



AGENDA

For the Council meeting to be held on
Wednesday 12 July 2017.

Timothy Wheadon, Chief Executive



NOTICE OF MEETING

Council

Wednesday 12 July 2017, 7.30 pm

Council Chamber, Fourth Floor, Easthampstead House, Bracknell

To: The Council

Councillor Mrs McKenzie-Boyle (Mayor), Councillor Finch (Deputy Mayor),
Councillors Allen, Mrs Angell, Angell, Dr Barnard, Bettison OBE, D Birch, Mrs Birch, G Birch,
Brossard, Brunel-Walker, Dudley, Finnie, Ms Gaw, Mrs Hamilton, Harrison, Mrs Hayes MBE,
Ms Hayes, Heydon, Dr Hill, Mrs Ingham, Kennedy, Leake, McCracken, Mrs McCracken,
Mrs McKenzie, McLean, Mrs Mattick, Ms Merry, Ms Miller, Peacey, Phillips, Porter, Skinner,
Mrs Temperton, Thompson, Tullett, Turrell, Virgo, Wade and Worrall

TIMOTHY WHEADON
Chief Executive

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The meeting will be opened with prayers by the Mayor's Chaplain

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26 April 2017 and 24 May 2017.

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3. **Declarations of Interest**

Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary or affected interests in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.

Any Member with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter should withdraw from the meeting when the matter is under consideration and should notify the Democratic Services Officer in attendance that they are withdrawing as they have such an interest. If the Disclosable Pecuniary Interest is not entered on the register of Members interests the Monitoring Officer must be notified of the interest within 28 days.

Any Member with an affected Interest in a matter must disclose the interest to the meeting and must not participate in discussion of the matter or vote on the matter unless granted a dispensation by the Monitoring officer or by the Governance and Audit Committee. There is no requirement to withdraw from the meeting when the interest is only an affected interest, but the Monitoring Officer should be notified of the interest, if not previously notified of it, within 28 days of the meeting.

4. **Question Submitted Under Council Procedure Rule 9**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 (Public Participation), one question has been submitted by Mr R Francis resident of Woodridge Close, Wildridings and Central ward with regard to transparent decision making.

The full text of the question is set out below, to be answered by Councillor Bettison OBE, Leader of the Council:

How many pages of reports delivered to the council have been restricted since the election of the current council in May 2015? What proportion of all such reports does this figure constitute? Does the council endorse the importance of an open, active and accountable democracy?

The procedure for dealing with submissions is explained in the Council's scheme for public participation which is viewable as part of the Constitution. The overall time allowed at a meeting to deal with all submissions by the public will not normally exceed 30 minutes.

5. **Mayor's Announcements**

6. **Executive Report**

To receive the Leader's report on the work of the Executive since the Council meeting held on 26 April 2017. 39 - 52

The Council is asked to resolve a recommendation in respect of:

- **the release of £20m capital funding in 2017/18 from the indicative 2018/19 Capital Programme in order to accelerate delivery of the Council's agreed Commercial Property Investment Strategy**

7. **Bracknell Forest Homes Proposed Merger**

To seek Council's agreement to amend the Bracknell Forest Homes transfer agreement terms and rules to enable the merger of Bracknell Forest Homes with Housing Solutions Ltd. 53 - 80

8. **Local Government Ombudsman Finding - Monitoring Officer Report**

To appraise the Council of a finding of maladministration with no injustice by the Local Government Ombudsman against Bracknell Forest Council in response to a complaint. 81 - 94

9. **Establishment of Committees and associated issues**

To consider the revised position regarding the appointment of Members to serve on committees and external bodies since Annual Council on 24 May 2017. 95 - 96

10. **Question Submitted Under Council Procedure Rule 10**

By Councillor Mrs Temperton to Councillor Bettison OBE, Leader of the Council

The Queen's speech did not include a commitment to reintroduce the 2017 Local Government Finance Bill that would have allowed local government in England to keep the £26 billion in business rates raised locally each year. It had been hoped that this money would have enabled local government, that is best placed to respond to local needs, to pay for valuable services. Councils are facing an overall funding gap of £5.8 billion by 2020 , Bracknell Forest being part of this.

Is the Leader confident that from this new government's obvious willingness to release more money, the many promised consultations will lead to increased funding for local government so that they can get on with the job they do best?