For elected members to be consuming alcohol before making decisions which can affect the lives of many residents and businesses across our borough simply is not right. Any amount of alcohol can affect a persons decision making ability. Most private sector employers have an outright ban on alcohol during working hours and our residents should expect the same from their elected members.

Therefore, this council agrees that all councillors should not attend meetings, or act as representatives of the council if they are under the influence of alcohol, as their ability to contribute and their judgement will be impaired.

Proposed by Councillor Paul Wharton

Seconded by Councillor Claire Hamilton

Submitted 4th January 2018.

