

# Council Meeting

**Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street,  
Colchester, CO1 1PJ  
Thursday, 05 December 2019 at 18:00**

# Information for Members of the Public

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**COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Council**  
**Thursday, 05 December 2019 at 18:00**

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

**Published 04/12/2019**

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at the Town Hall, Colchester on Thursday, 05 December 2019 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.

Please note that Agenda items 1 to 6 are normally dealt with briefly.

**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 also remind everyone to use microphones at all times when they are speaking, explain action required in the event of an emergency, mobile phones switched to silent and audio-recording of the meeting.

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

The Mayor will invite members of the public to indicate if they wish to speak or present a petition on any item included on the agenda or any other matter relating to the business of the Council. Please indicate if you wish to speak at this point if your name has not been noted by Council staff.

**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 pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest.

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| <b>4</b>      | <b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Council)</b>  |                 |
|               | A... Motion that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.   |                 |
|               | <b>Council minutes 161019</b>   | <b>9 - 20</b>   |
| <b>5</b>      | <b>Mayor's Announcements</b>  |                 |
|               | The Mayor to make announcements.  |                 |
| <b>6</b>      | <b>Items (if any) referred under the Call-in Procedure (Council)</b>  |                 |
|               | The Council 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. |                 |
| <b>7</b>      | <b>Recommendations of the Cabinet, Panels and Committees</b>  |                 |
|               | Council will consider the following recommendations:-   |                 |
| <b>7(i)</b>   | <b>North Essex Garden Communities Ltd – Approval of 2019/20 Interim Business Plan and Budget</b>  | <b>21 - 24</b>  |
|               | B... Motion that the recommendation contained in draft minute 377 of the Cabinet meeting of 4 September 2019 be approved and adopted.   |                 |
| <b>7(ii)</b>  | <b>Local Council Tax Support 2020-2021</b>  | <b>25 - 26</b>  |
|               | C.... Motion that the recommendation made in draft minute 398 of the Cabinet meeting of 20 November 2019 be approved and adopted.   |                 |
| <b>7(iii)</b> | <b>Officer Pay Policy Statement for 2020-2021</b>   | <b>27 - 28</b>  |
|               | D... Motion that the recommendation contained in draft minute 399 of the Cabinet meeting of 20 November 2019 be approved and adopted.   |                 |
| <b>7(iv)</b>  | <b>Colchester's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2020-2025</b>  | <b>29 - 30</b>  |
|               | E... Motion that the recommendation contained in draft minute 401 of the Cabinet meeting of 20 November 2019 be approved and adopted.   |                 |
| <b>7(v)</b>   | <b>Nomination for Deputy Mayor 2020-2021</b>  | <b>31 - 32</b>  |
|               | F... Motion that the recommendation contained in draft minute 406 of the Cabinet meeting of 20 November 2019 be approved and adopted.   |                 |
| <b>7(vi)</b>  | <b>Review of Ethical Governance Policies</b>  |                 |
|               | G... Motion that the recommendation contained in the draft minute of the Governance and Audit meeting of 26 November 2019 be approved and adopted (to follow).  |                 |
| <b>8</b>      | <b>Adoption of the Eight Ash Green Neighbourhood Plan</b>   | <b>33 - 116</b> |
|               | H... Motion that the Eight Ash Green Neighbourhood Plan be made (adopted) following its approval at referendum.   |                 |

9 **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 the move straight to the vote. )

9(i) **Retention of Planning Authority Powers - WITHDRAWN**

9(ii) **Local Electricity Bill**

Proposer: Councillor Liddy

i... Motion that:

Colchester Borough Council

(i) acknowledges the efforts that it staff have made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;

(ii) recognises that councils can play a central role in creating sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated renewable electricity;

(iii) further recognises

- that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
- that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and
- that revenues received by councils that became local renewable electricity providers could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities;

(iv) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs, and which, if made law, would make the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate by establishing a Right to Local Supply; and

(v) further resolves to inform the

- local media of this decision,

- local MPs after the General Election, asking them to support the Bill in the new Parliament, and
- organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or [info@powerforpeople.org.uk](mailto:info@powerforpeople.org.uk)) expressing support.

## 10 **Questions to Cabinet Members and Chairmen pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 10**

Cabinet members and Chairmen 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 Chairmen (or in their absence Deputy Chairmen)).

(i) Councillor Liddy to Councillor King, Portfolio Holder for Business and Resources:-  
*2019 was another year of climatic extremes. A wet spring followed by at times a very hot summer, including the hottest day on record. As the year draws to a close, will the PFH for Resources and all other cabinet members, along with all group leaders and members join me in expressing our thanks to our all CBC, CBH and Amphora employees, managerial, professional, administrative and manual, especially the recycling operatives, who have worked so hard this year to keep this Borough's services to their usual high standard?*

## 11 **Schedule of Portfolio Holder decisions** 117 - 120

To note the Schedule of Portfolio Holder decisions covering the period 1 October 2019 - 26 November 2019.

## 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:

**NEGC Business Plan - report to Cabinet, 4 September 2019** 121 - 184

**Local Council Tax Support Scheme - report to Cabinet, 20 November 2019** 185 - 188

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| <b>Officer Pay Policy Statement 2020-21 - report to Cabinet, 20 November 2019</b>                       | 189 -<br>204 |
| <b>Colchester's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy - report to Council, 20 November 2019</b>      | 205 -<br>256 |
| <b>Review of Ethical Governance Policies, report to Governance and Audit Committee 26 November 2019</b> | 257 -<br>346 |

**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)**