



Council

Wednesday, 22nd February, 2023 at 6.00 pm
Park Suite, Parkside, Chart Way, Horsham

To: All Members of the Council

(Please note that prayers will be taken by The Reverend Sam Maginnis, Team Vicar in Horsham Parish based at Holy Trinity Church, before the meeting commences)

You are summoned to the meeting to transact the following business

Jane Eaton
Chief Executive

Agenda

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GUIDANCE ON COUNCIL PROCEDURE	
1. Apologies for absence	
2. Minutes	
<i>To approve as correct the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14 December, and the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 2 February. (Note: If any Member wishes to propose an amendment to the minutes they should submit this in writing to committeeservices@horsham.gov.uk at least 24 hours before the meeting. Where applicable, the audio recording of the meeting will be checked to ensure the accuracy of the proposed amendment.)</i>	
a) Minutes of 14 December	7 - 20
b) Minutes of 2 February	21 - 22
3. Declarations of Members' Interests	
To receive any declarations of interest from Members	
4. Announcements	
To receive any announcements from the Chairman of the Council, the Leader, Members of the Cabinet or the Chief Executive	
5. Questions from the Public	87
To receive questions from the public under Rules 4a.2(f) and 4j1.1 – 4j1.12	

6. **Recommendations from Cabinet** 23 - 28
- To receive and, if approved, adopt the recommendations from the meeting of Cabinet held on 26 January:
- (a) The 2023/24 Budget and the Medium-Term Financial Strategy to 2026/27 - the report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Parking is available at: [Agenda item 6](#)
 - (b) 2023/24 Council Tax Reduction Scheme and Housing Benefit Modified Scheme - the report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Parking is available at: [Agenda item 7](#)
 - (c) Business Rates Discretionary Charitable Relief 2023/24 - the report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Parking is available at: [Agenda item 8](#)
 - (d) Local Authority Housing Fund 2022-23 and 2023-24 - the report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Parking is available at: [Agenda item 11a](#))
7. **Council Tax Resolution 2023/24** 29 - 38
- To receive the report of the Cabinet Member for Finance & Assets and to approve the formal 2023/24 Council Tax Resolution.
8. **Recommendations from Committees** 39 - 42
- (a) To receive the report to the Audit Committee held on 7 December, and if approved, to adopt the recommendations contained therein:

Capital Strategy 2023/24 Incorporating Investment and Treasury Management Strategy – report of the Director of Resources is online at: [Agenda Item 12](#)
 - (b) To receive the report to the Licensing Committee held on 24 January, and if approved, to adopt the recommendations contained therein:

Hackney Carriage Fares – Rate Increase – report of the Head of Environmental Health & Licensing is online at [Agenda Item 5](#)
 - (c) To receive the report to the Governance Committee held on 6 February and, if approved, to adopt the recommendation contained therein:

Interim Review of Polling Places & Constitution Amendment – report of the Returning Officer and Monitoring Officer is online at: [Agenda Item 6](#)
9. **Appointment of External Auditor for 2023/24 to 2027/28** 43 - 46
- To receive the report of the Director of Resources (S151 Officer).
10. **Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel** 47 - 54
- To receive the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel.
11. **Confirmation of Appointment of Deputy Electoral Registration Officers** 55 - 58
- To consider the report of the Chief Executive.

12. **Changes to Cabinet, Committee and PDAG Memberships - February 2023** 59 - 72
To receive the report of the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services.
13. **Calendar of Meetings 2023/24** 73 - 84
To receive the report of the Chief Executive.
14. **Reports of representatives**
To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies
15. **Notice of Motion** 85 - 86
To consider the attached Notices of Motion, submitted in accordance with Rule 4a.26 of the Council's Constitution:
- (a) Proposed by Councillor Tricia Youtan: The motion proposes that the Council adopts the definition of antisemitism as set out by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, and adopted by the UK Government, and pledges to combat this anti-Jewish racism.
 - (b) Proposed by Councillor Mike Croker: The motion proposes that the Council asks for explanations regarding the recent decision to delay the Local Plan.
16. **Members' Questions on Notice**
To receive questions from Members under Rules 4a.8(b) – 4a.13
17. **Urgent Business**
To consider matters certified by the Chairman as urgent