

9 January 2007

To the Members of the Borough Council

You are summoned to attend a MEETING of the EASTBOURNE BOROUGH COUNCIL to be held at the TOWN HALL, GROVE ROAD, EASTBOURNE, on **Wednesday 17 January 2007** at **6.00pm** to transact the following business.

Agenda

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2006** (Pages 243 to 250) previously circulated.
2. **Mayor's announcements.**
3. **Notification of apologies for absence.**
4. **Public right of address.** The Mayor to report any requests received from a member of the public under Council Procedure Rule 11 in respect of any item listed below.
5. **Order of business.** The Council may vary the order of business if, in the opinion of the Mayor, a matter should be given precedence by reason of special urgency.
6. **Declarations of interests by Members under the Code of Conduct.**
7. **Standards Committee – Appointment of Independent Member.** Report of Monitoring Officer – **Attachment 07.**
8. **Council Tax Base for 2007/2008.** Report of Director of Financial Services - **Attachment 08.**
9. **Members' Allowances Scheme**
 - (a) Report of Local Democracy Manager – **Attachment 9(a).**
 - (b) Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel – **Attachment 9(b).**
10. **Motions.** The following motions have been submitted by Members under Council Procedure Rule 13:-
 - (a) **The 200th anniversary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade.** Motion by Councillor Lucas:-

This council recognises that March 25th 2007 is the 200th

anniversary of the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade Act, following a mass movement campaign, inspired by the abolitionists of the 18th and 19th Century, including William Wilberforce, for an end to slavery.

This council recognises 'Freedom Day' (March 25th 2007), and subject to sufficient funds being available in the new initiative budget, will support interested community groups in Eastbourne who wish to commemorate the occasion by holding local awareness raising events.

Furthermore, this council recognises that millions of people are still enslaved, especially through the illegal practice of 'Human Trafficking', which is the fastest growing means by which people are forced into slavery, and is the 3rd largest source of income for organised crime, exceeded only by arms and drug trafficking.

Eastbourne Borough Council believes that Human Trafficking is wrong. Therefore this council supports the 'Stop the Traffik' campaign in it's call to;

- Prevent the sale of people
- Prosecute the traffickers, and
- Protect the victims

Furthermore, Eastbourne Borough Council will;

- Join the Stop the Traffik coalition, and encourage other local organisations to do the same,
- Encourage residents of Eastbourne to sign the Global Declaration against People Traffiking, which is being gathered to present to the Government and the UN.

(b) Rent agreements. Motion by Councillor Stanley:-

Following the fiasco regarding the council's increase in the rent demanded of Langney Playing Fields Association and its consequent catastrophic impact on Eastbourne Borough Football club and related organisations, this council resolves that this rent settlement and all future ones be determined by a panel of members.

- 11. Discussion on minutes of Council bodies.** Members of the Council who wish to raise items for discussion (Council Procedure Rule 14) on any of the minutes of the meetings of formal Council Bodies listed below must submit their request to the Assistant Director for Strategy and Democracy no later than 10.00 am on Wednesday 17 January 2007. A list of such items (if any) will be circulated prior to the start of the meeting.

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The following will be circulated prior to the meeting:-

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(Note: Referred Matters – Paragraphs in minutes of Council Bodies marked with * in front of the paragraph number refer to matters in which the Council's powers are not delegated or not exclusively exercisable by the Body concerned. These matters require formal approval by the Council and are separately listed on this agenda).

12. Exclusion of the public – Motion that:-

The remainder of the business of the Council concerns the consideration of the confidential proceedings of Council bodies. As such, discussion is likely to disclose exempt information within the categories specified either beneath the item or within the open summary of the relevant minutes. Furthermore, in relation to paragraph 10 of Schedule 12A, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The public, therefore, should be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

13. Discussion on confidential minutes of Council bodies. (See note at item 11 above). A list of items raised by Members (if any) will be circulated prior to the start of the meeting.

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**Martin H Ray
Chief Executive**

Guidance Notes:

Public Right of Address - A request by a member of the public to speak on a matter which is listed on either of the agendas must be **received** by no later than 12 noon on Monday 15 January 2007. The request should be made to Local Democracy at the address listed below. The request may be made by phone, fax, letter or electronic mail. For further details on the rules about speaking at meetings please contact Local Democracy.

Items for Discussion - Members of the Council who wish to raise items for discussion on any of the minutes of Council Bodies attached to the Ordinary Meeting agenda, are required to notify the Assistant Director for Strategy and Democracy by 10 am on Wednesday 17 January 2007.

Further Information – Councillor contact details, committee membership lists and other related information are also available from Local Democracy.

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