# The Council Meeting

Council Chamber, Town Hall 17 July 2008 at 6:00pm

# Information for Members of the Public

# Access to information and meetings

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# Have Your Say!

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# **Private Sessions**

Occasionally meetings will need to discuss issues in private. This can only happen on a limited range of issues, which are set by law. When a committee does so, you will be asked to leave the meeting.

### Mobile phones, pagers, cameras, audio recorders

Please ensure that all mobile phones and pagers are turned off before the meeting begins and note that photography or audio recording is not permitted.

# Access

There is wheelchair access to the Town Hall from West Stockwell Street. There is an induction loop in all the meeting rooms. If you need help with reading or understanding this document please take it to Angel Court Council offices, High Street, Colchester or telephone (01206) 282222 or textphone 18001 followed by the full number that you wish to call, and we will try to provide a reading service, translation or other formats you may need.

# Facilities

Toilets are located on the second floor of the Town Hall, access via the lift. A vending machine selling hot and cold drinks is located on the ground floor.

# **Evacuation Procedures**

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# **COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL**

# TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

6 May 2009

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall on **17 July 2008 at 6:00pm** for the transaction of the business stated below.

A.R. Pritchard.

**Chief Executive** 

#### <u>AGENDA</u>

#### Apologies

Former Mayor, Mrs Jenny Stevens Honorary Alderman Graham Bober Councillors Peter Chillingwoth, Tina Dopson, Stephen Ford, Dave Harris, Mike Lilley, Kim Naish, Julie Young, Tim Young

#### Pages

#### 1. Welcome and Announcements

(a) The Mayor to welcome members of the public and Councillors and to invite the Chaplain to address the meeting. The Mayor to remind all speakers of the requirement for microphones to be used at all times.

- (b) At the Mayor's discretion, to announce information on:
  - action in the event of an emergency;
  - mobile phones switched to off or to silent;
  - location of toilets;
  - introduction of members of the meeting.

#### 2. Mayor's Announcements

Mayor's Announcements (if any) and matters arising pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 8(3).

#### 3. Personal Interests of Members

Disclosures by Members under Council Procedure Rule 9(3) to 9(9) (if any).

#### 4. Prejudicial Interests of Members

Disclosures by Members under Council Procedure Rules 9(10) and 9(11) (if

any).

(Note: Members should only declare personal and/or prejudicial interests on items that are to be considered at the meeting).

#### 5. Honorary Aldermen

A... MOTION that in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, this Council confers the title of "Honorary Alderman" on the former Councillors listed below in recognition of their loyal and eminent service as Members of the Council for the periods stated:-

David Holt 29 June 1967 to 6 May 1986

John Gilbert Sanderson 7June 1973 to 8 May 1990

Ivan Thomas James Trusler 26 March 1981 to 11 May 1998

Jenny Stevens 5 May 1983 to 8 May 2000

Richard Hammond Gower 5 May 1988 to 6 May 2008

B... The Mayor to present transcripts of the resolution to the Honorary Aldermen.

C... The Honorary Aldermen to respond.

#### 6. Exclusion of the Public

In accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public, including the press, from the meeting so that any items containing exempt information (for example confidential personal, financial or legal advice), in Part B of this agenda (printed on yellow paper) can be decided. (Exempt information is defined in Section 100I and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

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# CEREMONY FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMEN

- Councillors and Honorary Aldermen to arrive at the Town Hall at around 5.30 pm. Robing will take place in the former Robing Room (for the ladies) and the North Committee Room (for the gentlemen). Councillors and Honorary Aldermen then proceed to the Council Chamber as for an ordinary Council meeting: i.e. not in procession.
- Honorary Aldermen will be seated around the central well of the Council Chamber, facing the dais and a microphone will be provided for the use of those wishing to speak.
- The former Mayors to be conferred the title Honorary Alderman will be allocated seats in the central well of the Council Chamber, with their backs to the dais, two to the left and two to the right.
- Former Mayor Jenny Stevens has accepted the invitation for the conferment of the title of Honorary Alderman. However, she has sent her apologies for the ceremony as she is unable to attend on this date.
- Seating will be available at the rear of the Council Chamber or in the public gallery for a limited number of personal guests of the former Mayors as well as members of the public and the media.
- The former Mayors will be invited to the Mayors' Parlour and asked to participate in the procession into the Council Chamber behind the mace at 6 pm.
- The meeting will be opened with a prayer by the Mayor's Chaplain.
- The Mayor will call for the Motion to appoint the former Mayors as Honorary Aldermen. It will be proposed (in one Motion by the Leader of the Council), and other Councillors and Aldermen may speak on the Motion. The proposal will then be put to the vote.
- On being declared carried the Mayor will come forward below the dais to the Honorary Aldermen where the purple robes will be received from the Town Serjeant. The Mayor will then congratulate the Honorary Aldermen and present the transcripts of the resolution.
- The Mayor will return to his seat and the Honorary Aldermen will be given the opportunity to respond in turn and then return to their seats. A microphone will be provided for this purpose.
- The Mayor will declare the meeting closed and, with all the Honorary Aldermen, process out as for a routine meeting i.e. following the mace. Members then leave the Council Chamber (not in procession).

• A reception will be hosted by the Mayor in the Mayor's Parlour.

**NOTE:** Being an honorary Office of the Council, the new Aldermen do not sign the declaration book nor make any declaration or oath.