

To all Members of the Council

17 February 2017

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of Rother District Council to be held on **Monday 27 February 2017** at 6:30pm at the Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea, when it is proposed to transact the business stated below.

At 6:25pm, prior to the commencement of the meeting, you are invited to join the Chairman in prayer which will be led by his Chaplain the Reverend David Reynish.

1. To approve as a correct record and to authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 December 2016.
2. To receive apologies for absence.
3. Disclosure of Interest - To receive any disclosure by Members of personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Member regards the personal interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct. Members are reminded of the need to repeat their declaration immediately prior to commencement of the item in question.
4. To receive the Chairman's communications.
5. To answer questions from members of the public, if any, in accordance with paragraph 10 of the Council Procedure Rules. (Time limit 30 minutes.) *
6. To answer questions from Members of the Council, if any, in accordance with paragraph 11 of the Council Procedure Rules. (Time limit 30 minutes.) *
7. To receive the report of the Cabinet on matters for determination by full Council at its meeting held on 13 February 2017, (there were no recommendations to Council at the meetings held on 14 December 2016 and 16 January 2017), as under:

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- Draft Revenue Budget Proposals 2017/18 (CB16/75) (See Agenda Item 9)
 - Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy (CB16/76)
 - Council Tax Penalties (Failure to Notify or Supply Information Policy) (CB16/77)
 - 28-36 Western Road, Bexhill (CB16/78)
8. To receive the report of the Head of Paid Service, in accordance with paragraph 17a of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules and paragraph 4 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules, of any urgent

decisions taken at the Cabinet meetings held on 14 December 2016, 16 January and 13 February 2017.

9. Budget 2017/18 - to consider and if thought fit, to pass a resolution in the terms set out in the report. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.5 (b) a vote by roll call to be taken when setting the Council's Budget.
10. To receive the report of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee on the following matter for determination by the full Council considered at its meeting held on 23 January 2017, as under:
 - Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2016/17.
11. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12 consideration be given to the following Motion to Council submitted by Councillor S.H. Earl:

"The Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6 April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification.

Hundreds of thousands of women had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little/no/personal notification of the changes. 33,000 women in East Sussex could potentially have been affected by these changes. Some women had only two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age.

Many women born in the 1950's are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been disrupted with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment. Women born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation that they would be financially secure when reaching 60. It is not the pension age itself that is in dispute – it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same time. The issue is that the rise in the women's state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected, leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements.

The Council calls upon the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6 April 1951, so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements."

12. To consider nominations received for the appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council and, if necessary, to determine those nominations by secret ballot in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.4.

(In accordance with normal practice, this process is intended to determine the names to be put forward at the Annual Council Meeting).



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** Any supplementary verbal questions put will be audio recorded for ease of reproducing the minutes
of the meeting*

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