

Notice of Meeting

Council

Councillor Ejaz (Mayor)
Councillor Penfold (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors Allen, Bailey, Barnard, Bidwell, Brown, Cochrane, Collings, C Eberle, T Eberle, Egglestone, M Forster, S Forster, Frewer, Frost, Gaw, Gillbe, Haffegée, Harrison, Hayes MBE, Jefferies, Karim, McKenzie-Boyle, McLean, Mossom, Neil, O'Regan, Pickering, Purnell, Robertson, Smith, Temperton, C Thompson, P Thompson, Virgo, Watts, Webb, Welch, Wright and Zahuruddin



Wednesday 12 July 2023, 7.30 pm
Time Square, Market Street, Bracknell, RG12 1JD

Susan Halliwell
Chief Executive

Agenda

All councillors at this meeting have adopted the Mayor's Charter which fosters constructive and respectful debate.

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1.	Apologies for Absence	
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	5 - 8
	To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held on 24 May 2023.	
3.	Declarations of Interest	
	<p>Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary or affected interests in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Any Member with an affected Interest in a matter must disclose the interest to the meeting. 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.</p>	
4.	Mayor's Announcements	

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Exclusion of the Press and Public

Agenda item 5 is supported by an annex containing exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. If the Committee wishes to discuss the content of this annex in detail, it may choose to move the following resolution:

That pursuant to Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulations 2012 and having regard to the public interest, members of the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of item 5 which involves the likely disclosure of exempt information under the following category of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972:

- (3) *Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).*

5.	Executive Report	9 - 18
	<p>To receive the Leader's report on the work of the Executive since the Council meeting held on 24 May 2023.</p> <p>Council is asked to resolve a recommendation in respect of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Part Refurbishment of Bracknell Leisure Centre	
6.	Questions Submitted Under Council Procedure Rule 10	
	<p>(i) <u>By Councillor Gaw to Councillor Gillbe, Executive Member for Planning and Transport</u></p> <p>(a) <i>Can the Executive Member give an update on the progress of the Draft Local Plan, relative to its previously agreed timetable for consultation and implementation?</i></p> <p>(ii) <u>By Thomas Parker to Councillor Temperton, Leader and Executive Member for Council Strategy and Climate Change</u></p> <p>(a) <i>As part of the last administration a review of the Member's Code of Conduct was completed. Whilst this made some slight progress, the behaviours of members towards other Councillors and Officers did not substantially improve as the Code lacked teeth and the 'tone from the top' did not sufficiently ensure that it was embedded and that the culture changed.</i></p> <p><i>Will the new Council administration commit to the following?:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>A full review of the Member's Code of Conduct so that it is strengthened and reinforces a higher standard of behaviour that the public expect from their elected officials;</i>• <i>Strengthening the rules on disclosable interests so that all there is more transparency of any member's personal financial gain derived from their position at the Council (excluding their allowances);</i>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ensuring that a new culture is fostered both at the member and officer level so that the new Code can be properly embedded; and</i> • <i>A more robust process for holding members to account where these standards are not met</i> 	
7.	Motions Submitted Under Council Procedure Rule 11	
	<p><u>Motion 03/2023 moved by Councillor Virgo and seconded by Councillor Barnard</u></p> <p><i>Bracknell Forest Council recognises that many residents are extremely concerned about sewage discharges, specifically those flowing from Thames Water facility works in our Borough, into streams and water courses. These concerns have been amplified by the recent news over financial problems at Thames Water. The Council commits to work to examine and support the tightening of regulations, through the work of the Executive and Overview and Scrutiny, to help end this harmful process, that is destroying both the environment and our wildlife.</i></p> <p><u>Motion 04/2023 moved by Councillor Harrison and seconded by Councillor Hayes</u></p> <p><i>The Council:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Commends the progress made by Bracknell Forest Council's Public Protection Partnership officers in detecting and prosecuting environmental crime such as fly tipping.</i> <i>2. Reaffirms its commitment to deterring and detecting fly tipping in the Borough by expanding the use of CCTV cameras in identified fly tipping hotspots.</i> <i>3. The Council notes the revenue and capital budget underspends achieved in the 2022/23 financial year and invites the Executive to approve spending on further CCTV units and signage to protect further areas identified as vulnerable to illegal dumping of household or trade waste.</i> 	

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