



AGENDA

For the Council meeting to be held on
Wednesday 29 November 2017

Timothy Wheadon, Chief Executive



NOTICE OF MEETING

Council

Wednesday 29 November 2017, 7.30 pm

Council Chamber, Fourth Floor, Easthampstead House, Town Square, Bracknell - Easthampstead House, Town Square, Bracknell, RG12 1AQ

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



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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 13 September 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. **Mayor's Announcements**

To include a presentation from Rob Collins, Managing Director of Waitrose.

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

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 (Public Participation), one question has been submitted by Mr T Neill, resident of Woodmere,

Harmans Water ward with regard to disabled parking charges.

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

Department for Work and Pensions and Office of National Statistics figures, compiled by The Papworth Trust in the report '[Disability Facts and Figures 2016](#)', show:

- That disabled adults aged from 25 to retirement age are twice as likely as their nondisabled counterparts to live in low income households.
- That 55% of disabled people reported having no savings, and that disabled people's day to day living costs are 25% higher than those of non-disabled people.
- That 40% of disabled children in the UK live in poverty, and that almost a third of those are classified as living in 'severe poverty'.

The United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities recently concluded that the UK Government has 'totally neglected' disabled people, and has described 'grave and systematic violations' of the rights of disabled people in the UK.

Speaking for the Council, why are you happy that disabled visitors to Bracknell are charged for parking?

6. Executive Report

To receive the Leader's report on the work of the Executive since the Council meeting held on 13 September 2017.

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Council is asked to resolve a recommendation in respect of:

- **Provision of capital funding as Bracknell Forest's contribution to the Heathlands EMI scheme**
- **Approval of the Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2017-19**

The Executive will be meeting on 21 November 2017, if any matters arise at that meeting which require a decision by Council, a supplementary report will be circulated.

7. Affected Interests and related matters

To amend provisions relating to Affected Interests in the Council's Code of Conduct for Members following recommendations of the Code of Conduct Working Group.

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8. Establishment of an Appointment Committee

To establish an Appointment Committee to undertake a number of Chief Officer appointments as the initial phase of moving towards an integrated 'People Directorate'.

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9. **Membership of Overview and Scrutiny Commission**

To agree the size and allocation of seats for the Overview and Scrutiny Commission, and appoint to its membership.

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10. **Schedule of meetings 2018 - 19**

To seek approval to the proposed schedule of meetings 2018/19.

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

By Councillor Mrs Temperton to Councillor Turrell, Executive Member for Planning and Transport:

The residents of Bracknell Forest have a real concern about the availability of affordable homes to rent and to buy. There is building going on all around the borough and the Council's policy is for 25% of the completions to be 'affordable'. In the first quarter of this year, only five 'affordable' homes were completed, in the second quarter only eight. The latest plans accepted for the Old Wick Hill site has allowed just six 'affordable' homes from a total of 61. This is only 10%.

What is being done to ensure more 'affordable' homes are built to both rent and to buy?

How is the Council ensuring that these homes are indeed 'affordable' for the majority of our existing residents?

If the cap on Council borrowing is lifted, as it seems likely, will the Council build so-called 'social housing'- homes at lower rents?