CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 9 AUGUST, 2006 AT 4.00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

Notice is hereby given of the above mentioned meeting of the Council which you are summoned to attend for the purpose of transacting the business set out below:-

1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interests

   To declare any personal or prejudicial interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct and any possible contraventions under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

   Under the Code of Conduct, if you declare a personal interest, you may remain in the meeting, take part in the debate and vote. If you declare a personal and prejudicial interest, then you must withdraw from the meeting and not take any part in the debate.

3. Minutes

   To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 28 June, 2006, Minute Nos. 1-13 and 14-15, Page Nos. 1-12 and 13.

4. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

5. Questions in accordance with Rule 8

(i) The following question has been submitted by Councillor F.W.C. Allen in accordance with Rule 8:

"Would the Portfolio for Housing, care to comment on the following:-

In 1988 the then controlling Labour Group had managed to put aside some one and three quarter million pounds which was earmarked primarily to regenerate the Elizabeth Road area of Cannock North Ward. Unfortunately, that same year the Council received a visit from a deputation of Government environmental officers whose prime objective was to inform us that if we did not immediately implement a programme to make Cannock Chase District a smokeless zone we would be issued with a Section 8 Notice. The consequences of which would have been very serious for the Council indeed.

As a result of this, the aforementioned money was used on a five year phased scheme and of course the Elizabeth Road area regeneration suffered as a consequence. I am aware that the above area has been discussed along with others in a recent Cabinet meeting and so the problem will be fresh on the minds of Members.

I would like to ask therefore what plans if any are in the pipeline for the said area with regard to improvement, as it is in a very bad state indeed?

Needless to say, any improvement or development would be welcomed with open arms, not only by residents of Elizabeth Road, but by everyone in the surrounding area and would serve to lift the whole estate to a more acceptable level environment wise."

The Social Inclusion and Housing Leader will provide an oral response.

(ii) The following question has been submitted by Councillor G.D. Ball in accordance with Rule 8:

"I would like to ask the appropriate Portfolio Leader:-

What is the up to date situation regarding the Aquarius? Is it to remain open or is to be closed? My view is that there is plenty of life in the Aquarius and if someone could be found to take over the day-to-day running, it could remain open rather than closed and the building stand idle and fall into disrepair."

The Leader of the Council will provide an oral response.

6. Part 1 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels

To (a) consider reports and determine recommendations and matters referred to the Council for specific determination and (b) receive for information details of resolutions in respect of powers and duties delegated by the Council in Part 1 Minutes of the following Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels:-

(a) Planning Control Committee

(i) 31 May, 2006
Minutes 1-20
Page Nos. 1-9

(ii) 21 June, 2006
Minutes 21-37
Page Nos. 10-17

(b) Licensing and Public Protection Committee

(i) 9 June, 2006
Minutes 1-3
Page No. 1

(c) Cabinet

(i) 15 June, 2006
Minutes 1-9
Page Nos. 1-3

(Council is requested to note that the recommendations contained within Minute 3 relating to "Corporate and Performance Plan" and Minute 6 "New Rugeley Swimming Pool – Establishment of Steering Group" were approved by Council on 28 June, 2006).

(d) Scrutiny Committee

(i) 17 May, 2006
Minutes 26-28
Page Nos. 16-17

(ii) 27 June, 2006
Minutes 1-10
Page Nos. 1-5

(e) Social Inclusion and Housing Select Committee

(i) 5 June, 2006
Minutes 1-5
Page Nos. 1-3

(f) Culture and Sport Select Committee

(i) 7 June, 2006
Minutes 1-5
Page Nos. 1-3

(g) Access to Skills & Economic Development Select Committee

(i) 12 June, 2006
Minutes 1-3
Page Nos. 1-3

(h) Environment Select Committee

(i) 19 June, 2006
Minutes 1-3
Page Nos. 1-4

7. Age Discrimination Legislation

Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 7.1 – 7.10).

8. Changes to Pension Scheme and Redundancy Provisions

Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 8.1 – 8.8).

9. Rent Restructuring Strategy

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Enclosure 9.1 – 9.13).

10. Appointment of Representative to Hopkins and Sneyd Almshouses Charity

Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 10.1 – 10.4).

11. Exclusion of the Public

The Chairman to propose the following motion:-

"That the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9 and 12 Part I, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act, 1972."

(The paragraphs identified above relate to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act prior to its amendment, as well as the new Schedule 12A).

12. Part 2 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels

To (a) consider reports and determine recommendations and matters referred to the Council for specific determination and (b) receive for information details of resolutions in respect of powers and duties delegated by the Council in Part 2 Minutes of the following Cabinet, Panels, Committees and Select Committees:-

(a) Licensing and Public Protection Committee

(i) 9 June, 2006
Minute 4
Page Nos. 2-3

(b) Cabinet

(i) 15 June, 2006
Minutes 10-12
Page Nos. 4-5

(c) Culture and Sport Select Committee

(i) 7 June, 2006
Minute 6
Page No. 4

13. Recommendation from Cabinet held on 20 July, 2006

Council is requested to consider the following recommendation referred to it by Cabinet on 20 July, 2006:

Policy Option WG1 – Cannock Sports Stadium

That Council be recommended to approve a supplementary estimate of £56,320 for 2006-07.

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