

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2008 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 of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members**

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.

Members should refer to the guidance included as part of this agenda.

- 3. Minutes**

To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 21 May 2008, Minute Nos. 1-11, Page Nos. 1-9.

- 4. Question in Accordance with the Scheme for Receiving Questions from Members of the Public**

The following question has been received from Mr. John Brogan in accordance with the scheme for receiving questions from members of the public:

"I have written numerous letters to the council regarding the Blake Valley/Stadium project, and have presented the council with a petition signed by 300 people opposing the construction of a stadium 'of sorts' on Blake Valley land. In addition to this, numerous people have written to the Council personally in opposition of the above. Regardless of these actions the Council seem to have disregarded these views and adequate answers to questions seem hard to find. I would be obliged if you could provide answers to the following: -

1. Has the council received the above petition? Has it been totally ignored, along with all the other letters of protest?
2. House owners of properties adjacent to Blake Valley have still not been formally consulted regarding the construction of a stadium on this land, despite promises to do so. Should this not be done as a matter of law?
3. Alternative sites other than Blake Valley were supposed to be investigated for the erection of a new stadium. What was the outcome of these investigations (how many sites were found and why were they found unsuitable?)."

The Children and Young People Portfolio Leader, Councillor N.K. Stanley, will provide an oral response.

In accordance with the Scheme, Mr. Brogan will be permitted to ask one supplementary question.

5. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

6. Questions in Accordance with Rule 8

The following question has been submitted by Councillor G. Alcott in accordance with Rule 8:

"Could the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People tell me:

Following the Labour Government's announcement that over 60's and under 16's are to be allowed to swim free of charge at public swimming baths, can he tell me when this Council propose to introduce that policy?

This would give the senior citizens of the Cannock Chase District Council area an opportunity to lead an active life and also would provide the Council's policy on obesity in young children.

The introduction of this over 60's and under 16's free swim would help the Chase Community Partnerships Sustainable Community Strategy for Cannock Chase District as outlined by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Neil Stanley, relating to health trainers for the District and provide assistance to those most in need".

The Children & Young People will provide an oral response at the meeting.

7. 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) Cabinet

- (i) 17 April 2008
Minutes 126 - 132
Page Nos. 77 - 79

(b) Scrutiny Committee

- (i) 17 July, 31 July and 6 August 2007
Minutes 5 - 10
Page Nos. 4 - 10
- (ii) 29 August 2007
Minutes 11 - 13
Page Nos. 11 - 12

(c) Children & Young People Select Committee

- (i) 6 February 2008
Minutes 18 - 22
Page Nos. 17 - 21
- (ii) 8 April 2008
Minutes 23 - 30
Page Nos. 22 - 26

(d) Healthier Communities, Housing & Older People Select Committee

- (i) 26 March 2008
Minutes 63 - 70
Page Nos. 29 - 33

(e) Access to Skills, Economic Development and Enterprise Select Committee

- (i) 18 March 2008
Minutes 19 - 23
Page Nos. 17 - 19
- (ii) 21 April 2008
Minutes 24 - 29
Page Nos. 17 - 20

(f) Performance & Partnerships Select Committee

- (i) 18 February 2008
Minutes 23 - 25
Page Nos. 22 - 23

- (ii) 14 April 2008
Minutes 26 - 28
Page Nos. 24 - 26

- (g) Planning Control Committee
 - (i) 2 April 2008
Minutes 176 - 182
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 - (ii) 23 April 2008
Minutes 183 - 186
Page Nos. 86 - 87

 - (iii) 7 May 2008
Minutes 187 - 190
Page Nos. 83 - 84

- (h) Licensing and Public Protection Committee
 - (i) 26 February 2008
Minutes 30 - 33
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 - (ii) 30 April 2008
Minutes 35 - 36
Page Nos. 38

- (i) Standards Committee
 - (i) 20 February 2008
Minutes 10 - 12
Page Nos. 17 - 18

- (j) Audit & Governance Committee
 - (i) 25 February 2008
Minutes 18 - 21
Page Nos. 11 - 13

 - (ii) 14 April 2008
Minutes 22 - 25
Page Nos. 14 - 16

- (k) Chairman of the Councils Civic Committee
 - (i) 1 April 2008
Minutes 13 - 14
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(l) Appeals & Complaints Panel

(i) 14 April 2008
Minutes 22 - 23
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(ii) 25 April 2008
Minutes 25 - 26
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8. Recommendation Referred from Cabinet held on 19 June 2008

Cabinet on 19 June 2008 will be considering a report in relation to 'The Sustainable Community Strategy'.

