
- (4) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 17 January 2024 of Planning Committee (Pages 65 - 68)
- (5) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 30 January 2024 of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee (Pages 69 - 72)

11. 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 Thursday, 30 November 2023 of Housing Scrutiny Panel (Pages 73 - 78)
- (2) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 8 February 2024 of Housing Scrutiny Panel (Pages 79 - 82)
- (3) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 16 January 2024 of Climate Change Scrutiny Panel (Pages 83 - 86)
- (4) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 18 January 2024 of Daedalus Scrutiny Panel (Pages 87 - 90)
- (5) Minutes of meeting Monday, 22 January 2024 of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel (Pages 91 - 96)
- (6) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 24 January 2024 of Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel (Pages 97 - 100)
- (7) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 25 January 2024 of Streetscene Scrutiny Panel (Pages 101 - 104)
- (8) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 31 January 2024 of Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel (Pages 105 - 108)
- (9) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 6 February 2024 of Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel (Pages 109 - 112)

12. Questions under Standing Order 2.12

To answer questions pursuant to Standing Order 2.12 for this meeting.

13. Motions under Standing Order 2.6

Members will be informed, prior to the meeting, of any motion duly notified in accordance with Standing Order 2.6 but received after print and dispatch of the agenda.

- (1) Notice of Motion dated 12 February 2024 received from Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley

The notice of motion submitted by Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley is in respect of community generated energy schemes and asks that Fareham Borough Council resolves to:

- (i) Acknowledges the efforts that this Council has made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;
- (ii) Further recognises
 - that because small-scale renewable energy generation sites receive no guaranteed price certainty for the electricity they generate, it is difficult for sites to finance new generation projects or expand existing ones
 - that enabling small-scale renewable energy generation sites (capacity below 5 megawatts) to export their electricity to an existing electricity supplier on fair terms would provide sites with a guaranteed income which can be used to expand existing projects or establish new ones
 - that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for community-owned and run renewable electricity generators ('community schemes') to do so,
 - that requiring existing larger suppliers to work with community schemes to then sell the electricity they generate to local customers would mean local households, businesses and public services can access locally-generated, clean and affordable electricity
 - that revenues received by such community schemes that chose to become local renewable electricity providers could be used to help improve the local economy, local services and facilities and to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions
- (iii) Notes that the Government-commissioned Net Zero Review, authored by Rt Hon Chris Skidmore and published on the Government's website on the 14th January 2023, recommends that Government should commit to enabling community energy projects to provide energy directly to local households and businesses.
- (iv) Accordingly resolves to support a Right to Local Supply, as outlined in the Local Electricity Bill of last year that was supported by a cross-party group of 326 MPs; and
- (v) Further resolves to
 - inform the local media of this decision,
 - write to local MPs, asking them to support the establishment of a Right to Local Supply for community energy projects, and

- write to the organisers of the campaign for the Right to Local Supply, Power for People, (at Camden Collective, 5-7 Buck Street, London NW1 8NJ or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support.

14. Finance Strategy, Capital Programme, Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2024/25

(1) Suspension of Standing Order 2.15 and 2.16

To consider suspending the provision of Standing Order 2.15 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 2.16 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 - 05 February 2024 (Pages 113 - 126)

The Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 05 February 2023, to be presented to Council at its meeting on 23 February 2024 at item 10(2) of the agenda, contain recommendations on the revenue budget and the level of Council Tax for 2024/25.

(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 £58,678,500;
- (b) an overall revised net revenue budget for 2023/24 of £12,376,100;
- (c) a net revenue budget for 2024/25 of £13,292,600;
- (d) a council tax for Fareham Borough Council for 2024/25 of £185.86 per band D property, which represents a £5.40 per year increase when compared to the current year and is within referendum limits;
- (e) an unchanged Council Tax Support scheme for 2024/25; and
- (f) that the Council continues to disregard the whole of any incomes prescribed in the Housing Benefit (War Pensions Disregards) Regulations 2007 and the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) (England) Regulations 2012.

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

- (3) Council Tax 2024/25 for Fareham Borough Council, Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Hampshire Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority

Having made the necessary calculations in relation to its own budget, the Council must proceed to set the Council Tax for 2024/25 taking account of the amounts in precepts issue to the Council by Hampshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Authority. These precepts will not be issued before 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 Chief Executive Officer to amend the Council Tax 2024/25, 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 tabled 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 2024/25, taking account of the requisite calculations and the precepts of Hampshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Authority).

15. Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Plans 2024/25 (Pages 127 - 144)

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 05 February 2024, to be presented to Council at its meeting on 23 February 2024 at item 10(2) of the agenda contain recommendations on the Housing Revenue Account Spending Plans including the Capital Programme for the years 2023/24 to 2027/28. 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 27 with effect from 01 April 2024;
- (b) rents for Council garages be increased by 7.7% with effect from 01 April 2024;
- (c) the revised budget for 2023/24 be approved;
- (d) the base budget for 2024/25 be approved; and
- (e) the Fees and Service Charges at Appendix E be approved.

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

16. Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy 2024/25 (Pages 145 - 168)

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 05 February 2024, to be presented to Council at its meeting on 23 February 2024 at item 10(2) of this agenda, contain recommendations that the Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy 2024/25 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 the Investment Strategy 2024/25.

(Note: a copy of the report to the Executive together with the Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy 2024/25 are included in this agenda pack.)

17. Capital Programme and Capital Strategy 2024/25 (Pages 169 - 172)

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 08 January 2024, to be presented to Council at its meeting on 23 February 2024 at item 10(1) of this agenda, contain recommendations on the Capital Programme and Capital Strategy 2024/25. If Members accept the Executive's recommendations, formal approval of the Capital Programme and Capital Strategy for 2024/25 will be sought.

(Note: a copy of the report to the Executive, together with the Capital Programme and Capital Strategy for 2024/25 is included in this agenda pack)

18. Approval of Pay Policy Statement 2024/25 (Pages 173 - 180)

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 08 January 2024, to be presented to Council at its meeting on 23 February 2024 at item 10(1) of this agenda, contain a resolution by the Executive that the Medium-Term Finance Strategy be approved.

Attached to the Medium-Term Finance Strategy as Annex 2 is the updated Pay Policy Statement 2024/25 which Council is now asked to approve.

(Note: a copy of the updated Pay Policy Statement for 2024/25 is included in this agenda pack)

19. Council Tax Long Term Empty and Second Home Premium Charges (Pages 181 - 210)

A report by the Assistant Chief Executive Officer.

20. Proposed change of date of April Council meeting

Council will be requested to consider moving the date of the April Council meeting from the scheduled date of Thursday 18 April 2024 to Tuesday 09 April 2024 to coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the first Council meeting of Fareham Borough Council.

21. 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 26 February 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Wannell', written in a cursive style.

A WANNELL
Chief Executive Officer

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