

MEETING OF HARLOW COUNCIL
7.30 pm on Thursday 28 October 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 - 14)

To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 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) Harlow Draft Town Plan

Proposed by Councillor Tony Edwards (seconded by Councillor Mike Danvers):

This Council notes that:

- i) By 2047 a large proportion of the housing stock will be between 70 and 100 years old;
- ii) At the time of their build, standards with regards to energy efficiency and insulation and were markedly different from those required today; and
- iii) In July 2019 the Town made a Climate Emergency commitment.

This Council calls for the insertion of a substantial statement in the Draft Plan to reflect an ambition for all currently existing houses within the Town to be insulated and if necessary retrofitted to modern energy efficient standards by 2047.

This Council will:

- i) Quantify the numbers of houses that will need to be brought up modern energy efficient standards;
- ii) Embark on a plan of action for its own Housing stock; and
- iii) Take a strong strategic lead in working with others with regards to non-council owned stock.

b) Universal Credit

Proposed by Councillor Chris Vince (seconded by Councillor Tony Edwards):

“Harlow Council recognises the significant financial impact on 11,000 plus Harlow residents of the decision of the Government to remove the Uplift provision for those on Universal Credit. Particularly when this comes at a time of rising inflation and soaring energy, fuel and food bills which hit hardest the poorest in society.

This Council will therefore:

- i) Work with organisations such as the Citizen’s Advice Bureau, Mind West Essex and others to monitor and further understand the impact the removal of the uplift will have on children, young people and those most vulnerable in our town;
- ii) Keep under constant review how we as a Council can best direct support;
- iii) Actively participate in the Kickstart Scheme and promote the scheme to local employers; and
- iv) Ask the Chief Finance Officer to write a letter on behalf of the Council to the Chancellor and Prime Minister requesting the government re-introduce the Universal Credit Uplift payment as a matter of urgency.”

9. Election of Leader of the Council

The Chair will call for nominations for the election of the Leader of the Council in accordance with Article 6.2 of the Constitution (if there is more than one nomination, there will be a vote in the usual way).

10. References from Cabinet and Committees
- a) Annual Treasury Management Report 2020/21 (Pages 15 - 26)

11. Reports from Officers

- a) Terms of Reference for Electoral Review Working Group
(Pages 27 - 30)

12. Minutes of Cabinet and Committee Meetings

To note the following Cabinet and Committee minutes:

- a) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 7 September 2021 of Licensing Committee (Pages 31 - 33)
- b) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 9 September 2021 of Cabinet
(Pages 34 - 43)
- c) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 14 September 2021 of Scrutiny Committee (Pages 44 - 47)
- d) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 15 September 2021 of Development Management Committee (Pages 48 - 50)
- e) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 13 October 2021 of Development Management Committee (Pages 51 - 53)
- f) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 14 October 2021 of Cabinet
(to follow)

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.