



NOTES FOR MEETING OF COUNCIL – 29 April 2021

This meeting will take place via Microsoft Teams. Members have received an invitation to the meeting and should join the meeting via their Hart email calendar. Please be prepared to join the meeting at 6.45 pm.

Councillor conduct during remote access meetings

- a) During remote access meetings all councillors must address the Chairman as usual.
- b) There are no changes to the rules of debate.
- c) If more than one councillor indicates a wish to speak, the Chairman will ask one to speak and may determine the order in which the others may speak.
- d) Other councillors should remain silent and mute microphones whilst the Chairman or other councillor is speaking.
- e) When the Chairman intervenes during a debate, any councillor speaking at the time should stop and the meeting become silent.
- f) If a councillor persistently disregards the ruling of the Chairman by improper behaviour, that councillor's microphone may be switched off or that councillor asked to leave the meeting.
- g) There is no change to the existing Procedure Rules in term of general disturbance and the meeting may be adjourned at the discretion of the Mayor/Chairman.

NB Notes

- 1) *Any camera (video-feed) should show a nondescript or neutral background – the background should not be used for promotional or political purposes*
- 2) *Please consider what might and might not be appropriate clothing to wear and refrain from drinking, smoking or behaving on camera in any other way that might reflect less than favourably on them or the Council*
- 3) *Microphones should be muted except when speaking*
- 4) *Cameras should be switch off if you have to be temporary absent from the meeting*
- 5) *If your Video is struggling, please switch off the camera and reply on Audio instead*
- 6) *Please make sure that phones are **silent***
- 7) *unmute your microphone and give your name when the Chairman invites you to speak – and when referring to a specific report, paragraph, slide, diagram or drawing make it clear which this is so that all participants, and those following the livestream, can follow proceedings*
- 8) *Do **not** use the 'Chat' function other than to attract the Chairman's attention. It must not otherwise be used for communication between Members or Officers.*

Voting

Voting will be decided by a simple majority of those councillors who have a right to vote and are in attendance at the time the question was put. The Chairman will take the vote by either:

- a) the affirmation of the meeting if **Page 1** no dissent; or

- b) the Chairman requesting a roll call of all voting members, who will be asked individually to confirm how they wish to vote. Unless a recorded vote is requested the names of Councillors who voted will not be retained.

The meeting itself will start at 7pm with a roll call by the Committee Manager. Please ensure that you join the meeting 5 minutes in advance.

1. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Chairman will seek Council consent to suspend Standing Orders numbers:

- 19.3 (Show of hands for voting)
- 22.1 (Standing to Speak)
- 22.2 (Chairman standing)

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chairman will ask Members to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2021 pages CL51- (proposer and seconder required)

***Note:** The **only** aspect of the Minutes that can be discussed is their accuracy. Members have been asked to email Committee Services in advance of the meeting if they have any questions on the accuracy of the Minutes.*

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman will ask the Council Manager if any apologies have been received.

***Note:** Members have been asked to email Committee Services in advance of the meeting as soon as they become aware they will be absent.*

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman will ask if any Members have any disclosable pecuniary, or any other, interests to declare in any of the items on the agenda, they should declare them at this point.

***Note:** Members are asked to email Committee Services in advance of the meeting as soon as they are aware they may have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, and any other interests they may have with respect to matters which are to be considered at this meeting.*

5. COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12 – QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

The following questions have been received from Ms Hodgetts:

1. What is the latest update on the award of a grant from MHCLG to the Council towards the funding of the Shapley Heath Garden Village project?
2. When does the Council intend to issue the consultation survey for the Shapley Heath Garden Village project to the public?

Councillor Cockarill to respond.

6. COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14 – QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

The following question has been received by Councillor Crookes.

The NPPF contains the following paragraph

151. To help increase the use and supply of renewable and low carbon energy and heat, plans should:

- a) provide a positive strategy for energy from these sources, that maximises the potential for suitable development, while ensuring that adverse impacts are addressed satisfactorily (including cumulative landscape and visual impacts);
- b) consider identifying suitable areas for renewable and low carbon energy sources, and supporting infrastructure, where this would help secure their development; and
- c) identify opportunities for development to draw its energy supply from decentralised, renewable or low carbon energy supply systems and for co-locating potential heat customers and suppliers.

Will the Executive Member take immediate steps to update Hart's Local Plan to incorporate these policies in order to enable appropriate renewable energy projects but at the same time protect valuable landscapes and quality agricultural land?

Councillor Cockarill to respond.

7. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. CABINET MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman will ask Cabinet Member whether they have any announcements of importance to the Council.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Neighbour
The Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services, Councillor Radley
The Cabinet Member for Digital, Councillor Ambler
The Cabinet Member for Community, Councillor Bailey
The Cabinet Member for Place, Councillor Cockarill
The Cabinet Member for Regulatory, Councillor Kinnell
The Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor Oliver
The Cabinet Member for Commercialisation, Councillor Quarterman

9. JOINT CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

The Chief Executive will include within the report the outcome (if available) of the High Court consideration of Lawyers in Local Government, the Association of Democratic Services Officers, and Hertfordshire County Council's application for court declarations that pre-existing legislation (the Local Government Act 1972) allows councils in England to hold remote meetings. If the court declaration is that Councils are allowed to hold remote meetings the Joint Chief Executive will make recommendations to Council on how best to proceed with meetings from the May Annual Meeting of Council going forward.

10. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Note: Members are allowed to put questions at Council without notice in respect of any matters in the Minutes to the Leader of the Council or any Chairman of the relevant meeting at the time those Minutes are received by Council.

Meeting	Date	Page Numbers	Decision
Cabinet	4 March 2021	43-45	
Cabinet (draft)	1 April 2021	46-52	Item 121 - The Equality Objectives 2021-2023 approved by Cabinet and recommended to Full Council for adoption.
Planning (draft)	10 March 2021	40-51	
Overview & Scrutiny	16 March 2021	41-45	
Audit (draft)	23 March 2021	8-9	
Licensing (draft)	2 March 2021	4-5	

*The **Chairman** will ask if there are any questions on the minutes of each Committee in turn, and to whom the question is to be put. After questions have been asked on that Committee's minutes the Chairman of the relevant Committee will ask for a vote for any recommendations to Council contained in those minutes.*

1 Cabinet 1 April 2021 – Minute 121 Equality Objectives 2021 - 2023

The Leader, Councillor David Neighbour:

Please move in accordance with Procedure Rule 18.1 as follows:

“I move the Recommendation set out at **Minute 121** of Cabinet Minutes:

That the Equality Objectives 2021-2023 be approved.”

(Seconder required)

11. MOTION TO COUNCIL

The following Motion has been received from Councillor Anne Crampton, seconded by Councillor Chris Dorn

This Council declares a climate emergency and will:

1. Pledge to make Hart District carbon neutral by 2050 whilst maintaining the 2040 target for areas under direct control of Hart District Council.
2. Report to full Council within six months setting out the immediate actions the Council will take to address this emergency and the plan to measure annual District wide progress towards meeting the 2050 target.
3. Meaningfully engage with the local community and to work with partners across the District and County to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans drawing on local, national and global best practice.

4. Actively work with Hampshire County Council and the Government to provide the additional powers and resources needed to meet the 2050 target.

12. OUTSIDE BODIES - FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS

To receive any updates from Members who are representatives of the Council on an Outside Body.

NOTES:

Rules of Council:

When the Chairman asks, members must stop speaking at the time, and the Chairman may mute the microphone.

RULES OF DEBATE

No speeches until motion seconded

1. No speeches may be made after the mover has moved a proposal and explained the purpose of it until the motion has been seconded.

Secunder's speech

2. When seconding a motion or amendment, the Member may reserve their speech until later in the debate.

Content and length of speeches

3. No speech may exceed three minutes without the permission of the Chairman.

When a Member may speak again

4. A Member who has spoken on a motion may not speak again whilst it is the subject of debate, except:
 1. to speak once on an amendment moved by another Member
 2. to move a further amendment if the motion has been amended
5. If the first speech was on an amendment moved by another Member, to speak on the main issue (whether or not the amendment on which they spoke was carried)
 1. in exercise of a right of reply
 2. on a point of order
 3. by way of personal explanation
 4. by way of a point of information.

Amendments to motions

6. An amendment to a motion must be relevant to the motion, **may not have the effect of being a direct negative to the motion itself**, and will either be:

1. to refer the matter to an appropriate body or individual for consideration or reconsideration
2. to leave out words
3. to leave out words and insert or add others
4. to insert or add words

7. Only one amendment may be moved and discussed at any one time. No further amendment may be moved until the amendment under discussion has been disposed of.

8. If an amendment is not carried, other amendments to the original motion may be moved.

9. If an amendment is carried, the motion as amended takes the place of the original motion. This becomes the substantive motion to which any further amendments may be moved.

Right of reply

10. The mover of a motion has a right to reply at the end of the debate on the motion, immediately before it is put to the vote.

11. If an amendment is moved, the mover of the original motion has the right of reply at the close of the debate on the amendment but may not otherwise speak on it.

12. The mover of the amendment has no right of reply to the debate on his or her amendment.

Point of order

13. A Member may raise a point of order at any time whilst the specific item of business is under discussion. A point of order may only relate to an alleged breach of the Rules or the law. The Member must indicate the rule or law and the way in which he considers it has been broken.

Personal explanation

14. Members do not have an automatic right to reply simply because there are named in another Members speech. A Member may, however, make a personal explanation at any time. A personal explanation may only relate to some material part of an earlier speech by the Member in the debate which may appear to have been misunderstood. The procedure should not be used as a way to continue or expand the Members' original speech but should focus solely on clarifying any misunderstanding.

Point of information

15. A Member may raise a point of information during another Members' speech. It is within the absolute discretion of the Chairman to decide to accept the information. It is also within the discretion of the speaker to accept or decline the information. During the raising of this point of information the time allowed to the speaker will be extended to include the point of information.