

DARTFORD

BOROUGH COUNCIL



Summons and Agenda

Monday 7 October 2019

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Managing Director
Friday 27 September 2019

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Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1DR

To: All Members of the Dartford Borough Council

A meeting of the Council will be held on:

Date: Monday 7 October 2019
Time: 7.00 pm
Venue: Civic Centre, Dartford

The Agenda is set out below:

A G E N D A

1. **Prayers: Reverend Helen Reeves**

2. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence

3. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive declarations of interest from Members including the terms(s) of the Grant of Dispensation (if any) by the Audit Board or Managing Director.

4. **Minutes**

(Pages 1 - 8)

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the General Assembly of the Council held on 15 July 2019 as an accurate record.

5. **Mayor's Announcements**

6. **Leader's Announcements**

To receive announcements from the Leader of the Council

7. **Questions from Political Group Leaders**

To consider any questions (from the Political Group Leaders) to the Leader/Cabinet submitted in accordance with Standing Order 14.

8. Motions

To consider the following motions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 10:

(1) Motion submitted by Councillor K J Grehan:

‘That this Council notes:

- That analysis of the 2018 Local Election results by the Fawcett Society found that only 34% of councillors in England are women, up 1% since 2017;
- Of the seats that were up for election in 2018, 38% went to women, up just 3 percentage points on 2014 when these seats were last contested;
- That across England, Labour has improved its representation since seats were last up for grabs, with 45% women compared with 40% in 2014, Liberal Democrat representation up from 34% to 36% whilst the Conservative Party saw a fall from 31% to 29% in the share of its councillors who are female;
- That Dartford Borough Council currently consists of 15 women (35.7%) and 27 men (64.3%);
- That the role of a councillor should be open to all, regardless of their background, and that introducing a parental leave policy is a step towards encouraging a wider range of people to become councillors, and is also a step to encourage existing councillors who may want to start a family to remain as councillors;
- That parental leave must apply to parents regardless of their gender, and that it should also cover adoption leave to support those parents who choose to adopt; and
- That a parental leave policy will give certainty to councillors and councils alike when a councillor needs to take time off after the birth or adoption of a child, and the lack of parental leave would not be a deterrent to someone becoming a councillor.

That this Council resolves:

- To adopt the parental leave policy drafted by the LGA Labour Group's Women's Taskforce to give all councillors an entitlement to parental leave after giving birth or adopting; and
- To ensure that councillors with children and other caring commitments are supported as appropriate.'

**(2). Motion submitted by the Leader of the Council,
Councillor J A Kite MBE:**

That this Council recognises the serious impact of climate change and accepts that rising global temperatures presents a clear and present threat to our world. We are facing a climate emergency.

The Council further recognises that all governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to act but feels that progress in Dartford should not be constrained by the actions of the slowest. Our town and its people have a part to play in securing a sustainable future and this Council must not only be a force for change in itself, but must inspire and encourage change in others.

It welcomes the Government's commitment to meet the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change target to cut greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050 but feels that, locally, we should aspire to act faster, and go further, to embed multiple actions across our community and local economy. Some measures may be quicker to yield results than others but the Council aspires to see the effects of climate change tackled earlier than either the 2050 national target or the 2030 date proposed by some.

It commits to pursuing measures that are deliverable, measureable and practical. It will inspire and promote efforts - small and large - to address climate change throughout our local community. It recognises that the interests of the environment are served not by empty promises or by setting one legitimate interest against another but by securing collaboration and a genuine commitment to change throughout the Borough and amongst our residents, neighbourhoods, businesses and wider

partners. It will co-operate with other authorities at every tier.

Dartford knows more than most about the particular challenges posed by rising traffic volumes and the impact on local air quality. We commit to increase our efforts to work with highways partners to reduce car use, resolve traffic issues in pollution hotspots and create workable, popular solutions within residential communities to prioritise pedestrians, cyclists and calmer, safer traffic.

It commits to make enlightened choices in our own supply chain and encourage other organisations to do the same with the aim of safeguarding resources and reducing pollution.

It notes the successful inauguration of the Leader's cross-party Working Group on Climate Change and commits to developing this group to include informed and representative local voices.

Finally, this Council sets itself the goal of making a contribution to tackling climate change to match any comparable local authority.

9. **Urgent Items**

The Mayor will announce his decision as to whether there are any urgent items.

To consider any reports to the General Assembly of Council by other Committees, Boards, Panels and Officers.

10. **References from other Committees (if any)**

11. **Capital Programme including Prudential Indicators - Outturn 2018/2019** (Pages 9 - 22)

To agree the capital budget carried forward into 2019/20.

12. **Crime and Disorder (Overview & Scrutiny) Committee Annual Report 2018-19** (Pages 23 - 52)

To receive the Crime and Disorder (Overview & Scrutiny) Committee Annual Report 2018-19.

13. **Reserved Minutes** (Pages 53 - 68)

To consider any of the minutes of the following Cabinet meetings reserved in accordance with Standing Order 16;

- (a) for full debate by Political Groups on the Council;
- (b) by Ward Members.

Cabinet

25 July 2019

5 September 2019

Graham Harris
Managing Director