



Town Hall
Royal Tunbridge Wells

Tuesday, 18 February 2020

To the Members of the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

I request your attendance at a meeting of the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council to be held at the Council Chamber, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS, on Wednesday, 26 February 2020, at 6.30 pm, when the following business is proposed to be transacted.

- 1 **Apologies for absence** (Pages 5 - 6)
To receive any apologies for absence.
- 2 **Minutes of the meeting dated 18 December 2019** (Pages 7 - 18)
To approve the minutes of a previous meeting as a correct record. The only issue relating to the minutes that can be discussed is their accuracy.
- 3 **Declarations of Interest** (Pages 19 - 20)
To receive any declarations of interest by members in items on the agenda. For any advice on declarations of interest; please contact the Monitoring Officer before the meeting.
- 4 **Announcements** (Pages 21 - 22)
To receive announcements from the Mayor, the Leader of the Council, members of the Cabinet and the Chief Executive.
- 5 **Questions from members of the public** (Pages 23 - 24)
To receive any questions from members of the public, of which due notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8, to be submitted and answered.
- 6 **Questions from members of the Council** (Pages 25 - 26)
To receive any questions from members of the Council, of which due notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10, to be submitted and answered.
- 7 **Changes to the Political Balance of the Council, February 2020** (Pages 27 - 36)
To consider and, if thought fit, to approve the recommendations set out in the associated report.

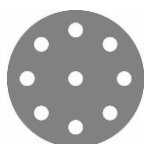
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| 8 | Appointment of Independent Members of the Audit and Governance Committee
To consider and, if thought fit, to approve the recommendations set out in the associated report. | (Pages 37 - 40) |
| 9 | Asset Management Plan 2020/21
To consider and, if thought fit, to approve the recommendations set out in the associated report. | (Pages 41 - 118) |
| 10 | Business Rates Retail Relief 2020/21
To consider and, if thought fit, to approve the recommendations set out in the associated report. | (Pages 119 - 146) |
| 11 | Budget 2020/21 and Medium Term Financial Strategy Update
To consider and, if thought fit, to approve the recommendations set out in the associated report. | (Pages 147 - 260) |
| 12 | Council Tax 2020/21
To consider and, if thought fit, to approve the recommendations set out in the associated report. | (Pages 261 - 274) |
| 13 | Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2020/21
To consider and, if thought fit, to approve the recommendations set out in the associated report. | (Pages 275 - 302) |
| 14 | Capital Strategy 2020/21
To consider and, if thought fit, to approve the recommendations set out in the associated report. | (Pages 303 - 326) |
| 15 | Motion on Notice from Councillor Rands
To consider and, if thought fit, to approve the Motion as set out in the associated notice. | (Pages 327 - 328) |
| 16 | Motion on Notice from Councillor Hayward
To consider and, if thought fit, to approve the Motion as set out in the associated notice. | (Pages 329 - 330) |
| 17 | Motion on Notice from Councillor Pound
To consider and, if thought fit, to approve the Motion as set out in the associated notice. | (Pages 331 - 332) |
| 18 | Motion on Notice from Councillor Everitt
To consider and, if thought fit, to approve the Motion as set out in the associated notice. | (Pages 333 - 334) |
| 19 | Urgent Business
To consider any other items which the Mayor decides are urgent, for the reasons to be stated, in accordance with Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972. | (Pages 335 - 336) |

- 20 **Common Seal of the Council** (Pages 337 - 338)
To authorise the Common Seal of the Council to be affixed to any contract, minute, notice or other document arising out of the minutes, or pursuant to any delegation, authority or power conferred by the Council.
- 21 **Date of next meeting** (Pages 339 - 340)
To note that the date of the next meeting is Wednesday 22 April 2020.

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Notes on Procedure

- (1) A list of background papers appears at the end of each report, where appropriate, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, section 100D(i).
- (2) Members seeking factual information about agenda items are requested to contact the appropriate Service Manager prior to the meeting.
- (3) Members of the public are encouraged to participate and those wishing to speak on an agenda item will need to register with Democratic Services. Registration opens when the agenda is published and closes at 4pm on the last working day before the meeting. Places are limited to a maximum of four speakers per item and each speaker will have a maximum of three minutes to address the Council.
- (4) All meetings are open to the public except where confidential or exempt information is being discussed. The agenda of the meeting will identify whether a meeting or part of a meeting is not open to the public and why. Meeting rooms have a maximum public capacity as follows:
Council Chamber: 100, Committee Room A: 20, Committee Room B: 10.
- (5) Please note that the public proceedings of this meeting will be recorded and made available for playback on the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council website. Any other third party may also record or film meetings, unless exempt or confidential information is being considered, but are requested as a courtesy to others to give notice of this to the Clerk before the meeting. The Council is not liable for any third party recordings.

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Hearing Loop System – The Council Chamber and Committee Rooms A and B have been equipped with hearing induction loop systems. The Council Chamber also has a fully equipped audio-visual system.