



Council

Members of the **Council of Gravesham Borough Council** are summoned to attend a meeting **virtually on Tuesday, 12 May 2020 at 4.00 pm or as soon as practicable after the extraordinary meeting has been concluded** when the business specified in the following agenda is proposed to be transacted. Details on how Members can attend the meeting will be sent separately.

In response to COVID-19, the Government has legislated to permit remote attendance by Elected Members at formal meetings. This is conditional on other Elected Members and the public being able to hear those participating in the meeting. This meeting will be streamed live and can be watched via Gravesham Borough Council's YouTube Channel:-

www.youtube.com/graveshamtv

S Walsh
Service Manager (Communities)

Agenda

Part A

Items likely to be considered in Public

Before the start of formal business, the Council will receive a prayer from the Civic Chaplain, Reverend Jacqueline Littlewood.

Let us pray

We give thanks for the Mayor of Gravesham Councillor Gurdip Ram Bungar and all who have served as Councillors during the last twelve months and we remember who have died during this Civic year including the late Honorary Freeman Councillor Colin Caller who gave thirty three years of service to the people of Gravesham and died whilst still holding office as a Councillor for Westcourt Ward.

Almighty God send down upon all who hold office in this Council of the Borough of Gravesham the spirit of justice and integrity, of wisdom to listen to each other's views, charity and support as they make decisions. May they discuss issues with truth and mutual respect as they fulfil their duty to promote the welfare of all who lives, works, studies or visits our great Borough.

During this COVID – 19 pandemic we give thanks for the work and selfless dedication of medical staff and all key workers. We pray that they may be given the strength to carry on working and that safe protocols may be observed to keep them protected.

Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend Kent DA12 1AU

We pray for local businesses and livelihoods that are affected by the lockdown.

We give thanks and ask your blessing on Gravesham Council, the North West Kent Volunteer Community Centre and other Authorities, Agencies, Community Groups and individual volunteers as they respond to the needs of those who are self-isolating and vulnerable during this crisis throughout the world.

Lord, make us more aware of our interdependence, on each other, that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship, where all are known and cared for and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be upon us all now and for evermore. Amen.

1. Apologies for absence
2. 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
3. Election of Mayor for the ensuing municipal year
 - 3.1 The Mayor will call for nominations.
 - 3.2 Members will vote on nominations.
(Note: Candidates may vote)
 - 3.3 The incoming Mayor will be asked by the Chief Executive to read aloud the Declaration of Acceptance of Office required by Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972.
 - 3.4 The meeting will be paused for several minutes for the new Mayor to receive the Chain of Office.
 - 3.5 The new Mayor will give his/her installation speech.
 - 3.6 At the conclusion, the Mayor will move “that the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Gurdip Bungar for the manner in which he has carried out the office of Mayor during the past municipal year”.
 - 3.7 The Leader of the Executive will second the motion.
 - 3.8 The outgoing Mayor will reply.
 - 3.9 The Mayor will announce that a past Mayor’s and Mayoress’s Badge will be presented to the outgoing Mayor and Mayoress after the meeting.
4. Mayoress / Mayor's Escort

The Mayor will announce the Mayoress / Mayor’s Escort for the ensuing municipal year.
5. Appointment of the Civic Chaplain

The Mayor will announce the Civic Chaplain and will invest the incumbent with the Civic Cross after the meeting.

6. Election of the Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year

- 6.1 The Mayor will call for nominations.
- 6.2 Members will vote on nominations.
(**Note:** Candidates may vote)
- 6.3 The incoming Deputy Mayor will be asked by the Chief Executive to read aloud the Declaration of Acceptance of Office required by Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972.

7. Deputy Mayoress / Deputy Mayor's Escort

The Deputy Mayor will announce the Deputy Mayoress / Deputy Mayor's Escort for the ensuing municipal year.

8. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 25 February 2020

The Mayor, having received the approval of the Council, will sign the minutes of the meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 25 February 2020.

9. Appointment of Members to Committee and Boards

To appoint Members together with the Chairs and Vice-Chairs (where required) to the following Committees and Boards:-

Planning Committee (previously known as the Regulatory Board)
Licensing Committee
Finance and Audit Committee
Overview Scrutiny Committee
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee
Appointments Board
Standards Committee
Appeals Sub-Committee
Appointments Panel
Hackney Carriage Sub-Committee
Licensing Panel

Joint arrangements with other local authorities:-

Joint Transportation Board

South Thames Gateway Building Control Joint Committee

10. Appointment of representatives to Outside Bodies

To make appointments to outside bodies.

11. Scheme of Delegation

To re-affirm the scheme of delegation relating to the Council's functions other than Cabinet functions.

An electronic link to Annex 1 of the Constitution herewith:-

<http://democracy.gravesham.gov.uk/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=Annex%201%20-%20Responsibility%20of%20Functions&ID=2380&RPID=12826180>

12. Timetable of meetings for the forthcoming municipal year

(Pages 5 - 6)

To approve the timetable of meetings for the forthcoming municipal year.

13. Questions

To consider any questions submitted under the Council Procedure Rules from members of the public (Rule 13) or Members of the Council (Rule 14).