

**To all Members of the Council**

16 February 2024

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of Rother District Council to be held at the Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea, on **Monday 26 February 2024** at 6:30pm, 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 Chair in prayer which will be led by her Chaplain, the Dean of Battle, the Reverend Lee Duckett.

1. To approve as a correct record and to authorise the Chair to sign the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 December 2023.
2. To receive apologies for absence.
3. Disclosure of Interests and Dispensations  
To receive any disclosures by Members of disclosable pecuniary interests / other registerable interests / non-registerable interests in matters on the agenda and the nature of any interest and details of any dispensations obtained. Members are reminded of the need to repeat their declaration immediately prior to the commencement of the item in question.
4. To receive the Chair'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 5 February 2024 (the meeting scheduled for 8 January was cancelled) as under: (Pages 3 - 12)  
**5 February 2024**
  - Draft Revenue Budget 2024/25 (CB23/61) (See Agenda Item 8)
  - New Housing Allocations Policy (CB23/62)
  - Revenue Budget and Capital Programme Monitoring as at Quarter 3 - 2023/24 (CB23/63)
  - Members' Allowance Scheme 2024-2027 (CB23/64)
8. Budget 2024/25 - 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 recorded vote will be taken on this matter. (Pages 13 - 28)

9. To receive the report of the Head of Paid Service, in accordance with paragraph 17a of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, of an urgent decision taken by Cabinet at its meeting held on 11 December 2023. (Pages 29 - 30)
10. To receive the report of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee on matters for determination by full Council at its meeting held on 15 January 2024 as under: (Pages 31 - 34)

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- Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy (LG23/12)

11. To receive the report of the Chief Executive on the designation of the Section 151 Officer (Chief Finance Officer). (Pages 35 - 36)
12. To receive the report of the Chief Executive on the appointment of a Council Representative to the East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. (Pages 37 - 38)
13. To receive the report of the Chief Executive on the appointment of a Council Representative to the Bexhill Festival of Music. (Pages 39 - 40)
14. To receive the report of the Chief Executive on a change to the Membership of the Planning Committee. (Pages 41 - 42)
15. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, consideration be given to the Motion to Council submitted by Councillor McGurk on the Climate and Ecology Bill. (Pages 43 - 46)
16. To consider nominations received for the appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council for 2024/25, 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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