



# Borough of Douglas

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Town Hall,

Douglas,

10<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 2022, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the TOWN HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Mayor

**COUNCILLOR MS J. THOMMENY, JP**

Councillors

Miss N.A. Byron

Mr S.R. Pitts

Mr J.E. Skinner

Mr I.J.G. Clague, MBE

Mr A.J. Bentley

Mr D.R. Watson

Mr S.R. Crellin

Mrs C.L. Wells

Mr F. Horning

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

Apologies for absence were submitted by Mr Councillor F. Schuengel, Mr Councillor P.J. Washington and the Director of Environment and Regeneration.

1. **Minutes – 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

The minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2022, were approved and signed.

2. **Standing Order 39 – Question – Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts**

Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts asked the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee:

*How many fixed penalties have been issued or prosecutions brought in the past two years in each category in Douglas through the Wardens;*

- a) *Dog fouling*
- b) *Littering*
- c) *Abandoned vehicles*
- d) *Wheelie bins*
- e) *Fly tipping*

Reply by the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee:

*The number of fixed penalties or prosecutions brought in the past two years in each category in Douglas through the Wardens are;*

- a) *Dog fouling – 2 fixed penalty notices.*
- b) *Littering – 6 fixed penalty notices.*
- c) *Abandoned vehicles – fixed penalty notices are not issued for abandoned vehicles.*
- d) *Wheelie bins – 8 fixed penalty notices.*
- e) *Fly tipping – no fixed penalty notices have been issued.*

*There have been no prosecutions on the above categories in the past two years.*

Supplementary Question:

*Do you expect to see an increase in wheelie bin penalties when the fortnightly collections begin?*

Reply:

*No I wouldn't expect to see an increase in the numbers, some people may in fact be more inclined to put their bins back when it is a fortnightly collection.*

3. **Standing Order 39 – Question – Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts**

Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts asked the Leader of the Council:

- 3.1 *How many hours in lieu have been accrued by employees in the past two years.*
- 3.2 *How many employees will the above hours include.*
- 3.3 *How many of the accrued hours were unable to be taken.*
- 3.4 *How many employees lost their lieu time.*

Reply by the Leader of the Council:

	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>
3.1	2,738:40 – less opening balance (1,243:15)  <b>1,495:25</b>	3,117:15 – less opening balance (1,669:30)  <b>1447:45</b>
3.2	107	123
3.3	1,912:20 actual less opening balance (1,243:15)  <b>669:05</b>	1,860:25 less opening balance (1,669:30)  <b>191:55</b>

- 3.4 *Staff would not have lost the time off in lieu (TOIL) they earned as they are permitted to carry it forward into the next year.*

*However, should an employee leave the employ of the Council then no cash compensation is/would be made for TOIL outstanding and not taken.*

*Some employees, in wishing to provide the employer with a longer notice period, will utilise any TOIL outstanding during the notice period.*

Supplementary Question:

*How long can TOIL can be carried over for?*

Reply:

*According to the policy TOIL should be taken as soon as possible after it has been accrued, usually within the same month as it has been accrued but no later than three months after accrual, unless agreed in advance with the line manager or supervisor. TOIL accrued and not redeemed will be lost and no monetary compensation will be offered if TOIL is not taken within three months of accrual, the accrual will be lost.*

*This is a policy. However we do need to be mindful that we have been in a very difficult situation over the past two years with COVID where a lot of staff members have accrued TOIL because they have had to stand in for other members who have not been able to work, so I think it would be fair to say that line managers have been more lenient over the past couple of years because of that. However we are coming to the end of that now and we are encouraging all staff to make use of their TOIL and at the end of this financial year we will be in a more robust position.*

**4. Standing Order 39 – Question – Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts**

Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts asked the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee:

*4.1 What extra resources will be available when the fortnightly waste collection service begins.*

*4.2 Will there be a dedicated phone contact made available.*

*4.3 How many people have registered for a garden waste bin.*

Reply by the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee:

*4.1 None. The same resources will be used for collecting residual waste, garden waste and recycling, and if more resource is needed in a particular collection type, this can be provided within existing resources. The overall amount of waste being collected will not be reduced, all that is changing is the way it is collected.*

*4.2 The Waste Services direct dial will be the contact phone number for any enquiries.*

*4.3 As at Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2022, over 1,500 requests have been received.*

Supplementary Question:

*How many garden waste bins have been purchased?*

Reply:

*4,200*

**5. Executive Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

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 Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2022, 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 – 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2022, 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 J.E. Skinner, Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr D.R. Watson, Mr S.R. Crellin, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Horning, the Mayor – **9**

**Against:** Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts – **1**

**7. Regeneration and Community Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley, seconded Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2022, 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 S.R. Pitts, Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr D.R. Watson, Mr S.R. Crellin, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Horning, the Mayor – **9**

**Against:** Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner – **1**

8. **Environmental Services Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2022, 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 J.E. Skinner, Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr D.R. Watson, Mr S.R. Crellin, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr F. Horning, the Mayor – **9**

**Against:** Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts – **1**

9. **Standing Order 30 – Notice of Motion – Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts**

Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts moved the following Motion, notice of which had been given:

“That Standing Order 38 (Private Business) be amended by deletion of the requirement for a two-third majority to move business from private into public, and substitution therefor a simple majority of the Members present.”

Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin seconded the Motion.

Under the provisions of Standing Order 30, the matter was referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and report to the Council by 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.

10. **Adjournment and Resumption**

The meeting adjourned at 3.20pm and resumed at 3.35pm with the same Members and officers present.

**IN PRIVATE**

11. **Executive Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

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 Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2022, be received by the Council.”

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

12. **Environmental Services Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

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 private report of meeting held on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2022, be received by the Council.”

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

The Council rose at 3.40pm.



Town Clerk & Chief Executive