Any recommendations that are likely to be referred to Council for consideration will be circulated prior to the Council meeting.

(A copy of the report to be considered by Cabinet is available from Legal & Democratic Services on request).

9. Recommendation Referred from the Audit and Governance Committee held on 17 June 2008

The Audit & Governance Committee on 17 June 2008 will be considering a report in relation to 'Annual Governance Statement for 2007-08'.

Any recommendations that are likely to be referred to Council for consideration will be circulated prior to the Council meeting.

(A copy of the report to be considered by the Audit & Governance Committee is available from Legal & Democratic Services on request).

10. Notice of Motion Under Rule 6

The following motion has been submitted under Rule 6 by Councillor Mrs. P.Z. Stretton:

"This Council agrees to a supplementary estimate of £120,000 to enable the Cannock Sports Stadium to remain open for public use until 31st March 2009".

11. Scheme of Members Allowances 2008/09

Report of the Director of Governance (Enclosure 11.1 – 11.2)

12. Appointment of Independent Members to the Council's Standards Committee

Report of the Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer (Enclosure 12.1 – 12.5)

13. Scheme of Delegations for Officers

Report of the Directors Management Team (Enclosure 13.1 – 13.4)

14. Annual Treasury Report 2007-08

Report of the Director of Governance (Enclosure 14.1 – 14.12)

15. Consultation on Changes to Electoral Arrangements

Report of the Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer (Enclosure 15.1 – 15.6)

16. Performance Outturn for the Financial Year 2007/08

Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 16)

17. Approval of Statement of Accounts

Report of the Director of Governance (Enclosure 17.1 – 17.9)

18. Membership of the Fundamental Review Steering Group

Council is requested to note that in accordance with the wishes of the Conservative Group, Councillor Ms. W. Yates has replaced Councillor J. Beddows on the Fundamental Review Steering Group.

19. 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 Paragraph 2 and 3, Part I, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act, 1972."

20. 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) 26 February 2008
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(ii) 30 April 2008
Minute 37
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(b) Appeals and Complaints Panel

(i) 14 April 2008
Minute 24
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(ii) 25 April 2008
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GUIDANCE ON DECLARING PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

DEFINITION OF WHAT IS A PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

A PERSONAL INTEREST is one where your well-being or financial position, or those of a relative or friend would be affected by the decision.

You automatically have a personal interest if you have given notice in the Register of Members' Interests under Paragraph 14 and 15, e.g. if you are appointed to an outside body by the Council.

A PREJUDICIAL INTEREST is where a member of the public knowing the facts would reasonably regard the interest as so significant that it would prejudice your judgement of the public interest.

PLEASE MAKE IT CLEAR WHETHER IT IS A PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST.

It would be helpful if, prior to the commencement of the meeting, members informed Legal & Democratic Services Unit of any declarations of interest, of which you are aware. This will help in the recording of the declarations in the minutes of the meeting.

DECLARING INTERESTS AT FULL COUNCIL

The Code of Conduct only requires that personal interests (or personal and prejudicial interests) are declared where the matter to which the interest relates is being considered. Some items will be mentioned in the papers for full Council but are not actually being considered by Full Council. In particular, some items are mentioned as having been dealt with in Cabinet but are not actually mentioned or discussed at full Council. In such circumstances the Monitoring Officer's advice to Members is that there is no need to declare an interest unless the particular matter is mentioned or discussed. As a general rule, Members only need to declare an interest at full Council in the following circumstances:

- Where a matter is before the Council for a decision and/or
- Where the matter in which the Member has an interest is specifically mentioned or discussed at the Council meeting.