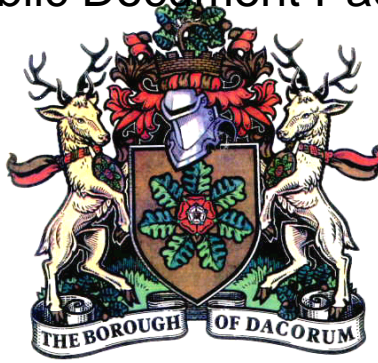


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SUMMONS

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Wednesday 16 November 2016

Council Chamber - Civic Centre

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the Dacorum Borough Council in the County of Hertfordshire to be held in the Council Chamber - Civic Centre on Wednesday 16 November 2016 at 7.30 pm to transact the business set out below.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sally Marshall'.

**SALLY MARSHALL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Contact: Jim Doyle

ext 2222

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meetings of the council held on 28 September and 26 October 2016

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 Solicitor to the Council.

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 Williams	Leader of the Council
Councillor G Sutton	Planning and Regeneration
Councillor Marshall	Environmental, Sustainability and Regulatory Services
Councillor Elliot	Finance & Resources
Councillor Mrs Griffiths	Housing
Councillor Harden	Residents & Corporate Services

5. QUESTIONS

To consider questions (if any) by members of the Council of which the appropriate notice has been given to the Solicitor to the Council.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION

To consider the following motion from Councillor Tindall given in accordance with Standing Orders:

‘Dacorum Borough Council believes that local pharmacies are an integral part of the Borough's Health Structure and that the Government's plans in relation to the funding of local pharmacies

- (a) threaten patient access to pharmacies and pharmacy services throughout the Borough, especially in rural areas
- (b) risk reducing services such as free delivery of prescription drugs, family planning advice and advice on medicines and other remedies
- (c) will thereby put more pressure on GPs, hospitals and social care, at odds with the strategies currently pursued by the NHS in Hertfordshire.

We therefore:-

- (a) call on the Government to abandon these cuts and maintain a fully-funded community pharmacy service and
- (b) urge the Leader of the Council to write to the two Dacorum Members of Parliament requesting they lobby the Secretary of State for Health accordingly.’

7. BUSINESS FROM THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

To consider any business referred from the previous meeting

8. CABINET REFERRALS

None

9. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REFERRALS

None

10. REFERRAL FROM HEALTH IN DACORUM COMMITTEE

To consider the following referral from the Health in Dacorum meeting held on 7 November 2016.

Acute Hospital Care In West Hertfordshire:

That Dacorum Borough Council shows its proactive support of maintaining a hospital presence in West Herts in general and Dacorum in particular in the most appropriate location to give the people of Dacorum the best possible care.

11. CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

To consider any proposals for changes to committee membership

12. CHANGE TO COMMITTEE DATES

To consider any proposals for changes to committee dates

13. STANDARDS COMMITTEE - LOCALISM ACT 2011 - RE-APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON (Pages 5 - 6)



Report for:	Council
Date of meeting:	16th November 2016
Part:	1
If Part II, reason:	

Title of report:	STANDARDS COMMITTEE – LOCALISM ACT 2011 RE-APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON
Contact:	Mark Brookes, Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer Directline: 01442 228236 ext: 2236 Email: mark.brookes@dacorum.gov.uk
Purpose of report:	To seek the approval of Council to the re-appointment of the Independent Person.
Recommendations	That Council re-appoints Rachel Keil as the Council's Independent Person until Annual Council held in 2019.
Corporate Objectives:	The promotion and maintenance of high standards of conduct by Members of the Council will assist the Council in achieving its priorities of performance excellence, reputation and delivering an efficient and modern Council. The Committee will also ensure that Members are accountable to the public for their actions and ensure that Members work within, and comply with the Code of Conduct for Members.
Implications:	There are financial and efficiency costs to the Council in having to deal with complaints made under the Code of Conduct. There are, therefore, value for money benefits to the Council in striving to ensure that complaints against Members are minimised as far as possible and any complaints that are received are dealt with as cost effectively as possible.
'Value For Money Implications'	
Risk Implications	The risk to the Council in not having in place a robust local standards regime could damage its reputation for good governance and undermine public confidence in the Council as a whole.

Monitoring Officer/S.151 Officer Comments	This is a report prepared by the Solicitor to the Council in his capacity as Monitoring Officer.
Consultees:	Standards Committee
Background papers:	Localism Act 2011

Background

Independent Person:

1. The Council is required under the Localism Act 2011 (“the Act”) to appoint an “independent person” whose views have to be sought, and taken into account, before the Council decides what action should be taken against a member or co-opted member who has been found to be in breach of the Code of Conduct. Rachel Keil has been appointed the Council’s Independent Person since November 2012 and the current term of office expires on 20 November 2016.
2. The Act does not prescribe a time limit on the term of office of the Independent Person and this is therefore within the discretion of the Council. The Council can either carry out another recruitment process for a new Independent Person or it can re-appoint Mrs. Keil for a further term. Mrs. Keil has performed the role of Independent Person diligently and it is therefore proposed to re-appoint her until Annual Council in 2019 rather than commence another recruitment process. This term of office will also coincide with the current term of office for the co-opted Independent Members and therefore recruitment for both roles can be carried out at the same time.
3. The Standards Committee has been consulted on this recommendation and has recommended the re-appointment of Rachel Keil to Council. Mrs Keil has also confirmed that she is happy to continue in the role.