

AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 31 March 2021

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting Via Skype*

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Quorum = 16

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1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes

To approve the [Minutes](#) of the Meeting held on 24 February 2021 (Minute Nos. 456 - 475) as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillors should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves or their spouse, civil partner or person with whom they are living with as a spouse or civil partner. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.

The Mayor will ask Members if they have any interests to declare in respect of items on this agenda, under the following headings:

(a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) under the Localism Act 2011. The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared. After declaring a DPI, the Member must leave the meeting and not take part in the discussion or vote. This applies even if there is provision for public speaking.

(b) Disclosable Non Pecuniary (DNPI) under the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council in May 2012. The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared. After declaring a DNPI interest, the Member may stay, speak and vote on the matter.

(c) Where it is possible that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts would conclude that there was a real possibility that the Member might be predetermined or biased the Member should declare their predetermination or bias and then leave the meeting while that item is considered.

Advice to Members: If any Councillor has any doubt about the existence or nature of any DPI or DNPI which he/she may have in any item on this agenda, he/she should seek advice from the Monitoring Officer, the Head of Legal or from other Solicitors in Legal Services as early as possible, and in advance of the Meeting.

4. Mayor's Announcements

5. Leader's Statement

6. Questions submitted by the Public

To consider any questions submitted by the public. (The deadline for questions is 4.30 pm on the Wednesday before the meeting – please contact Democratic Services by e-mailing democraticservices@swale.gov.uk or call 01795 417330).

7. Questions submitted by Members

To consider any questions submitted by Members. (The deadline for questions is 4.30 pm on the Monday the week before the meeting – please contact Democratic Services by e-mailing democraticservices@swale.gov.uk or call 01795 417330).

8. Motion - Dyslexia

This Council commits to:

1. Signing the made by Dyslexia pledge
 - (a) The Made by Dyslexia pledge reads “We will endeavour to: Recognise dyslexia as a different and valuable way of thinking. Understand the importance of identifying each dyslexic and their pattern of strengths and challenges. Support which is targeted to enable dyslexics to harness their strengths and flourish. We’ll achieve this through: knowledge skilling up staff in schools and workplaces to recognise, understand and support dyslexia. Discover using digital screeners which make it easy and cost effective to check if you’re dyslexic. Adjustments in tests and assignments so dyslexics can demonstrate their full knowledge and skills.
2. Contacting every school within the Council area to:
 - (a) Encourage them to take up the free training available from Made by Dyslexia campaign (<https://connect-the-spots.madeydyslexia.org/>)
 - (b) To sign the Made by Dyslexia pledge
 - (c) To encourage them to work towards achieving BDA Dyslexia Friendly Quality Mark
 - (d) To share links to resources such as:
 - (i) Free Dyslexia Screening tools: <https://www.nessy.com/uk/screening-for-dyslexia/>
 - (ii) The British Dyslexia Association advice <https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/advice/educators>
3. Writing to the local MP, the local Director of Education and to the Secretary of State for Education encouraging them to take the Made by Dyslexia pledge.
4. Engaging with Dyslexia Awareness Week (5 October 2021 – 11 October 2021) and going green for Dyslexia Awareness Week.

(Information in this motion has been gathered from Made by Dyslexia, the British Dyslexia Association and Nessy UK).

Proposed by: Councillor Ben J Martin
Seconded by: Councillor Hannah Perkin

9. Motion to Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill

Council notes:

- (i) This Council declared a climate and ecological emergency on 26 June 2019;
- (ii) Many local authorities have established Citizens' Assemblies that are playing an important role in assisting them in their plans to achieve net zero by 2030 or before; and that
- (iii) There is a Bill before Parliament – the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (published as the “Climate and Ecology Bill”) – according to which the Government must develop an emergency strategy that:
 - (a) requires that the UK play its fair and proper role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with limiting global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees C above pre-industrial temperatures;
 - (b) ensures that all UK's consumption emissions are accounted for;
 - (c) includes emissions from aviation and shipping;
 - (d) protects and restore biodiverse habitats along overseas supply chains;
 - (e) restores and regenerates the UK's depleted soils, wildlife habitats and species populations to healthy and robust states, maximising their capacity to absorb CO² and their resistance to climate heating;
 - (f) sets up an independent Citizens' Assembly, representative of the UK's population, to engage with Parliament and Government and help develop the emergency strategy.

This Council resolves to:

- (i) Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill
- (ii) Inform the local media of this decision;
- (iii) Write to local Gordon Henderson MP, asking him to support the Bill;
- (iv) Write to Helen Whately MP, asking her to express her support for the actions called for in the Bill; and
- (v) Write to the CEE Bill Alliance, the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support (campaign@ceebill.uk).

Proposed by: Councillor Tim Valentine

Seconded by: Councillor Alistair Gould

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Council is asked to note the recommendations from the following meetings, all the subject of separate reports on the Agenda:

General Licensing Committee meeting held on 21 January 2021
 Appointments Sub-Committee Meeting held on 17 March 2021
 General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 17 March 2021

16. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To decide whether to pass the resolution set out below in respect of the following item:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 – Information relating to any individual.

17.	Management Structure	105 - 112
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