
COUNCIL MEETING

To All Members of the Council on Friday 10 June 2022

Date of meeting: Monday 20 June 2022

Time: 6.30pm

**Venue: The Council Chamber,
The Symington Building,
Adam & Eve Street
Market Harborough, LE16 7AG**

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Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the Harborough District Council, which you are invited to attend, is to be held as detailed above.

The business to be transacted is set out in the Agenda below.

Yours faithfully

Liz Elliott
Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

Agenda

- 1) Chairman's Announcements.
- 2) To receive Declarations of Members' Interests.
- 3) To receive the Minutes of the meetings of Council held on
 - a. 13th December 2021 and, the adjourned meeting of the 13th December 2021 (held on 21st February 2022) (to follow)
 - b. 21st February and the adjourned meeting of the 21st February 2022 (held on the 24th February 2022) (to follow).
- 4) To receive the report of the Leader and receive questions and answers on it (to follow)

- 5) To answer written questions or receive petitions submitted by the public
- 6) To answer written questions submitted by Members (page 1)
- 7a) To receive any recommendations from the Cabinet:
 1. The Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) (to follow)
 2. Market Harborough Town Centre Masterplan (page 4)
 3. Senior Officer Structure Options (page 90)
- 7b) To receive a report from the Cabinet (page 112)
- 8a) To receive a recommendation from the Licensing Committee held on 9th February 2022
 1. Gambling Act 2005 – Revised Statement of Principles (page 119)
- 8b) To receive recommendations from the Constitutional Review Committee held on the 9th March 2022
 1. Review of Keeping Ward Members Informed (page 146)
 2. Revision to Contract Procedure Rule 4 (page 200)
- 8c) To receive recommendations from the Constitutional Review Committee held on the 8th June 2022
 1. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution – Financial Procedure Rules and Sealing of Documents (page 209)
 2. Review of Arrangements for Dealing with Complaints Under the Members' Code of Conduct – Part 5 of the Constitution (page 219)
 3. Updates to Part 3: Responsibility for Functions (page 264)
- 9) To receive reports about and receive questions and answers on the business of joint arrangements and external organisations.
- 10) To receive the report of the Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission (page 275)
- 11) To consider an officer's report on the Support for the Market Harborough Town Fairtrade Renewal (page 282)
- 12) To consider Notices of Motion
 1. The following Notice of Motion has been submitted by Councillor Knowles and seconded by Councillor Dunton, in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.1 of Part 4(1) of the Council's Constitution:

" In principle it is accepted that Councillors in general have the right to access any information held by the Council of which they are a member and whilst this right of access may not extend to the publication or otherwise making public, Councillors may be asked to sign up to a confidentiality undertaking before being provided with certain information.

The integrity of Councillors is beyond question, if Councillors are asked to protect confidentiality then I believe without question that members will do so.

The Audit and Standards of Wednesday March 2nd 2022 included a report under Report 6, termed as Assets Review which the Council publicly acknowledged, included the long awaited Report on Naseby Development in Harborough.

Four members of this authority were given sight of the complete report, only after this was the matter taken for QC's advice as to who else could, would be given sight of the report. Following on from this advice the report was shared with members of the Audit and Standards Committee only.

Members of the public were excluded from the meeting and then in line with the officer recommendation and by a majority vote, not unanimous vote, members of this authority (Councillors) who were seated in the gallery were excluded from the council chamber and not allowed to even hear the debate.

Members are to be asked to accept the recommendations from the Audit and Standards without having seen the original report, listened to the debate or understanding the basis for those recommendations. Surely if Councillors are asked put their names to Council policies and decisions they must be in possession of the full facts. After all, it is the Councillors names on the ballot papers at election time, they are accountable to the electorate for the decisions and policies of the authority and the Councillors own stance on those decisions and policies.

I am unable to expand in any detail of the report, the discussions or the decisions taken. Not even to my own Group or to independent Legal Advisors. I am unable to comment on the roots of the decisions and recommendations but I continue to believe that members must have the option to access to the reports etc.

It is therefore moved.....

1. That Council instructs officers to make a copy of the full report to Audit and Standards of March 2022 immediately to all members who express a wish, in writing, to see the documents

2. That these copies be made available on a confidential basis to members so that when commenting, accepting or amending any recommendations from Audit and Standards they do so having access to all of the information.

3. Where and as necessary the Council Officers be asked to address any delegation issues that might restrict or impact on the delivery covered in points One and Two.

- 13) To consider any urgent items (to be decided by the Chairman).

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