

COLCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

Council Meeting

1 December 2022

Supplementary Information

Please note that the business will be subject to short breaks at approximately 90-minute intervals.

Apologies: Councillors Coleman, Goacher, Luxford Vaughan

2. Have Your Say!

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

A... Motion that the minutes of the meeting on 19 October 2022, and the Special Council meetings of 23 November 2022 be confirmed as a correct record (see page 9 of the Council Summons and page 5 of this Supplementary Information) .

6. Items (if any) referred under the Call-in Procedure

None

7. Recommendations of the Cabinet, Panels and Committees

To consider the following recommendation:-

7(i) Officer Pay Policy Statement 2023-24

B... Motion that the recommendation contained in draft minute 706 of the Cabinet meeting of 16 November 2022 be approved and adopted (see page 21 of the Council Summons).

7(ii) Nomination of Deputy Mayor

C... Motion that the recommendation contained in draft minute 708 of the Cabinet meeting of 16 November 2022 be approved and adopted (see page 23 of the Council Summons).

7(iii) Review of the Council's Ethical Governance Policies

D... Motion that the recommendation contained in draft minute 337 of the Governance and Audit Committee meeting of 22 November 2022 be approved and adopted (see page 9 of this Supplementary Information.)

7(iv) Review of the Local Code of Corporate Governance.

E... Motion that the recommendation contained in draft minute 340 of the Governance and Audit Committee meeting of 22 November 2022 be approved and adopted (see page 11 of this Supplementary Information.)

8. Notices of Motion pursuant to the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 11

Motion F

Waste and Recycling Services in Highwoods

Proposer: Councillor Law

This Council notes:

Highwoods residents have not been formally consulted by the Council on how their waste and recycling is collected since 2016.

Residents have been frustrated by previous local surveys that have not provided an online option to respond.

Highwoods residents deserve to have clean and tidy streets.

Simpler and uniform collection services deliver better value for residents and local council taxpayers, improve recycling rates and reduce waste sent to landfill

This Council resolves:

To give Highwoods residents the option to make their views known on how their waste and recycling collections are delivered in the future.

As the subject matter relates to an executive function, on being proposed the motion shall stand referred to Cabinet unless Council Procedure [Rule 11(2)] is suspended.

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Electoral System

Proposer:- Proposed jointly by Cllrs Laws, Fox and King

This Council notes the Local Government Peer Review recommendation to

consider changing our Council electoral system which could create savings in years when there is neither a General, County or PFCC election.

It is essential that this Council has a strategic, long-term approach to policy and decision-making. This can be provided under any electoral cycle, but only if the budget and strategic plans of the budget are robust, sustainable, and supported cross-party.

This Council resolves to explore the alternative electoral arrangements, whether as now or 'All Up', or a variation. The Council will set up a cross party working group to explore all options with the aim to present findings to Full Council in February. Council can then review findings collectively and discuss next steps forward. The Council further commits to securing widespread and cross-party support for the budgets and plans of this Council, as an assurance for residents, officers and our partners.

As this motion relates to non-executive functions it will be debated and determined by Council.

9. Questions to Cabinet Members and Chairmen pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 10

Pre-notified questions

(i) Councillor Smithson to Councillor Goss, Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services and Waste

Could the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services and Waste please advise Council:-

- 1. What contingency plans have been put into place to ensure waste collections are maintained should waste operatives be laid low by Covid and/or seasonal colds/flu?*
- 2. What contingency plans have been put in place to ensure the continuation of waste collection should waste operatives take industrial action resulting in withdrawal of their labour?*
- 3. What is the estimated cost of these plans should they need to be invoked?*

(ii) Councillor Sunnucks to Councillor King, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy

“Does the administration appreciate the importance of the scoping consultation for the East Anglia Green Environment Statement which has to be submitted by 5th December? This is about the proposed line of giant pylons from Norwich to Tilbury, cutting across the East Anglian countryside.

As a statutory consultee will the Council provide a dry technical response, or will it insist that the reasonable alternative of a full offshore grid is properly explained?”

10. Schedule of Portfolio Holder Decisions

Council is invited to note the schedule of Portfolio Holder decisions covering the period 6 October 2022 -18 November 2022 (see page 29 of the Council Summons).

12. Exclusion of the Public

In accordance with Section 100A 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) may be decided. Exempt information is defined in Section 100(1) and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).