

Council Meeting

**Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street,
Colchester, CO1 1PJ**

Wednesday, 21 February 2018 at 18:00

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COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL
Council
Wednesday, 21 February 2018 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 at the Town Hall, Colchester on Wednesday, 21 February 2018 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 7 December 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

07-12-17 minutes

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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) **Strategic Plan 2018 - 2021** 25 - 36

B... Motion that the recommendation contained in draft minute 230 of the Cabinet meeting of 31 January 2018 be approved and adopted.

7(ii) **2018-19 General Fund Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Medium Term Financial Forecast** 37 - 52

C.... Motion that the recommendations contained in draft minute 232 of the Cabinet meeting of 31 January 2018 and the recommendations contained in the Assistant Director Policy and Place's report entitled "Precept and Council Tax Levels 2018-19" be approved and adopted.

Please note that in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 15(3) any motion or amendment on the setting of the Council budget must be subject to a named vote.

Main Amendment

Proposer: Councillor Laws

That the recommendations contained in minute 232 of the Cabinet meeting of 31 January 2018 and the recommendations contained in the Assistant Director Policy and Corporate's report entitled "Precept and Council Tax Levels 2018-2019" be approved and adopted, subject to the necessary amendments to give effect to the following:-

1. To allocate £100,000 to 'deep clean' the Historic Old Town centre, return civic pride and challenge the 'broken window effect' cycle. Funded by reinvestment of savings from management restructuring into the front line.

2. To use the £92,000 Heritage Reserve to light up and enhance our historic Roman City Walls, Jumbo and historic monuments. To allocate £200,000 from the New Homes Bonus for the capital costs of installation.

3. To allocate £200,000 to introduce weekly black bag collections with a 2 bag limit per week to address residents storage and hygiene concerns. This will be delivered through efficiency savings, achieving income targets and allocated against the end of annual elections (£177k).
4. To use the £250,000 allocated to the RIF to prioritise investment into town centre regeneration schemes such as at St Nicholas Square and at the public realm around Jumbo. To urgently prepare for feasibility of such schemes. For example, an archaeological investigation of St Nicholas Square with potential schemes laid out to enhance the public realm. This will enhance and revitalise the historic town centre for residents and visitors, making it a more attractive experience day and night and see a tangible return to the council through the appreciation of assets - and potential further income opportunities.
5. To invest £200,000 into the Local Highway Panel to deliver safer roads, pathways and communities from the New Homes Bonus.
6. To ring fence the remaining New Homes Bonus and place it into an 'Infrastructure and community facilities fund' to help reduce congestion, improve connectivity and ensure a greener borough.

7(iii) Mandatory Member Development

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D... Motion that the recommendation contained in draft minute 239 of the Cabinet meeting of 31 January 2018 and the recommendation contained in the report by the Assistant Director of Policy and Corporate entitled "Mandatory Member Development - Consultation with Independent Remuneration Panel" be approved and adopted.

8 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 Laws to Councillor Lilley, Portfolio Holder for Public Safety and Licensing

Joy from Frinton visits Colchester often but she notes that Culver Square and Red Lion Walk have cleaner floor surface and less litter. I told Joy our Zones team work incredibly hard in what is often a thankless task. How can Council managed streets be of the same standard of cleanliness?

- (ii) Councillor Laws to Councillor Lilley, Portfolio Holder for Public Safety and Licensing

Julie from North Station Rd recently moved to the area, she has little option to travel to work by car but when she returns home she finds it difficult to park. Two years ago 124 permanent parking tickets were issued in the F2 Zone. This year the figure has increased to 137, yet no additional space capacity has been made available. Can we keep an eye on the numbers of permanent parking tickets made available vs space allocation please?

(iii) Councillor Laws to Councillor J. Scott-Boutell, Portfolio Holder for Waste and Sustainability

A young mother from Albert St told me last month that she and her two immediate neighbours have had no option but to visit the tip because they live in a property with no rear access and limited storage space but that they don't want wheelie bins - probably because they are unsightly and we don't want to end up looking like Ipswich. Can the Portfolio Holder for Waste and Sustainability please assure residents in Castle Ward that there are no plans for a roll out of compulsory wheelie bins?

(iv) Councillor Barber to Councillor J. Scott-Boutell, Portfolio Holder for Waste and Sustainability

Does the Portfolio Holder think it is acceptable that around two dozen bags were left at a gate of a public footpath for three days? This is unsightly, reflects poorly on our town and was an environmental hazard close to a children's playground. Please can she explain what she will do to ensure similar situations are not repeated in future across the borough?

(v) Councillor Scott to Councillor J. Scott-Boutell, Portfolio Holder for Waste and Sustainability

The problem of poor air quality in Colchester has been highlighted and is very clear from our own figures. We know that there is no safe level of nitrous oxide and hat micro particles from exhaust fumes are a modern plague causing disease and premature deaths in all demographics, from unborn children to very elderly people.

Do you agree with me that Colchester needs to take back control of our air?

Can you please tell me what CBC is doing to improve air quality, and to ensure that air pollution is taken into consideration in all planning decisions?

(vi) Councillor Goss to Councillor Smith, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy

What is the latest situation regarding positive work with Essex County Council over congestion improvements at North Station and also Stanway and East Colchester please?

Council to note the Schedule of Portfolio Holder decisions for the period 29 November 2017 - 5 February 2018.

10 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.

11 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:

Strategic Plan 2018-2021 -report to Cabinet 31 January 2018 63 - 66

201819 Budget, Capital Programme and MTFF - report to Cabinet 31 January 2018 67 - 152

Mandatory Member Development -report to Cabinet 31 January 2018 153 - 190

12 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)