

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 4 JULY, 2012 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 Council Meeting held on 23 May, 2012, Minute Nos. 1 - 15; Page Nos. 1 – 12.

4. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

5. Questions in Accordance with Rule 8

No questions have been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

6. Part 1 Minutes of Cabinet, 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, Panels and Forums: -

(a) Cabinet

- (i) 15 March, 2012
Minutes 165 - 178
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- (ii) 19 April, 2012
Minutes 182 - 197
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(b) Planning Control Committee

- (i) 14 March, 2012
Minutes 122 - 128
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- (ii) 28 March, 2012
Minutes 129 - 135
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- (iii) 18 April, 2012
Minutes 136 - 143
Page Nos. 55 - 58
- (iv) 9 May, 2012
Minutes 144 - 152
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- (v) 30 May, 2012
Minutes 153 - 161
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(c) Licensing and Public Protection Committee

- (i) 16 February, 2012
Minutes 1 - 4
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- (ii) 29 March, 2012
Minutes 1 - 4
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- (iii) 10 May, 2012
Minutes 1 - 4
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- (d) Health Scrutiny Committee
 - (i) 6 March, 2012
Minutes 48 - 53
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- (e) Standards Committee
 - (i) 14 April, 2011
Minutes 24 - 27
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 - (ii) 5 March, 2012
Minutes 1 - 5
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- (f) Audit and Governance Committee
 - (i) 24 November, 2011
Minutes 22 - 29
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- (g) Appeals and Complaints Panel
 - (i) 17 May, 2012
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 - (ii) 29 May, 2012
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 - (iii) 13 June, 2012
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- (h) Joint Parking Committee
 - (i) 17 January, 2012
Minutes 24 - 31
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- (i) Cannock Community Forum
 - (i) 6 March, 2012
Minutes 33 - 43
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- (j) Heath Hayes, Norton Canes and Wimblebury Community Forum
 - (i) 15 November, 2011
Minutes 19 – 26
Page Nos. 5 – 7
 - (ii) 5 March, 2012
Minutes 27 - 33
Page Nos. 8 - 11
- (k) Hednesford Community Forum
 - (i) 26 March, 2012
Minutes 35 – 46
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- (l) Rugeley and Brereton Community Forum
 - (i) 21 March, 2012
Minutes 1 - 11
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7. Recommendation(s) Referred from Cabinet

- (A) To consider the following recommendation referred from Cabinet at its meeting held on 19 April, 2012 in respect of:

Tenancy Strategy

“The proposed Tenancy Strategy be agreed and submitted for approval by Council on 4 July, 2012.”

A copy of the proposed Tenancy Strategy is attached to this agenda for information.

- (B) To consider the following recommendation referred from Cabinet at its meeting held on 21 June, 2012 in respect of:

Proposals for Town Centre Developments – Community Toilet Scheme

“Council be recommended to approve a supplementary estimate of £10,000 to pilot the introduction of a Community Toilet Scheme across the District during 2012/13.”

8. Motion(s) Received Under Rule 6

To consider the following motion submitted under Rule 6 by Councillor J. Toth, Deputy Leader of the Council and Environment Portfolio Leader:

Regional and local public sector pay

“Council notes:

- The Chancellor of the Exchequer announced in the 2012 Budget the Government's desire to introduce 'more market facing' public sector pay. This could mean regional or local public sector pay.
- This recommendation has come in advance of the Pay Review Bodies reporting on the issue in July and September 2012.
- There has been no independent assessment of the impact and consequences this policy could have for public services or the economies of low pay regions.

Council believes:

- The Government's case is based on the claim that public sector pay is 'crowding out' the private sector. This is not supported by evidence, particularly at a time of high unemployment. There are currently 4 JSA claimants for every job vacancy across Cannock Chase.
- This approach also ignores the real reasons for the differences between public and private sector pay. For instance, there are more high skilled workers in the public sector (such as teachers and nurses), and a smaller pay gap between top and bottom earners and a smaller gender pay gap.
- Public sector employers already have some flexibility to adjust pay in response to local conditions, and higher rates are paid in London and the South East
- All other English regions and devolved nations stand to be affected by this, with the possibility of years of pay falling behind the cost of living.
- Full-time workers in Cannock Chase are paid £33 less per week than the national average.
- 65% of public sector workers are female.

Council further believes:

- Regional or local public sector pay would have a harmful effect on Cannock Chase and the West Midlands.
- It will make it harder for schools and other public services to recruit and retain good quality professionals who could earn more for doing the same job elsewhere.
- There are 7,400 public sector workers across Cannock Chase and reducing their real terms pay each and every year will dramatically reduce spending power and have a negative impact on the private sector.
- This policy will not improve the pay of private sector workers but instead could encourage further depression of wages in all sectors.
- We do not want to be forever defined as a 'low pay' region.
- This policy is therefore counter to our area's vision and ambitions for the future.

Council resolves:

- To write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Chief Secretary to the Treasury stating this council's opposition to plans for regional and localised public sector pay.
- To write to all local MPs within the next month outlining concerns about the impact that this policy would have on services and the local economy.
- To sign up to the Pay Fair campaign and raise awareness of the implications and risks of this policy locally, regionally and nationally. “

9. New Standards Regime

Report of the Monitoring Officer (Enclosure 9.1 – 9.7, plus attachments).

10. Housing Revenue Account Business Plan

Joint Report of the Head of Housing and the Head of Financial Management (Enclosure 10.1 – 10.7, plus attachments).

11. Homelessness Funding, 2012-13

Report of the Head of Housing (Enclosure 11.1 – 11.6, plus attachments).

12. 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(s) 1, 2 and 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act, 1972."

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PART 2

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

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(a) Cabinet

(i) 15 March, 2012
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(ii) 19 April, 2012
Minutes 198 – 199
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(b) Licensing and Public Protection Committee

(i) 16 February, 2012
Minutes 5 - 6
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(ii) 29 March, 2012
Minutes 5 - 6
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(iii) 10 May, 2012
Minutes 1 - 4
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(c) Health Scrutiny Committee

(i) 6 March, 2012
Minutes 54 - 55
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- (d) Standards Committee
 - (i) 14 April, 2011
Minutes 28 – 29
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- (e) Appeals and Complaints Panel
 - (i) 17 May, 2012
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 - (ii) 29 May, 2012
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- (f) Joint Parking Committee
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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.