



Meeting of  
East Sussex County Council  
on Tuesday, 8 October 2024  
at 10.00 am

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# EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

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## To the Members of the County Council

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the East Sussex County Council to be held in the Council Chamber, at County Hall, Lewes, **on Tuesday, 8 October 2024 at 10.00 am** to transact the following business

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2024** (*Pages 5 - 16*)
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Chairman's business**
4. **Questions from members of the public**
5. **Report of the Cabinet** (*Pages 17 - 30*)
6. **Report of the Governance Committee** (*Pages 31 - 38*)
7. **Notice of Motion - Motion for East Sussex County Council to be an active participant in the City of Sanctuary Local Authority Network** (*Pages 39 - 40*)

The Chairman has directed under Standing Order 36.9 (1) that the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Cross shall stand referred to the County Council.

This motion calls on East Sussex County Council to declare that we understand the important role it plays in welcoming people who are fleeing violence and persecution by offering them safety and sanctuary and therefore resolves to adopt these Core Principles:

1. All asylum seekers, refugees and migrants should be treated with dignity and respect.
2. A fair and effective process to decide whether people need protection should be in place.
3. No one should be locked up indefinitely.
4. No one should be left sick or destitute in our society.
5. We should welcome the stranger and help them to integrate.

This motion calls on East Sussex County Council to commit to applying to become a member of the City of Sanctuary Local Authority Network, with the aim of becoming a recognized Council of Sanctuary.

Becoming recognised as a County Council of Sanctuary involves the following:

- developing a strategic place-based approach to supporting new arrivals to integrate and rebuild their lives
- building on existing partnerships across public and voluntary sectors providers to enable development of a wholistic offer of support
- engaging with people with lived experience to ensure that services meet the needs to people seeking sanctuary

This motion further calls on East Sussex County Council to join the Migrant Champions Network and appoints a councillor to act as a Migrant Champion. That this councillor is

recognised within our Council as an advocate for migrant constituents, and for migrants' rights issues within the local council and beyond.

**8. Questions from County Councillors**

- a) Oral questions to Cabinet Members
- b) Written questions of which notice has been given pursuant to Standing Order 44

**9. Report of the East Sussex Fire Authority (Pages 41 - 46)**

*Note: There will be a period for collective prayers and quiet reflection in the Council Chamber from 9.30 am to 9.45 am. The prayers will be led by the Reverend James Knowles - Vicar, All Saints' Church Eastbourne. The Chairman would be delighted to be joined by any members of staff and Councillors who wish to attend.*

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30 September 2024