



Colchester  
City Council

# Council Meeting

**Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street,  
Colchester, CO1 1PJ  
Wednesday, 19 July 2023 at 18:00**

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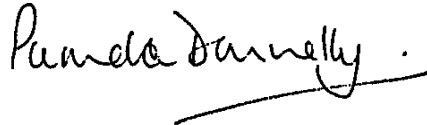
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**Wednesday, 19 July 2023 at 18:00**

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

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You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday, 19 July 2023 at 18:00 for the transaction of the business stated below.



**Chief Executive**

**AGENDA**  
**THE LIST OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING**  
**(Part A - open to the public)**

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

**Live Broadcast**

Please follow this link to watch the meeting live on YouTube:

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**Apologies**

Apologies have been received from Councillor Tate.

**1 Welcome and Announcements (Council)**

The Mayor will welcome members of the public and Councillors and will ask the Chaplain to say a prayer. The Mayor will explain the arrangements and the procedures to be followed at the meeting including a reminder everyone to use microphones at all times when they are speaking.

**2 Have Your Say! (Council)**

Members of the public may make representations to the meeting on any item on the agenda or any other matter relating to the business of Council. Members of the public may register their wish to address the Council by e-mailing [democratic.services@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@colchester.gov.uk) by 12.00 noon on the working day before the meeting. However,

advance registration is not mandatory and members of the public may register to speak in person immediately before the meeting.

### 3 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the agenda about which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the item or participating in any vote upon the item, or any other registerable interest or non-registerable interest.

### 4 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Council)**

A... Motion that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

**Council minutes 240523**

9 - 14

### 5 **Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor to make announcements.

### 6 **Items (if any) referred under the Call-in Procedure (Council)**

The Council will consider any items referred by the Scrutiny Panel under the Call-in Procedure because they are considered to be contrary to the policy framework of the Council or contrary to, or not wholly in accordance with, the budget.

At the time of the publication of the Summons there are none.

### 7 **Recommendations of the Cabinet, Panels and Committees**

Council will consider the following recommendations:-

#### 7(i) **Annual Scrutiny Report 2022-23**

15 - 16

B... Motion that the recommendation contained in minute 399 of the Scrutiny Panel meeting of 14 March 2023 be approved and adopted.

#### 7(ii) **Changes to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy**

17 - 38

C... Motion that the recommended decisions set out in the report by the Head of Governance be approved adopted.

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

Council will consider the following Motions:-

(Note: The maximum length of time for the consideration of all such motions shall be 80 minutes. In the event that a motion is still being debated when the 80 minutes have elapsed the Mayor shall invite the proposer of the motion to respond to the debate and then move straight to the vote.)

#### 8(i) **Anti Social Behaviour in the City Centre**

Motion D

Proposer: Cllr Cox

*If our city is to thrive, residents and visitors must feel safe.*

*This Council notes the rising incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the historic city centre and surrounding neighbourhoods, which include:*

- *damage to property;*
- *harassment and abuse of staff and customers in the retail and hospitality sectors;*
- *thefts from shops which harm businesses and which can heighten vulnerability experienced by retail staff and customers.*

*We call on the City Council and local Community Safety Partnership:*

- *to develop and implement a new Anti-Social Behaviour Plan to tackle these issues;*
- *to lead a new collaboration with Essex Youth Services to develop and resource a new Youth Outreach Strategy to engage more effectively with those young people currently involved in ASB;*
- *to bring together adult social care, health and substance misuse services to map efforts to address the causes of ASB*
- *to work with the Police and Crime Commissioner to review policing resource for Colchester.*

As the motion relates to an executive function, it will stand referred direct to Cabinet unless Procedure Rule 11(2) is suspended.

8(ii) **The Impact of Pylons on the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**

Motion E

Proposer: Cllr Laws

*This Council notes:*

1. *The pride, affection and enjoyment with which residents and visitors have towards our local beauty spots and their tranquillity.*
2. *National Grid are seeking to transport electricity across East Anglia via pylons which would have a dramatic impact on our residents, especially those living in Langham, Boxted, Fordham, Great Horkesley, Little Horkesley, West Bergholt, Aldham, Marks Tey and beyond.*
3. *Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex have some of the most beautiful landscapes in the UK, immortalised by painters such as John Constable RA, as such these 50 metre high pylons are incompatible with these landscapes and challenge our revered 'big skies'.*
4. *The Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), which is a protected landscape, has been singled out as an area for power cables to be laid underground but this is only being*

*considered on the basis of the defined area of the AONB. Topographical considerations close to the AONB appear not to have been considered and you will be able to see these pylons from within the AONB.*

*Furthermore, the setting of the AONB will be compromised with the 'sealing-end compounds' (electrical sub-stations) as well as the installation of inspection pits.*

*5. The construction of the pylons and associated hardware will have a detrimental impact on our overburdened rural road infrastructure; including lanes with damage to verges likely where there are often no passing places.*

*6. Further negative consequences during the construction of these pylons could include damage to various habitats of wildlife including: trees, biodiversity, plant-life as well as also negatively impacting on regional tourist attractions and archaeology.*

*7. Current rules stipulate local Planning Authorities determine if onshore wind turbines are permissible.*

*This Council informs Cabinet of its opinion that:*

*1. Robust representations should be made, during and outside of consultation periods, to the government decision makers to oppose new pylons blighting our beautiful countryside.*

*2. Collaborative working with other local authorities and MPs should take place to support calls for an offshore grid, including for the North Falls and Five Estuaries wind farms; in order to speed up delivery of green energy, cut its cost and protect the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and surrounding countryside.*

*3. Any attempt to overrule local Planning Authority decision making regarding onshore wind turbines, which would also blight our beautiful countryside, should be resisted*

The motion will be debated and determined at the meeting.

## **9 Questions to Cabinet Members and Committee Chairs pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 10**

Cabinet members and Committee/Panel Chairs will receive and answer pre-notified questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10(1) followed by any oral questions (not submitted in advance) in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10(3).

(Note: a period of up to 60 minutes is available for pre-notified questions and oral questions by Members of the Council to Cabinet Members and Chairs (or in their absence Deputy Chairs)).

At the time of the publication of the Summons no pre-notified questions had been received.

- 10 **Updates to the Constitution** 39 - 94  
 F...Motion that the recommendations in the Monitoring Officer's report be approved and adopted.
- 11 **Schedule of Portfolio Holder Decisions** 95 - 102  
 Council is invited to note the Schedule of Portfolio Holder decisions for the period 10 February 2023 - 7 July 2023.
- 12 **Urgent Items (Council)**  
 Council will consider any business not specified in the Summons which by reason of special circumstances the Mayor determines should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.
- 13 **Reports Referred to in Recommendations**  
 The reports specified below are submitted for information and referred to in the recommendations specified in item 7 of the agenda:
- Annual Scrutiny Report 2022-23, report to Scrutiny Panel, 14 March 2023** 103 - 132
- Card Machines in Licensed Vehicles, report to Licensing Committee, 18 January 2023** 133 - 154
- Electronic Payment Devices in Licensed Vehicles, report to Licensing Committee, 22 March 2023** 155 - 158
- Approval of the NR3 Policy, report to Licensing Committee, 22 March 2023** 159 - 168
- 14 **Exclusion of the Public (not Scrutiny or Executive)**  
 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).

**Part B**  
**(not open to the public including the press)**

