

22 July 2019

Committee	Council
Date	Tuesday, 30 July 2019
Time of Meeting	6:00 pm
Venue	Tewkesbury Borough Council Offices, Severn Room

ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND

Agenda

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Pursuant to the adoption by the Council on 26 June 2012 of the Tewkesbury Borough Council Code of Conduct, effective from 1 July 2012, as set out in Minute No. CL.34, Members are invited to declare any interest they may have in the business set out on the Agenda to which the approved Code applies.

- 3. MINUTES**

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To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 21 and 28 May 2019.



4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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2. To receive any announcements from the Chair of the Meeting and/or the Chief Executive.

5. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- a) To receive any questions, deputations or petitions submitted under Council Rule of Procedure.12.

(The deadline for public participation submissions for this meeting is 24 July 2019).

- b) To receive any petitions submitted under the Council's Petitions Scheme.

6. MEMBER QUESTIONS PROPERLY SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

To receive any questions submitted under Rule of Procedure 13. Any items received will be circulated on 30 July 2019.

(Any questions must be submitted in writing to Democratic Services by, not later than, 10.00am on the working day immediately preceding the date of the meeting).

7. PRE-SUBMISSION TEWKESBURY BOROUGH PLAN

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To approve the Pre-Submission version of the Tewkesbury Borough Plan under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 as the version to be submitted, following consultation, to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

8. AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

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At its meeting on 24 July 2019 the Audit and Governance Committee considered its annual report for 2018/19. An update on the outcome of that meeting will be provided at the Council meeting.

9. HONORARY ALDERMAN

The Council is asked whether it wishes to recommend the award of the distinction of Honorary Alderman to appropriate immediate past Members of the Council.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION - DECLARING A CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

Councillor Cody will propose and Councillor Softley will second:

Humans have already caused devastating climate change, the impacts of which are being felt around the world. Global temperatures have already increased by 1 degree Celsius from pre-industrial levels. Atmospheric CO₂ levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm). This far exceeds the 350ppm deemed to be a safe level for humanity;

In order to reduce the chance of runaway Global Warming and limit the effects of Climate Breakdown, it is imperative that we as species reduce our CO₂eq (carbon equivalent) emissions from their current 6.5 tonnes per year to less than 2 tonnes as soon as possible;

Individuals cannot be expected to make this reduction on their own. Society needs to change its laws, taxation, infrastructure, etc., to make low carbon living easier and the new norm;

Carbon emissions result from both production and consumption;

Tewkesbury Borough Council has already addressed the problem of single use plastics and has shown a strong commitment to recycling and sustainable transport but more needs to be done.

In Gloucestershire the consequences of no action include:

- Increased risk of flash flooding and the resulting damage to buildings, crops, farmland and infrastructure as a result of more extreme rainfall events.
- Health problems due to increased heat stress particularly for vulnerable adults and children.
- Increased costs associated with changes to crops and biodiversity.
- Higher energy costs.
- Crop failures associated with extreme heat, such as was experienced in 2018.

The County Council has already recognised more needs to be done and has created an additional cabinet role with responsibility for overseeing the authority's approach to prevention of, mitigation of, and adaptation of climate change.

The government believes that a shift to a very low carbon energy future represents the best course for the country's economic development while lowering the risk of fuel poverty and reducing air pollution.

In view of the above the Council is asked to:

- declare a “Climate Emergency”.
- commit to doing all in its power to make Tewkesbury Borough Council carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions.
- set up a Working Group consisting of seven Members of the Council (to be nominated at this evening’s meeting) to prepare a long-term plan to achieve this, together with any initial budgetary requirements, to be reported back to the Executive Committee in October.
- call upon central government to provide additional powers and resources to support local and national action towards the 2030 target.
- commit to working with partners in Gloucestershire to achieve Countywide carbon neutrality aims.

11. SEPARATE BUSINESS

The Chairman will move the adoption of the following resolution:

That under Section 100(A)(4) Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

12. SEPARATE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Council is asked to consider and determine separate recommendations of a policy nature arising from the Executive Committee as follows:-

(a) Spring Gardens/Oldbury Road Regeneration

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To consider the formal report from MACE Group Ltd and agree the options to move forward for due diligence within the next phase of the scheme.

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