



# Borough of Douglas

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Town Hall,

Douglas,

12<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 2022, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the TOWN HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Deputy Mayor

**COUNCILLOR MS J. THOMMENY**

Councillors

Miss N.A. Byron

Mr J.E. Skinner

Mr A.J. Bentley

Mr I.J.G. Clague, MBE

Mr D.R. Watson

Mrs C.L. Wells

Mr F. Schuengel

Mr F. Horning

Mr P.J. Washington

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Environment and Regeneration and the Director of Housing and Property were in attendance.

Apologies for absence were submitted by The Worshipful the Mayor, Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts and Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin.

**1. Chair of Meeting**

In the absence of The Worshipful the Mayor, the Chief Executive invited nominations for a Member to Chair the meeting.

Councillor Ms J. Thommeny was nominated by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G Clague.

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously, the Deputy Mayor took the Chair of the meeting.

**2. Minutes – 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2021**

The minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2021, were approved and signed.

**3. Standing Order 39 – Question – Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner**

Mr Councillor J.E Skinner asked the Chair of the Housing and Property Committee:

*1.1 Does the Council supply and install any “white goods” into properties prior to tenants moving in?*

*1.2 Has the Council installed and supplied “white goods” into their properties prior to occupation by tenants?*

*1.3 Should a tenant have left “white goods” in a property when moving out would such appliances be left in situ subject to proper testing for use by a new tenant moving in?*

*1.4 Will the Council be supplying and installing any “white goods” into the new apartments on Peel Road prior to occupation by tenants?*

Reply by Chair of the Housing and Property Committee:

*1.1 Yes but only in situations where there are no other drying facilities, like in some flats, the Council is required to supply washing and drying facilities. White goods are also supplied in decant properties to reduce the requirement to move in and out a family’s own white goods.*

*Schedule 2 of the Housing (Standards) 2017 sets out the requirement:*

*“Facilities for the washing and drying of clothes must be made available for the exclusive use of the occupants of, in the case of flats, each individual flat and premises.”*

*1.2 Yes, in flats and decant properties, as above.*

*1.3 If the white goods are in good working condition, a PAT test would be carried out and the item left in place. However, in some instances when this has been done, we have received requests, following occupation, from the new tenants to remove the appliances.*

*1.4 Yes, a washer/dryer will be provided to all apartments in the Peel Road Development.*

**4. Executive Committee – 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2021**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2021, be received, by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

**5. Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2021**

Motion moved by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2021, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

**6. Housing and Property Committee – 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2021**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2021, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

**7. Regeneration and Community Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2021**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Schuengel, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2021, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors: Miss N.A. Byron, Mr D.R. Watson, Mr F. Schuengel, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Horning, Ms J. Thommeny, Mr P.J. Washington - 7

**Against** – Councillors: Mr J.E. Skinner, Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mr A.J. Bentley – 3

**8. Environmental Services Committee – 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 – Clause A9**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in Clause A9 of report of meeting held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2021, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously

*Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985, Mr Councillor D.R. Watson declared an interest in the item and retired whilst it was considered.*

**9. Environmental Services Committee – 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 – Clauses A1 to A8, and A10 to B14**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to A8 and A10 to B14, inclusive of report of meeting held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2021, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

**10. Adjournment and Resumption**

The meeting adjourned at 3.45pm and resumed at 4.00pm with the same Members and Officers present.

**IN PRIVATE**

**11. Executive Committee – 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2021**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2021, be received by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

**12. Housing and Property Committee – 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2021**

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The Council rose at 4.05pm.



Town Clerk & Chief Executive