

MEETING OF HARLOW COUNCIL
7.30 pm on Thursday 15 July 2021
In the Council Chamber, Civic Centre

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors' declarations of interest (if any) in relation to any items on the agenda.

3. Minutes (Pages 4 - 7)

To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2021.

4. Communications from the Chair

5. Petitions from the Public

6. Questions from the Public

7. Questions from Councillors

8. Motions from Councillors

a) Protection of Green Spaces

Proposed by Chris Vince (seconded by Councillor Mike Danvers):

This Council notes:

- i) Harlow's green spaces are incredibly important to people in our town and in particular Harlow's playing fields owned by Harlow Council are utilised by families of all ages.
- ii) During the pandemic the importance of Harlow's playing fields has increased with families who do not have their own gardens finding them the only source of entertainment for their children.
- iii) The previous Labour administration worked hard to ensure that Harlow's playing fields were protected and ensured that they were not earmarked for development on the local plan.
- iv) The decision taken at the development management committee on the 8th of June to allow building on the Purford green site sets a dangerous precedent for future

development.

- v) Furthermore it was decided that compensation for this development would not be spent in the local vicinity but on the other side of Harlow.

This Council resolves that:

- i) It implements as strong a protection as possible for Harlow playing fields within the emerging Open Space Strategy.
- ii) Compensation for developments will be spent locally for the benefit of Harlow residents.
- iii) The Local Plan should be respected by all councillors and officers.

9. Main Debate

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.3, the Chair will call on the Leader of the Council to introduce the debate on the work undertaken by the Council on 2020/21 municipal year together with any highlights, pressures and potential issues for the coming year.

10. References from Cabinet and Committees

- a) Referral from Audit and Standards Committee - Audit and Standards Committee Annual Report 2020/21 (Pages 8 - 15)

The Audit and Standards Committee recommended to Full Council that the Annual Report for the Audit and Standards Committee for 2020/21 be agreed.

- b) Referral from Scrutiny Committee - Annual Report of the Scrutiny Committee 2020/21 (to follow)
- c) Referral from Scrutiny Committee - Call In Sub Committee Procedures (to follow)

11. Reports from Officers

12. Minutes of Cabinet and Committee Meetings

To note the following Cabinet and Committee minutes:

- a) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 25 March 2021 of Cabinet (Pages 16 - 21)

- b) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 14 April 2021 of Development Management Committee (Pages 22 - 26)
- c) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 8 June 2021 of Development Management Committee (Pages 27 - 29)
- d) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 16 June 2021 of Audit & Standards Committee (Pages 30 - 32)
- e) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 17 June 2021 of Cabinet (Pages 33 - 36)

13. Matters of Urgent Business

Such other business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be received as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances to be specified in the minutes.