



SUMMONS

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Wednesday 18 January 2023

Council Chamber - The Forum

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the Dacorum Borough Council in the County of Hertfordshire to be held in the Council Chamber - The Forum on Wednesday 18 January 2023 at 7.30 pm to transact the business set out below.

**CLAIRE HAMILTON
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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AGENDA

1. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 20)

To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting of the council

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To consider questions (if any) by members of the public of which the appropriate notice has been given to the Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive announcements and business brought forward by the Mayor, Leader, and Members of the Cabinet or the Chief Executive.

4.1 By the Mayor:

4.2 By the Chief Executive:

4.3 By the Group Leaders: Any apologies for absence

4.4 Council Leader and Members of the Cabinet:

Councillor Griffiths	Housing Services
Councillor Williams	Leader of the Council
Councillor Williams	Commercial Strategy and Delivery
Councillor Barrett	Neighbourhood Services
Councillor Banks	Communities
Councillor Anderson	Place
Councillor Elliot	Corporate Services

5. MOTIONS

5.1 MOTION ONE Proposed by Councillor Sheron Wilkie

Cost of Living Crisis

The survey conducted by Landman Economics for the TUC was widely reported in November. Highlights from the survey show:

Key worker poverty “is rampant”

The analysis reveals that child poverty “is rampant” in key worker households. In addition to care staff:

- Nearly a tenth (9.4%) of kids with nurses as parents are living below the breadline. This represents over 70,000 children.
- 1 in 9 (10.8%) children with teaching staff as parents are growing up in poverty. This represents around 100,000 children.
- 1 in 8 (11.8 %) kids of local government workers are growing up in poverty. This represents over 220,000 children.
- 1 in 4 (25%) children with public transport workers as parents have kids growing up in poverty. This represents 50,000 children.
- It is estimated that 1 in 5 (19%) key worker households have children living in poverty.

With this context, this Council:

- A. Notes with concern there is evidence to demonstrate that local children are going hungry while families are affected by the current Cost of Living Crisis.
- B. Therefore urges Officers of the Council to work with the Voluntary and Community Sectors, and local schools, to ensure that all children of school age have access to at least one nutritious meal a day.

In addition,

This Council recognises the work of Council Officers in collaboration with the Voluntary Sector to bring forward proposals to benefit residents of Dacorum and asks that every effort is made on the Council website to clearly signpost residents to the locations of the Warm Spaces, and other information and assistance available from the Council and Voluntary Sector in the current Cost of Living Crisis – this to also include clear non-internet communications for those that need the information.

5.2 MOTION TWO Proposed by Councillor Adrian England

Re-cycling Targets

This Council notes that Dacorum Council is on track for 60% recycling by 2030 and is currently 4th in Hertfordshire for its recycling percentage. In order to signal a drive for more and faster progress, this Council asks that the Council sets out an ambitious plan to increase the recycling percentage target by 2% points per year in order to reach the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership 2030 target.

5.3 MOTION THREE Proposed by Councillor Adrian England

Grants for Heat Source Pumps

This Council notes that just 17.8% of the funds available to residents in England and Wales for Heat Source Pump Grants have been claimed in the first three quarters of the life of the scheme. It is further noted that the value of the Grants, at £5,000 each, would appear to be a deterrent to applicants in England and Wales.

The Council asks the Portfolio Holder to write to the Government to ask for an improved and enhanced scheme which will match the Scotland offer of £7,500 to £9,000 grants together with the availability of a top-up interest free loan of £7,500.

6. QUESTIONS

Question 6.1 from Councillor Sally Symington to Councillor Margaret Griffiths

Written Question to the Portfolio Holder for Housing

How many properties within Dacorum's council owned housing portfolio have an up to date EPC rating?

Question 6.2 from Councillor Sally Symington to Councillor Margaret Griffiths

Written Question to the Portfolio Holder for Housing

How many reports of empty homes has the council received in the last 3 years?

Question 6.3 from Councillor Sally Symington to Councillor Andrew Williams

Written Question to the Portfolio Holder for Leader of the Council.

Residents in my ward are concerned that Dacorum has just one quarter of the national average of publicly available electric vehicle charge points. What actions is the portfolio holder taking to accelerate the installation of rapid and fast electric charging devices across the Borough's publicly owned car parks and ensure that on-street electric charging devices are provided for residents?

7. BUSINESS FROM THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

To consider any business referred from the previous meeting

8. CABINET REFERRALS (Pages 21 - 22)

To consider the following referrals from Cabinet:

CA/109/22 KINGS LANGLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
CA/110/22 TREASURY MANAGEMENT

9. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REFERRALS

There are no referrals from the Overview & Scrutiny committees

10. CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

To consider any proposals for changes to committee membership

11. CHANGE TO COMMITTEE DATES

To consider any proposals for changes to committee dates