

17 July 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 25 July 2007 at 6.00pm** to transact the following business.

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## Agenda

1. **Minutes of the annual meeting held on 16 May 2007** (Pages 1 to 16) 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 referred item or motion 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. **Matters referred from Cabinet or other Council bodies.** The following matters are submitted to the Council for decision (Council Procedure Rule 12 refers):-
  - (a) **Council licensing policy statement and cumulative impact under the Licensing Act 2003.** Report of Councillor Margaret Bannister on behalf of the Cabinet – **Attachment 07(a)**
  - (b) **The New Model Code of Conduct for Members.** Report of Deputy monitoring Officer on behalf of the Standards Committee – **Attachment 07(b).**

This matter was considered by the Standards Committee on 16 July 2007 and a recommendation made to full Council. The report can be viewed at:

[Report](#)

[Code](#)

[Guidance](#)

- (c) **Information Technology support for Councillors.** Report of Councillor David Tutt on behalf of the Cabinet – **Attachment 07(c)(ii) (to follow).**

This matter is due to be considered by the Cabinet on 23 July 2007 and a recommendation is expected to be made to full Council. In view of the fact that the Cabinet's recommendations on this matter will not be available until shortly before the Council meeting and its relevance to all councillors, a full copy of the report to Cabinet is appended - **Attachment 07(c)(i).**

The report can be viewed at

<http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/council/meetings/cabinet>

- (d) **NHS Fit for the Future Consultation - consideration of the proposed changes to obstetric, specialist baby care and inpatient gynaecology services.** Council is asked to approve the letter of representation to the Primary care Trust. This is further to the consideration given by the Cabinet at their meeting on 2 July 2007 (please refer to the minutes of the Cabinet meeting for further information) - **Attachment 07(d) (to follow).**

8. **Motions.** The following motions have been submitted by Members under Council Procedure Rule 13:-

- (a) **Nuclear power.** Motion by Councillor Gregory Szanto:-

*This Council rejects the government's plans to expand the nuclear industry, in particular its plans to build nuclear power stations on the south coast with a site near Brighton.*

*Recognising the serious concerns about public safety from dangerous radioactive waste and the risk of serious accidents, the extremely high cost of building nuclear sites and the prospect of encouraging nuclear weapons proliferation, this Council calls on the government instead to secure the supply of energy and fight climate change by investing:*

- *in energy efficiency;*
- *in renewable energy sources;*
- *in the development of carbon capture and clean coal technology.*

- (b) **Votes at 16.** Motion by Councillor Carolyn Heaps:-

*This Council notes:*

*- that 16 and 17 year olds can leave school, get married, have a full-time job and must pay taxes on their income, and can join the armed forces, but are not allowed to vote in public elections;*  
*- that the introduction of citizenship education onto the national curriculum at key stages 3 and 4 means that young people will reach the age of 16 with a thorough knowledge of political*

*structures and how elections work and will have been encouraged to debate issues in class;*  
*- that disconnection between young people and the political establishment is growing.*

*This Council believes:*

*- that young people are interested in politics and have valid views on issues that affect them;*  
*- that 16 and 17 year olds are adults and that all adults should have the right to vote in public elections;*  
*- that refusing to allow 16 and 17 year olds to vote is likely to further depress turnout and encourage young people to give up on formal political structures.*

*This Council resolves:*

*- to support the moves to lower the voting age for all public elections to 16;*  
*- to communicate our policy to the Ministry of Justice, our MP and relevant Shadow Spokesperson's and express our belief that the voting age should be lowered to 16*  
*- to join the 'Votes at 16' campaign;*  
*- to hold an event to allow young people in this area to debate this issue and enable them to communicate their views to Government and the Electoral Commission.*  
*- to ask the Ministry of Justice that we be allowed to run a pilot scheme allowing 16/17 year olds to vote in local elections.*

**(c) Retail Packaging Recycling Bill.** Motion by Councillor Tester: -

*This council notes:*

*· That the Andrew Stunell MP's Retail Packaging Recycling Bill is soon to have it's second reading in the House of Commons.*

*· That similar laws in Germany and Switzerland quickly resulted in retailers putting pressure on suppliers and manufacturers to cut down on packaging, saving both money and land-fill.*

*· That so far the Member of Parliament for Eastbourne has not yet declared support for this bill.*

*This council believes that a key step in reducing the amount of waste going to landfill must be to make large retailers and manufacturers accept responsibility for the excess packaging so frequently seen on goods.*

*This council therefore kindly requests that the Member of Parliament for Eastbourne support the Retail Packaging Recycling Bill without reservation.*

9. **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 25 July 2007. A list of such items (if any) will be circulated prior to the start of the meeting.

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The following are appended to this agenda: -

***2006/07 Minutes:***

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***2007/08 Minutes:***

Planning Committee	22 May 2007	17 - 22
Conservation Area Advisory Group	29 May 2007	23 - 26
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General Licensing Committee	12 June 2007	35 – 38
Planning Committee	19 June 2007	39 – 45
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Scrutiny Committee	11 July 2007	65 – 70
Standards Committee	16 July 2007	71 - 73

*The following will be circulated prior to the meeting: -*

Planning Committee	17 July 2007	
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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).

10. **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.

11. **Discussion on confidential minutes of Council bodies.** (See note at item 9 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**

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**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 23 July 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 25 July 2007.

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

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