

Council Meeting

**Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street,
Colchester, CO1 1PJ
Wednesday, 17 July 2019 at 18:00**

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COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL
Council
Wednesday, 17 July 2019 at 18:00

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Published 08/07/2019

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at the Town Hall, Colchester on Wednesday, 17 July 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 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Council)

A.... Motion that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

Minutes 22-05-19

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4 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.

5 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor to make announcements.

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

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.

7 Recommendations of the Cabinet, Panels and Committees

Council will consider the following recommendations:-

7(i) Annual Scrutiny Report

B... Motion that the recommendation contained in the draft minute of the Scrutiny Panel meeting on 16 July 2019 be approved and adopted (to follow).

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 the move straight to the vote.)

8(i) School Funding Cuts

Proposer: Councillor Bourne and Councillor Goss

C... Motion that:-

This Council notes as a result of ongoing Government cuts to education, 71 schools across the Colchester Borough:

(i) Will have lost £17.7 million in overall funding between 2015-2020;

(ii) Will have lost an average of £271 per pupil;

(iii) Have seen 25 of 71 schools have classroom sizes increase;

(iv) Are having to bear the full costs of the unfunded National Insurance increases;

(v) Are receiving inadequate High Needs Block Funding, leaving our most vulnerable pupils without the support they need.

Colchester Borough Council resolves to:

- (i) Lobby against the Government's ongoing cuts to school budgets and call for more funding to be invested in education, while making our communities aware of local impacts
- (ii) Support the coalition of trade unions campaigning against school cuts;
- (iii) Call on the Government to fully fund and fully implement the recommendations of the School Teachers' Review Body on teachers' pay;
- (iv) Present the dire facts listed above to the Department for Education and our three MPs representing our 62 schools across the Borough of Colchester.

As the motion relates to a non-executive function, it will be debated and determined at the meeting.

8(ii) **Climate Emergency**

Proposer: Councillor Cory and Councillor Whitehead

D.. Motion that:-

This Council notes:

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's warning that we have 12 years to make the necessary changes to limit a rise in global temperatures to 1.5C. Failure to act will see a marked increase in sea levels and flooding, extreme and abrupt changes to weather patterns, crop failures, extinctions of plant, insect and animal species, and global economic disruption and crisis. Total populations of mammals, birds, fish and reptiles have declined globally by 60% since 1970, and all of the 20 warmest years on record, have occurred in the past 22 years. Failure to take immediate and decisive action on this will detrimentally impact on the well-being of the people of Colchester Borough and billions of people around the world.

At the Global Climate Talks in Poland last December the UK along with over 200 nations agreed action on climate change with a much greater role strongly implied for local and regional authorities, like Colchester, in assisting governments to achieve their carbon emission savings.

So far, 85 local and regional authorities have passed Climate Emergency motions in a bid to spur urgent action to reduce their carbon footprint and promote sustainable urban environments and economies. In passing and following through on this motion, we can take a radical step forward in tackling climate change and conservation as a local authority. Tackling climate change cannot just be left to national government. It is everyone's duty to do what

they can to stop this existential threat to our planet.

This Council therefore resolves to:

1. Declare a climate emergency and publicise this to the people of Colchester Borough to raise awareness and support the public to take effective action.
2. Support the newly formed Conservation and Environmental Sustainability Task and Finish Group to consider the following actions:
 - a. Commission an environmental audit which identifies pollution hotspots, wildlife biodiversity and environmental health issues, and an urban impact assessment with an aim to identify areas of improvement across the borough.
 - b. Consult expert opinions in the field, as appropriate.
 - c. Collaborate with regional and neighbouring local authorities, as well as communities, to encourage practical measures to reduce emissions, reduce carbon footprints and develop community-based renewable energy projects.
 - d. Encourage all sectors of the economy across the borough to take steps to reduce waste and become carbon neutral.
 - e. Develop a roadmap for Colchester Borough Council to go carbon neutral by 2030.
 - f. Report to Cabinet and Full Council within six months with an action plan setting out conservation and environmental sustainability goals to address targets by 2030; incorporating proposals on the investment implications of this proposed activity.
3. Pledge to ensure future housing and community development projects meet a carbon-neutral standard by 2029.
4. Call upon the Leader of the Council to write to the Minister of State for Energy and Clean Growth requesting that national policy is urgently developed to reflect the seriousness of the current emergency, and to release funds to local authorities, encouraging them to take the necessary measures at local level.

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

9 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)).
At the time of the publication of the Summons no pre-notified questions had been submitted.

- 10 **Schedule of Portfolio Holder Decisions** 15 - 20
Council is invited the Schedule of Portfolio Holder Decisions covering the period 9 February 2019 - 1 July 2019.
- 11 **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.
- 12 **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 2018-19 -report to Scrutiny Panel 16 July 2019 21 - 28
- 13 **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)