



## **SUMMONS**

### **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**Wednesday 19 February 2025**

**Council Chamber, The Forum**

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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 19 February 2025 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 6 - 11)

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 & 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

## 5. CABINET MEMBER UPDATES (Pages 12 - 24)

|     |                         |  |
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| 5.1 | Councillor England      | Leader of the Council (verbal update only)                               |
| 5.2 | Councillor Smith-Wright | Portfolio Holder Transformation (People, Climate & Ecological Emergency) |
| 5.3 | Councillor Allen        | Portfolio Holder Corporate & Commercial Services                         |
| 5.4 | Councillor Dhyani       | Portfolio Holder Housing & Property Services                             |
| 5.5 | Councillor Bromham      | Portfolio Holder Neighbourhood Operations                                |
| 5.6 | Councillor England      | Portfolio Holder Place   |

## 6. MOTION

## **6.1 Motion proposed by the Leader of the Council, Cllr Adrian England**

### **STOP NONSENSICAL LUTON EXPANSION**

This Council notes that a government decision on the proposed large expansion of Luton Airport is now expected in April 2025, after the Chancellor of the Exchequer intimated that it should be granted. This Council has previously expressed strong objections to the proposed expansion of Luton Airport. On Luton Airport's doorstep, residents from Dacorum are extremely concerned about the upcoming decision because of:

1. aircraft noise,
2. the impact on our local roads with overcrowding, in light of the growth agenda
3. the impact of CO2 emissions and air pollution, compounding the likelihood of the airport completely failing, to reach Net Zero by 2050

This Council notes that Luton Airport had already breached their aircraft noise limits for three consecutive years up to 2019. Promises of quieter aircraft have since failed to materialise. Luton Airport has failed to deliver on their promises.

This Council further notes that the claim that the airport expansion will lead to economic growth, fails to consider that despite significant growth in air passenger numbers over the past two decades:

- There has been no net growth in air travel for business purposes.
- There has been no net growth in jobs in air transport.
- Real wages in air transport jobs have fallen significantly.
- The UK's domestic overnight tourism industry has shrunk significantly.
- Growth has primarily driven leisure travel abroad and increased the travel spending deficit, with the greatest spending losses seen in the UK's wider regions.

This Council also notes that advice from the UK Climate Change Committee is clear: "no airport expansions should proceed until a UK-wide capacity management framework is in place to assess annually and, if required, control sector CO2 emissions and non-CO2 effects."

In 2021 The Climate Change Committee, submitted a report to the previous government, advising that not only is aviation likely to be the largest emitter of CO2 by 2050, but that relative emissions from aviation can only be reduced by around 20% using fuel efficiency measures.

As such, this proposed 77% increase to Luton Airport capacity fundamentally undermines the UK's commitment to reach Net Zero by 2050.

This Council agrees that the Leader will write to the Secretary of State to urge a common sense decision to (focus construction workforce on affordable homes and Net Zero infrastructure) and urge the government to oppose this expansion before a UK-wide air travel capacity framework is in place.

## **7. BUSINESS FROM THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING (Page 25)**

To consider any business referred from the previous meeting

## **8. CABINET REFERRALS (Pages 26 - 34)**

To consider the following referrals from Cabinet:

|     |           |             |  |
|-----|-----------|-------------|--|
| 8.1 | CA/103/24 | 25 Nov 2024 | Treasury Management Outturn And Performance Indicators                 |
| 8.2 | CA/111/24 | 10 Dec 2024 | Treasury Management 2024/25 Mid-Year Performance Report                |
| 8.3 | CA/118/24 | 10 Dec 2024 | Council Tax Base Report  |
| 8.4 | CA/08/25  | 28 Jan 2025 | Review Of Scrutiny By The Centre For Governance And Scrutiny           |
| 8.5 | CA/10/25  | 28 Jan 2025 | Climate And Ecological Emergency Spending Proposal                     |
| 8.6 | CA/11/25  | 28 Jan 2025 | Transforming Public Procurement Update & Impact – Procurement Act 2023 |
| 8.7 | CA/12/25  | 28 Jan 2025 | Council Tax Setting Committee  |
| 8.8 | CA/19/25  | 11 Feb 2025 | HRA Business Plan  |
| 8.9 | CA/20/25  | 11 Feb 2025 | Budget 2025/2026   |

## **9. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REFERRALS**

### **10. POLLING DISTRICT & POLLING PLACE ORDER (Pages 35 - 45)**

### **11. WAIVER OF 6 MONTH COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE RULE (SEC.85 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972) (Page 46)**

### **12. CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

It is proposed by Cllr Mitchell that Cllr Greenfield is to replace Cllr Silwal on the Finance & Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

The proposed membership of the Council Tax Setting Committee be agreed as Cllr Adrian England, Cllr Garrick Stevens, Cllr Andrew Williams, Cllr Graeme Elliot with a vacancy for an Independent member.

### **13. CHANGE TO COMMITTEE DATES**

To consider any proposals for changes to committee dates

It is proposed that the Council meeting diarised to take place on 23 April 2025 be moved to 2 April 2025; this is to avoid Easter Holiday dates and enable the release of the Council Chamber for the storage and preparation of ballot papers in relation to the HCC Elections taking place on 2 May 2025.

### **14. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

To consider passing a resolution in the following terms:

That, under s.100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A Part 1 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 the public be excluded during the items in Part 2 of the Agenda for this meeting, because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that, if members of the public were present during those items, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information relating to the financial and business affairs of the Council and third party companies/organisations.

Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part 1, paragraph 1.

**15. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Page 47)**