



Council

Members of the **Council of Gravesham Borough Council** are summoned to attend a meeting to be held at the Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent on **Tuesday, 25 June 2019 at 7.30 pm** when the business specified in the following agenda is proposed to be transacted.

S Walsh
Service Manager (Communities)

Agenda

Part A

Items likely to be considered in Public

1. Apologies for absence
2. To sign the minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 5 - 18)
3. To declare any interests members may have in the items contained on this agenda. When declaring an interest a member must state what their interest is
4. To answer any questions received from members of the public of which notice has been given under Council Procedure Rule 13

Question from Mr Gardner:

Dear Councillors,

I write further to the Council meeting held on 9th October 2018 at which it was agreed that all Councillors and Senior Officers undertake a recognised mandatory training session on bullying awareness.

Please could Councillors confirm:-

*Whether the cost of these courses will be funded from the public purse?
If so what is the total cost of these courses? and do Councillors feel this is a good use of public funds given the squeeze on public funding and*

cuts to local services?

Is there no code of conduct specified under the Council's Constitution which could have resolved this issue?

Kind regards.

Yours faithfully

Colin Gardner

5. Minutes of Committees

To receive and adopt the proceedings, reports and recommendations of the following committees, except those items reserved under Council procedure Rule 5.2 (6) and to ratify and confirm the orders made by them.

- a) Minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Board (Planning) held on Wednesday, 22 May 2019 (Pages 19 - 26)
- b) Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on Monday, 3 June 2019 (Pages 27 - 30)
- c) Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & Audit Committee held on Tuesday, 11 June 2019
- d) Minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Board (Planning) held on Wednesday, 12 June 2019
- e) Minutes of the meeting of the Overview Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday, 13 June 2019

6. Reserved Minutes

To receive and adopt the proceedings, reports and recommendations of committees contained in the list of items reserved under Council Procedure Rule 5.2(6) and to ratify the orders made by them. They will be dealt with in the following order:-

Cabinet
Finance & Audit Committee
Overview Scrutiny Committee
Regulatory Board

To consider reports from officers of the Council

None at the time of publication.

7. Notice of Motion

It will be moved by Cllr John Burden and seconded by Cllr Sarah Gow that:-

Gravesham Borough Council with this motion declares we have a climate emergency and we will begin to take action to prepare for the borough to become carbon neutral by 2030.

This may be a tiny step in the context of the long term global problem of

climate change, but we believe the council should take a lead; taking action to reduce carbon emissions will also help make Gravesham a cleaner and more pleasant place to live in the short term.

This motion calls on the full council to:

Declare a climate emergency;

Pledge to do what is within its powers and resources to make Gravesham Borough Council carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions;

Call on Westminster to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible;

Continue to work with partners across the county and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies;

Investigate all possible sources of external funding and match-funding to support this commitment;

Complete a Green audit of all council services to ensure that weight is given to the environmental and sustainability impact as well as cost;

The Council will encourage plastic-free initiatives and support events intended to promote plastic reduction in the Borough

Set up a working group to report back within six months with the actions the council will take to address this emergency

Notice of Motion

Celebrating 30 Years of Town Twinning between Gravesham Borough Council and Cambrai, France.

It will be moved by Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox and seconded by Cllr John Burden that:-

This Council expresses its gratitude for the reciprocal and enduring links of friendship between the peoples of the BOROUGH OF GRAVESHAM and the TOWN OF CAMBRAI since official twinning was approved by our elected bodies in 1989.

This Council:

- Commends the benefits to our respective local communities that twinning has had in encouraging dialogue, tolerance, openness respect and the deepening of understanding of each other and of

the way of life of our two peoples;

- Recognises and celebrates the unique contribution that representatives of our citizens and members of our respective Town Twinning Associations have made to sustain and develop close and friendly relations;
- Pays tribute to the many long-lasting friendships that have been forged through the frequent exchanges that have taken place between our citizens; and
- Looks forward to a strengthening and growth of this partnership and mutual friendship and pledges to work together in co-operation in the years to come, to ensure the benefit of town twinning is secured for future generations.

8. To consider questions from Members of the Council of which notice has been given under Council Procedure Rule 14.

9. To receive the Mayor's Announcements