

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 5 JULY, 2017 AT 4.00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

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 interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

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 24 May, 2017, Minute Numbers 1 – 13; Page Numbers 1 – 9.

4. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

5. Questions in Accordance with Rule 8

(i) The following Question has been submitted in accordance with Rule 8 by Councillor P.E. Woodhead, Hednesford South Ward:

“If the Portfolio Leader could please inform Members of the strategy and resources employed by the Council to address the ongoing and increasing problem of litter within the District with particular reference to Hednesford Park as well as District-wide. Please include the number of fixed penalty notices issued in the last 12 months.”

- (ii) The following Question has been submitted in accordance with Rule 8 by Councillor P.E. Woodhead, Hednesford South Ward:

“In light of the tragic events at Grenfell Tower in Kensington it brings in to sharp relief the responsibilities, obligations and consequences of the decisions we make as a council on behalf of our community. Whilst we do not have high rise towers within the District we do have homes and buildings for which we bear the responsibility of landlord. Indeed we make many decisions which affect the health, safety and wellbeing of our residents. Can the portfolio leader please detail the processes we have established to demonstrably assess the risk of decisions in respect to fire in particular but more generally towards the health, safety and wellbeing of our residents and how these are balanced against the financial pressures of decision-making?”

6. Recommendations Referred from Cabinet, Committees etc.

To consider the following recommendation to Council agreed by the Audit & Governance Committee at its meeting held on 27 June, 2017 in respect of:

Code of Governance (Minute No. 7)

“That Council, at its meeting to be held on 5 July, 2017, approves the Code of Governance.”

(A copy of the Code of Governance and accompanying report as included in the 27 June, 2017 Audit & Governance Committee papers can be viewed via the following link:

http://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/06-code_of_governance_and_agc_2016-17_rpt_-_audit_gov_cttee_270617.pdf)

7. Motion(s) Received under Rule 6

The following Motion has been submitted in accordance with Rule 6 by Councillor P.E. Woodhead, Hednesford South Ward:

“Council believes that a Parliament that more accurately reflects the views of the nation, enabling people to feel that their votes count, is more likely to develop an economic, social and environmental agenda that benefits the residents of Cannock Chase.

Following the recent general election, this Council agrees that the ‘First Past the Post’ voting system:

- has again failed to live up to its reputation to provide strong and stable government;
- has again yielded a wildly disproportionate allocation of seats, for example, the Democratic Unionist Party gaining 10 seats from 292,316 votes compared with 12 seats from 2.4 million votes for the Liberal Democrats;
- has spectacularly failed to match votes to seats with 27,930 votes required to elect one MP from the Scottish National Party compared with 525,371 votes to elect one Green Party MP.

This Council:

- (a) recognises that a robust democracy must include a fair voting system and that nobody should be disenfranchised because of where they live;
- (b) applauds the many groups and organisations campaigning for fair votes including the Electoral Reform Society, Make Votes Matter and the Labour Campaign for PR;
- (c) notes that the Single Transferable Vote system is already used for local elections in Scotland and in both Northern Irish local elections and the Northern Ireland Assembly while proportional electoral systems are used to elect the devolved parliaments and assemblies in Scotland, Wales and London;
- (d) therefore calls for the introduction of a proportional voting system
 - (i) for local elections in England and Wales;
 - (ii) for Westminster elections; and
- (e) directs that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Leaders of all political parties represented in the UK Parliament."

8. Comments and Questions on Part 1 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Sub-Committees and Panel under Rule 9

To receive any comments or questions submitted under Rule 9 on Part 1 Minutes of meetings of Cabinet, Committees, Sub-Committees or Panels as included in the Minutes Record circulated alongside this agenda.

9. Annual Treasury Management Report 2016/17

Report of the Head of Finance (Item 9.1 – 9.9).

10. 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 and 2 of Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act, 1972."

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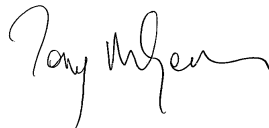
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PART 2

11. Comments and Questions on Part 2 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Sub-Committees and Panel under Rule 9

To receive any comments or questions submitted under Rule 9 on Part 2 Minutes of meetings of Cabinet, Committees, Sub-Committees or Panels as included in the Minutes Record circulated alongside this agenda.



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GUIDANCE ON DECLARING PERSONAL, PECUNIARY AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

DEFINITION OF WHAT IS A PERSONAL, PECUNIARY AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

A PERSONAL INTEREST is one where your well-being or financial position, or those of a member of your family or any person with whom you have a close association would be affected to a greater extent than the majority of Council Tax payers, ratepayers, or inhabitants of the electoral ward(s) affected by the decision. You automatically have a personal interest if you have given notice in the Register of Members' Interests, e.g. if you are appointed to an outside body by the Council.

A PECUNIARY INTEREST is a personal interest where the matter

- a) affects your financial position or that of a member of your family or any person with whom you have a close association or a body in which you have registered in the Register of Members Interests or
- b) relates to the determining of any consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to you or any person with whom you have a close association or a body in which you have registered in the Register of Members Interests

and, in either case, where a member of the public knowing the facts would reasonably regard the interest as so significant it is likely to affect your judgement of the public interest

A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST is an interest of yourself or your partner (which means spouse or civil partner, a person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partners) in respect of employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried out for profit or gain; sponsorship; contracts; land; licences; corporate tenancies; or securities, as defined with the Localism Act, 2011.

PLEASE MAKE IT CLEAR WHETHER IT IS A PERSONAL, PECUNIARY OR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST.

It would be helpful if, prior to the commencement of the meeting, Members informed the Monitoring Officer 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 requires that personal interests where you have a personal interest in any business of the Council, and where you are aware or ought reasonably to be aware of the existence of the personal interest, and you attend a meeting of the Council at which the business is considered, you must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

Some items will be mentioned in the papers for full Council but are not actually being considered by 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.