



WORTHING BOROUGH
C O U N C I L

20 February 2024

**Worthing Council Meeting
20 February 2024**

Gordon Room, Worthing Town Hall

10.30 am

Agenda

12 February 2024

ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL are hereby summoned to attend for the following business:

Part A

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Members and Officers must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in relation to any business on the agenda. Declarations should also be made at any stage such an interest becomes apparent during the meeting.

If in doubt contact the Legal or Democratic Services representative for this meeting.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

To approve the minutes of the Special and Full Council Meetings held on Tuesday 12th December 2023, copies of which have been previously circulated.

4. Public Questions and Deputations

a) Questions from the Public

To receive any questions from members of the public addressed to Members of the Cabinet in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11. There is up to 5 minutes for each question, one supplementary question may be asked arising from the original question.

Questions must relate to any matter the Council has power or which affects the Borough, except no questions may be asked in relation to

a) A specific planning or licensing application

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Director for Sustainability & Resources:
Adur & Worthing Councils,
Town Hall, Chapel Road,
Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 1HA

- b) A specific staffing appointment or appeal, or Standards determination

Public question time will last up to 30 minutes; questions will be taken in the order of receipt.

The deadline for submission of questions is **15th February 2024 at 12 noon**. Questions to be submitted to democratic.services@adur-worthing.gov.uk

b) Deputation to the Council regarding the conflict in Gaza

To receive a deputation from Parents for Peace Worthing.

5. Items raised under Urgency Provisions

To consider any items the Mayor has agreed are urgent.

6. Recommendations from the Cabinet and Committees to Council (Pages 7 - 14)

To consider recommendations to the Council, details of which are set out in the attached items as 6A, 6B, 6C and 6D.

Reports are available on the website as listed below:

	Cabinet / Committee	Date	Item
A	Worthing Cabinet	6th February 2024	Council Tax Premiums and Discounts for Empty Properties and Second Homes
B	Worthing Cabinet	6th February 2024	Budget Estimates 2024/25 and Setting of the 2024/25 Council Tax
C	Worthing Cabinet	6th February 2024	Investing in our Places - Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2026/27
D	Joint Strategic Committee	8th February 2024	Joint Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2024/25 to 2026/27, Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council

7. Members Questions under Council Procedure Rule 12

Members' question time will last up to 30 minutes, with questions being taken in the order of receipt and in rotation from each political group on the Council. The deadline for submission of questions is **15 February 2024 at 12 noon**.

Questions should be submitted to democratic.services@adur-worthing.gov.uk

Questions can be asked of the following:

- a) The Mayor
- b) A Member of the Executive
- c) The Chairman of any Committee
- d) The Council's representative on any outside body

Questions cannot be asked in relation to the following:

- a) A specific planning or licensing application
- b) A specific staffing appointment, appeal or Standards determination

8. Suspension of Council Procedure Rules

The Council is asked to suspend Council Procedure Rules for consideration and determination of item 9 on the agenda, where they conflict with the Budget Procedure Rules in accordance with paragraph 7.2 of the Budget Procedure Rules.

9. Council Tax 2024/25 (Pages 15 - 158)

To consider and set the Council Tax for 2024/25.

A separate budget pack, produced by the Director for Sustainability & Resources, is attached as item 9, and the recommendations from the Cabinet, at item 6B and 6C, will also be considered as part of this item.

Part B - Not for Publication - Exempt information Reports

None.



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Director for Sustainability & Resources

Recording of this meeting

The Council will be live streaming this meeting, including public question time. A recording will be available on the Council's website as soon as practicable after the meeting. The Council will not be recording any discussions in Part B of the agenda (where the press and public have been excluded).

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