



AGENDA

**The Breckland Conference
Centre, Anglia Room,
Elizabeth House, Walpole
Loke, Dereham, NR19 1EE**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Members of the Council are hereby summoned to a Meeting of the **District Council** which will be held at **10.00 am** on **Wednesday, 22nd February, 2023** in **The Breckland Conference Centre, Anglia Room, Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham, NR19 1EE**

Yours faithfully

Maxine O'Mahony
Chief Executive

THIS MEETING WILL BE STREAMED LIVE VIA THE LINK BELOW AND WILL BE
ACTIVATED AT THE START OF THE MEETING

<https://www.breckland.gov.uk/Streaming-of-committee-meetings>

The Democratic Services Officer to call the roll of Members

Members of the Council requiring further information, or with specific questions, are asked to raise these with the appropriate officer at least two working days before the meeting. If the information requested is available, this will be provided, and reported to Council.

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1. <u>APOLOGIES</u> To receive apologies for absence.	
2. <u>MINUTES</u> To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2022.	6 - 20
3. <u>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</u> The duties to register, disclose and not to participate for the entire consideration of the matter, in respect of any matter in which a Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest are set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011. Members are also required to withdraw from the meeting room as stated in the Standing Orders of this Council.	
4. <u>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>	21
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6. <u>QUESTIONS ON NOTICE UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 6</u>	
7. <u>QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 7</u>	
8. <u>MOTION RECEIVED UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 8 (AGENDA ITEM 8)</u> Motion proposed by Councillor Philip Morton Standing up for Responsible Tax Conduct This model motion is provided by the Fair Tax Campaign which is encouraging all councils to support their Fair Tax declaration. Full Council notes that: 1. Around 17.5% of public contracts in the UK have been won by companies with links to tax havens. (Source https://datlab.eu/blog/eu-tenders-to-tax-havens/) 2. It has been conservatively estimated that losses from multinational profit-shifting (just one form of tax avoidance) could be costing the UK some £7bn per annum in lost corporation tax revenues. Source https://missingprofits.world/ 3. The Fair Tax Mark offers a means for business to demonstrate good tax conduct and has been secured by organisations with a combined annual income of £50bn and more than 6,500 outlets and premises, including many social enterprises and co-operatives.	

Full Council believes that:

1. As recipients of significant public funding, local authorities should take the lead in the promotion of exemplary tax conduct; be that by ensuring contractors are paying their proper share of tax, or by refusing to go along with offshore tax dodging when buying land and property.
2. Where substantive stakes are held in private enterprises, then influence should be wielded to ensure that such businesses are exemplars of tax transparency and tax avoidance is shunned - e.g., no use of marketed schemes requiring disclosure under DOTAS regulations (Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Schemes) or arrangements that might fall foul of the General Anti-Abuse Rule.
3. More action is needed, however current law significantly restricts councils' ability to either penalise poor tax conduct or reward good tax conduct, when buying goods or services.
4. UK cities, counties and towns can and should stand up for responsible tax conduct -doing what they can within existing frameworks and pledging to do more given the opportunity, as active supporters of international tax justice.

Full Council resolves to:

1. Approve the Councils for Fair Tax Declaration.
2. Lead by example and demonstrate good practice in our tax conduct, right across our activities.
3. Include in council standard terms and conditions. Ensure contractors implement IR35 robustly and pay a fair share of employment taxes.
4. The Council will not use offshore vehicles for the purchase of land and property, especially where this leads to reduced payments of stamp duty.
5. Undertake due diligence to ensure that not-for-profit structures are not being used inappropriately as an artificial device to reduce the payment of tax and business rates.
6. Demand clarity on the ultimate beneficial ownership of suppliers and their consolidated profit & loss position.
7. Promote Fair Tax Mark certification for any business in which we have a significant stake and where corporation tax is due.
8. Support calls for urgent reform of UK law to enable local authorities to better penalise poor tax conduct and reward good tax conduct through their procurement policies.

9. MINUTES (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

To note the following Minutes:

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15. <u>NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE AND OTHER SEATS</u>	
To receive nominations for any changes to Committee and other seats from political groups.	
16. <u>AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION (IF ANY)</u>	
17. <u>ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT</u>	
NOTE: No other business is permitted unless by reason of special circumstances, which shall be specified in the minutes, the Chairman is of the opinion that the items(s) should be considered as a matter of urgency.	
18. <u>EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC</u>	
To consider passing the following resolution:	

“That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A to the Act”

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