
Council



Forest Heath
District Council

Title:	Agenda
Date:	Wednesday 14 June 2017
Time:	6.00 pm
Venue:	Council Chamber District Offices College Heath Road Mildenhall
Membership:	All Councillors You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to transact the business on the agenda set out below.  Ian Gallin Chief Executive 6 June 2017
Quorum	One quarter of the total number of Members
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Public Information



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Access to agenda and reports before the meeting:	Copies of the agenda and reports are open for public inspection at the above address at least five clear days before the meeting. They are also available to view on our website.	
Attendance at meetings:	The District Council actively welcomes members of the public and the press to attend its meetings and holds as many of its meetings as possible in public.	
Public speaking:	<p>At ordinary meetings of the Council, members of the public who live or work in the District may put questions about the work of the Council to members of the Cabinet or any Committee. 30 minutes will be set aside for this. 30 minutes will also be set aside for questions at extraordinary meetings of the Council, but must be limited to the business to be transacted at that meeting.</p> <p>A person who wishes to speak must register at least fifteen minutes before the time the meeting is scheduled to start. This can be done by sending the request to: democratic.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk or by telephoning 01638 719363 or in person by telling the Democratic Services Officer present at the meeting.</p> <p>Written questions, detailing the full question to be asked, may be submitted by members of the public to the Service Manager (Democratic Services) no later than 10.00am on the previous working day to the meeting of the Council. Email: democratic.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk Phone: 01638 719363</p>	
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Procedural Matters

Part 1 - Public

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| 1. Minutes | 1 - 10 |
| To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 April 2017 and the Annual Council meeting held on 10 May 2017 (copies attached). | |
| 2. Chairman's Announcements | 11 - 14 |
| Report No: COU/FH/17/011 | |
| 3. Apologies for Absence | |
| 4. Declarations of Interest | |
| Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest not entered in the Authority's register or local non pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda (subject to the exception for sensitive information) and to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on an item in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest. | |
| 5. The Leader's Report | 15 - 16 |
| Report No: COU/FH/17/012 | |
| Council Procedure Rule 8.2 states that <i>'the Leader of the Council will introduce the statement and members may ask the Leader questions on the content of both his/her introductory remarks and the written report. All questions will be answered immediately by the Leader or by the relevant Cabinet Member if the Leader refers any question to him or her, unless sufficient information to give an answer is not available. In these circumstances the member asking the question will receive a response in writing within five working days of the Council meeting at which the question was asked.'</i> | |
| 8.3 - <i>A total of 30 minutes will be allowed for questions and responses. There will be a limit of five minutes for each question to be asked and answered. The member asking the original question may put a supplementary question arising from the reply so long as the five minute limit is not exceeded.</i> | |

6. Public Participation

Council Procedure Rule 6 *Members of the public who live or work in the District are invited to put one question of not more than five minutes duration. A person who wishes to speak must register at least fifteen minutes before the time the meeting is scheduled to start.**

(Note: the maximum time to be set aside for this item is 30 minutes, but if all questions are dealt with sooner, or if there are no questions, the Council will proceed to the next business.)

*Each person may ask one question only. A total of **five minutes will be allowed for the question to be put and answered.** One further question will be allowed arising directly from the reply **provided that the original time limit of five minutes is not exceeded.***

Written questions may be submitted by members of the public to the Service Manager (Democratic Services) **no later than 10.00am Tuesday 13 June 2017.** The written notification should **detail the full question** to be asked at the meeting of the Council.*

**For further information, see the Public Information Sheet attached to this agenda.*

7. Referrals Report of Recommendations from Cabinet

Referrals from Extraordinary Joint Cabinet: 30 May 2017

(There are no direct referrals emanating from the Extraordinary Joint Cabinet meeting held with St Edmundsbury Borough Council on 30 May 2017. Reference to the consideration of matters held at that meeting on 'A Single Council for West Suffolk – Draft Business Case' is contained within the separate report (No: COU/FH/17/013) at Agenda Item 8 on this Council agenda.)

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| 8. | A Single Council for West Suffolk - Draft Business Case
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| 9. | Community Governance Review
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| 10. | Response to Network Rail's Proposed Suffolk Level Crossing Reduction Order
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11. Representation on Suffolk County Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Council is asked to nominate one Member and one substitute Member to serve on the County's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. These Members should ideally be from the District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee, although this is not essential as the necessary training will be given by the County Council.

The Committee on 6 June 2017 will consider nominations for a representative and a substitute Member for 2017/2018. The current members on this joint body are Councillor Christine Mason as the nominated representative and Councillor John Bloodworth as the nominated substitute.

The Council is **RECOMMENDED** that Councillor (to be reported verbally *) be nominated as the District Council's representative and Councillor (to be reported verbally) as the nominated substitute Member on the Suffolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2017/2018.

** Nominations to be verbally reported by the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny as a result of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting being held after the Council agenda has been published.*

12. Appointment of Independent Persons

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Report No: **COU/FH/17/016**

13. Questions to Chairmen of other Committees

Questions to Chairmen on the business transacted by their Committees since the last ordinary meeting of Council:

Development Control Committee	3 May 2017 7 June 2017
Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee	25 May 2017
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	6 June 2017

14. Urgent Questions on Notice

The Council will consider any urgent question on notice that were notified to the Service Manager (Democratic Services) by 11.00am on the day of the meeting.