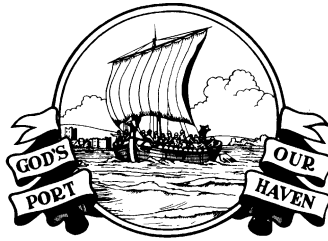




GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

**Wednesday, 7 February 2024
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 **WEDNESDAY** the **SEVENTH** of **FEBRUARY 2024** 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. Mayors Communication
4. To confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 December 2023 (Pages 7 - 16)
5. To receive Deputations in accordance with Standing Order No. 3.4 and to answer any 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 MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2024 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 MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2024)

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 TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2024)

7. To receive the following Part I Minutes of the Boards of the Council (Pages 17 - 30)

Part I Minutes – Housing Board 17 January 2024

8. To receive the following Part II Minutes of the Boards of the Council (Pages 31 - 38)

Community and Environment Board – 10 January 2024

Policy and Organisation Board – 23 January 2024

9. Budget Report (Pages 39 - 132)

Report to follow.

10. Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2024/25 (Pages 133 - 224)

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) scheme for 2023/24 and to propose the scheme for 2024/25, for which no changes are intended. The report provides an update on the 2023/24 LCTS scheme with regards to claimant caseload, expenditure.

11. Procurement Update and Waivers (Pages 225 - 232)

This report details the “Waiver/Exemptions” authorised since the revision of the Councils Contract Procedure Rules which were approved by the Standards and Audit Board on 17/11/22 and ratified by full Council on 22/12/22 when an undertaking was made to report such Waivers/Exemptions to Board on a regular basis.

12. Council Tax Premiums (Pages 233 - 238)

This report seeks approval to amend the current Council Tax Premiums charged on unoccupied and unfurnished properties with effect from 1st April 2024 and to introduce a new premium charge on second home properties – property that is furnished and periodically occupied with effect from 1st April 2025.

13. PSPO Report Council Feb 24 (Pages 239 - 266)

This report seeks approval from Full Council for the extension of the Hardway Green Public Spaces Protection Order from the period 7th March 2024 to 6th March 2027.

14. Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elect 2024/25

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. Two nominations have been received by the Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, Councillor Z Huggins and Councillor R Earle, and one nomination received for Deputy Mayor Elect, Councillor Casey.

**DEBBIE GORE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**TOWN HALL
GOSPORT**

30 January 2024

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