



MALDON DISTRICT
COUNCIL

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DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY AND
RESOURCES
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21 November 2023

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the extraordinary meeting of the;

COUNCIL

on **WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2023** at **6.00 pm**

in the **Council Chamber, Maldon District Council Offices, Princes Road, Maldon.**

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A copy of the agenda is attached.

Yours faithfully

Director of Strategy and Resources



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AGENDA COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2023

1. **Chairperson's notices**

2. **Apologies for Absence**

3. **Minutes - 14 September 2023** (Pages 5 - 14)

To confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday 14 September 2023 (copy enclosed).

4. **Declaration of Interest**

To disclose the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registrable interests and Non-Registrable Interests relating to items of business on the agenda having regard to paragraph 9 and Appendix B of the Code of Conduct for Members.

(Members are reminded that they are also required to disclose any such interests as soon as they become aware should the need arise throughout the meeting).

5. **Public Questions**

To receive questions from members of the public, of which prior notification in writing has been received (no later than noon two clear working days before the day of the Council meeting).

Should you wish to submit a question please complete the online form at www.maldon.gov.uk/publicparticipation.

6. **Chairperson's Announcements**

7. **Minute Book**

To consider the recommendations coming forward from the Committees detailed below. Please note that the Minutes of these meetings are not enclosed as they have not been approved at Committee level.

a) **Strategy and Resources Committee - 21 September 2023** (Pages 15 - 18)

Agenda Item 272 – Fees and Charges Policy 2024 / 25

Recommended that the 2024 / 25 Fees and Charges Policies at **APPENDIX 1** be approved.

8. **Minutes of Meetings of the Council**

To note that since the last Council, up until Tuesday 21 November 2023 (Council agenda dispatch) the following Committees have met, and to receive any questions in accordance with Council and Committee Procedure Rule 6 (2).

For further information please see [the Council's website](http://www.maldon.gov.uk).

District Planning Committee	6 September 2023
North Western Area Planning Committee	13 September
South Eastern Area Planning Committee	20 September
Strategy and Resources Committee	21 September
Performance, Governance and Audit Committee	28 September
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (meeting as the Crime and Disorder Committee)	12 October
North Western Area Planning Committee	8 November
Strategy and Resources Committee	9 November
South Eastern Area Planning Committee	15 November
Performance, Governance and Audit Committee	16 November

9. **Notice of Motions**

To consider the following Motions that have been received.

a) **Motion from Councillor A S Fluker (Motion 14/2023)**

In accordance with notice duly given under Procedure Rule 4, Councillor A S Fluker to move the following Motion, duly seconded by Councillors L J Haywood, M G Neall, W Stamp and J C Stilts.

Motion:

That at its meeting on Thursday 2nd November Council resolves to agree that the New Homes Bonus reserve and the additional monies received through new Business Rate income should not be used to support the General Fund but should instead be used to deliver District wide infrastructure projects for the benefit of all residents and with regards new Business Rate income support for local businesses and commerce.

10. **Questions in accordance with Procedure Rule 6(3) of which notice has been given**

11. **South Eastern Area Planning Committee Management** (Pages 19 - 26)

Following adjournment at the Council meeting on 14 September 2023 (Minute No. 246 refers, Minute extract enclosed), to resume debate on the report of the Director of Strategy and Resources (copy enclosed).

12. **North Essex Councils** (Pages 27 - 50)

To consider the report of the Director of Strategy and Resources, (copy enclosed).

13. **Council Tax Base** (Pages 51 - 56)

To consider the report of the Interim Chief Finance Officer (copy enclosed).

14. **Member Vacancy** (Pages 57 - 58)

To consider the report of the Director of Strategy and Resources (copy enclosed).

15. **Essex Wide Devolution Update** (Verbal Report)

To receive a verbal update on Essex Wide Devolution.

16. **Questions to the Leader of the Council in accordance with Procedure Rule 1 (3)(m)**
17. **Business by reason of special circumstances considered by the Chairperson to be urgent**
18. **Exclusion of the Public and Press**
- To resolve that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the 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 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, and that this satisfies the public interest test.
19. **Commercial Project Decision** (Pages 59 - 72)
- To consider the report of the Director of Strategy and Resources (copy enclosed).
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NOTICES

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