



GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

**Friday, 10 February 2023
6.00 pm**



Notice is hereby given that a **MEETING** of the **COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GOSPORT** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, GOSPORT, PO12 1EB** on **FRIDAY** the **TENTH DAY** of **FEBRUARY 2023** at **6PM**, AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND TO CONSIDER AND RESOLVE THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS –

1. To receive apologies for Members for their inability to attend the meeting.
2. Declarations of Interest

All Members are required to disclose at this point in the meeting or as soon as possible thereafter, any disclosable pecuniary interest or personal interest in any item(s) being considered at this meeting.

3. Mayor's Communication
4. To confirm the minutes of the Council meetings held on 15 December 2022. (Pages 7 - 14)
5. To receive Deputations in accordance with Standing Order No. 3.4 and to answer Public Questions pursuant to Standing Order No.3.5, such questions to be answered orally during a time not exceeding 15 minutes.

(NOTE: Standing Order No. 3.4 requires that notice of a Deputation should be received by the Borough Solicitor NOT LATER THAN 12 O'CLOCK NOON ON WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2023 and likewise Standing Order No. 3.5 requires that notice of a Public Question should be received by the Borough Solicitor NOT LATER THAN 12 O'CLOCK NOON ON WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2023)

6. Questions (if any) pursuant to Standing Order No. 3.3

(NOTE: Members are reminded that Standing Order No. 3.3 requires that Notice of Question pursuant to that Standing Order must be received by the Borough Solicitor NOT LATER THAN 12 O'CLOCK NOON ON THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2023)

7. To Receive the following Part I Minutes of the Boards of the Council. (Pages 15 - 30)

Part I Minutes – Housing Board 25 January 2023

8. To receive the following Part II minutes of the Boards of the Council (Pages 31 - 40)

To receive the following Part II Minutes of the Boards of the Council
Community and Environment Board 10 January 2023
Policy and Organisation Board – 18 January 2023

9. Budget report (Pages 41 - 92)

Report to follow

10. Local Council Tax Support scheme for 2023/24 (Pages 93 - 184)

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the revised Local Council Tax Support scheme for working age applicants introduced from 1st April 2022 and of the intention to make no changes to the scheme for the 2023/24 financial year.

11. Local Council Tax Support Scheme-Exceptional Hardship Policy (Pages 185 - 206)

This report details the review and updates made to the Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) Exceptional Hardship Policy originally introduced in 2017.

12. Council Tax Support Fund Policy 2023-24 (Pages 207 - 218)

This report sets out the details of the Council's Council Tax Support Fund Policy 2023/24 developed in response to the announcement by Central Government (alongside the 2023-24 provisional local government finance settlement) for Local Authorities to distribute additional financial support to the most vulnerable households in England in receipt of Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) in the 2023/24 financial year.

13. Appointment of the Monitoring Officer (Pages 219 - 222)

Under Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (as amended), the Council has a duty to appoint a Monitoring Officer. The Council is asked to consider the appointment of Peter Baulf as Monitoring Officer and Borough Solicitor following the resignation of the previous postholder, Paul Grant.

14. Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elect 2023/24

In accordance with Standing Order No. 2.4 the Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer has written to Group Leaders and Members of the Council inviting them to submit Member nominations for the selection of Mayor-Elect and Deputy Mayor-Elect for the next Municipal Year. One nomination has been received by the Borough

Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, Councillor Z Huggins for Mayor-Elect and one nomination received for Deputy Mayor-Elect, Councillor K Casey.

15. Appointment of the Grants Sub Board

To appoint the Members of the Grants Sub-Board, 3 Liberal Democrats, 1 Conservative and 1 Labour.

**DAVID WILLIAMS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**TOWN HALL
GOSPORT**

2 February 2023

FIRE PRECAUTIONS

(To be read by the Mayor if members of the public are present)

In the event of the fire alarm being activated, please leave the Council Chamber and Public Gallery immediately. Proceed downstairs by way of the main stairs or as directed by GBC staff, follow any of the emergency exit signs. People with disability or mobility issues please identify yourself to GBC staff who will assist in your evacuation of the building.

This meeting may be filmed or otherwise recorded. By attending this meeting, you are consenting to any broadcast of your image and being recorded.

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTE THAT:

(1) IF THE COUNCIL WISHES TO CONTINUE ITS BUSINESS BEYOND 9.30PM THEN THE MAYOR MUST MOVE SUCH A PROPOSITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 4.11.18

(2) MOBILE PHONES SHOULD BE SWITCHED OFF OR SWITCHED TO SILENT FOR THE DURATION OF THE MEETING