



CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 2019 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 Meeting held on 4 September, 2019, Minute Nos. 32 – 43; Page Nos. 23 – 32.

4. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

To receive any Announcements and Correspondence from the Chairman of the Council.

5. The Leader's Announcements and Correspondence

To receive any Announcements and Correspondence from the Leader of the Council.

6. Questions Received under Council Procedure Rule 8

No Questions have been received under Council Procedure Rule 8.

7. Recommendations Referred from Cabinet, Committees etc.

To consider the following recommendations to Council made by Cabinet at its meeting held on 19 September, 2019 in respect of:

(i) Implications of the Council Motion on Climate Emergency Approved on 17/07/19 (Minute No. 39)

“That:

- (E) Council be requested to provide a supplementary estimate of £10,000 in 2019/20 to recruit additional external capacity to develop a more detailed baseline and draft ten-year action plan.
- (F) In addition to decision (E), above, the inclusion of £40,000 in the 2020/21 financial year to conclude this work be approved.
- (H) Council be requested to provide a supplementary estimate of up to £10,000 to establish a Citizens’ Assembly during 2019/20, and £20,000 in 2020/21 to complete this work, and to receive the outcomes and recommendations of this in due course.”

A copy of the related Cabinet report for the above recommendations can be viewed via the following link:

www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/council/meetings/agendas-reports-minutes/102/2019-09-19

To consider the following recommendations to Council made by Cabinet at its meeting held on 17 October, 2019 in respect of:

(ii) Updated Community Infrastructure Levy Infrastructure List (Former Regulation 123 List) (Draft Minute No. 51)

“That Council be recommended to rename the updated Regulation 123 List (attached at Appendix 1 to the 17 October 2019 Cabinet report) as the ‘CIL Infrastructure List’, and that it be adopted and approved for publication on the Council’s website, replacing the previous Regulation 123 List (attached at Appendix 2 to the same Cabinet report).”

(iii) Local Development Scheme Revision (Draft Minute No. 53)

“That Council be recommended to approve the Local Development Scheme (attached at Appendix 1 to the 17 October 2019 Cabinet report), covering the period November 2019 to November 2022, and that it be brought into effect on 6 November 2019.”

(iv) Policy for Commercial Use of the Highway (Draft Minute No. 54)

“That Council be recommended to agree that:

- (i) The ‘Commercial Use of the Highway’ Policy be rescinded, a Charter be created and CCDC branded guidelines be issued to businesses.
- (ii) Officers be asked to explore how Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks could still be retained for operators of fairground rides etc.

- (iii) All business owners/operators who had paid out any required fees/charges since the Policy was introduced be fully reimbursed what they had paid.”

Copies of the related Cabinet reports for the above recommendations can be viewed via the following link:

www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/council/meetings/agendas-reports-minutes/102/2019-10-17

8. Motions Received under Council Procedure Rule 6

- (i) To consider the following Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 6 by Councillor Mrs. C.E. Martin, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Leader:

“The Economic Development and Town Centres Scrutiny Committee at its meeting of 4 April 2018 expressed concerns that Rugeley and Brereton were not included within the Cannock and Stafford ‘saver zones’ area. Arriva were asked about this at a Work Group where they said it would be put right. Cabinet were also requested to write to Arriva to show support for the inclusion of Rugeley and Brereton within the ‘saver zones’ area. Scrutiny Committee were to be advised of any reply received.

18 months have now passed since these concerns were expressed and no response has been provided. The residents of Rugeley and Brereton, especially the under 20s, are not being treated fairly at all by Arriva, especially now that the under 20s have had their travel passes taken away by Staffordshire County Council.

The Managing Director is requested to write to Arriva to ask for the inclusion of Rugeley and Brereton within the ‘saver zones’ scheme and that Arriva provide an update report to identify actions to implement the request.”

- (ii) To consider the following Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 6 by Councillor G. Adamson, Leader of the Council:

“The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance have produced guidelines which define anti-Semitism as:

“Anti-Semitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred towards Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

The guidelines highlight a number of contemporary examples of anti-Semitism in public life such as:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanising, demonising, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective – such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined

wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.

- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination e.g. by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it a behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic anti-Semitism (e.g. claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterise Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.

Manifestations of anti-Semitism might also include the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that levelled against any other country cannot be regarded as anti-Semitic. Anti-Semitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for “why things go wrong”. It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits. Anti-Semitic discrimination is the denial to Jews of opportunities or services available to others and is illegal in the United Kingdom.

I move that Cannock Chase Council adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of anti-Semitism as a clear message that anti-Semitic behaviour will not be tolerated. I wish to further add:

- a. “It is not anti-Semitic to criticise the Government of Israel, without additional evidence to suggest anti-Semitic intent.”
- b. “It is not anti-Semitic to hold the Israeli Government to the same standards as other liberal democracies, or to take a particular interest in the Israeli Government’s policies or actions, without additional evidence to suggest anti-Semitic intent.”
- c. Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness and will not be tolerated by this Council.”

(iii) To consider the following Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 6 by Councillor Miss O. Lyons, Leader of the Opposition:

“Elmore Park is a beautiful space and has been consistently awarded the prestigious Green Flag Award since 2010. It is a stone’s throw from Rugeley Town Centre and sits at the heart of our local community. A space to create

memories.

Now more than ever, we must cherish parks and green spaces. As a Council, we must do all we can to promote them with pride and ensure that they are welcoming for local families. Elmore Park is an asset for several reasons – exposure to nature greatly benefits mental health, it provides a place for recreational and physical activity, it is a community hub for families to enjoy and, more than that, the trees are crucial in helping to remove pollutants and clean the air.

Despite the positives – the pet’s corner, space to play, the picnic area and lake - the Park is let down by its toilet provision. The toilets do not cater for disabled users, they do not have baby changing facilities or running water for visitors to wash their hands. The Council have installed waterless hand sanitisers and replaced the urinal in the gents, but they remain outdated, unhygienic and do little to contribute to the Park being a destination site.

Over 850 individuals signed my petition, the large majority being local residents. It has identified a local need. A need to modernise the Park ensuring that it is accessible and suitable for all residents. With better toilets, more residents have said that they would use the park. That is more children being active, more residents spending time outdoors and more local communities spending more time together. As a Council, let’s listen to what our local residents are telling us and let’s prioritise their need.

I ask that the Council commits to undertake an options appraisal in relation to the existing toilet block and a feasibility study to assess the practicalities and costs of the proposals, with a view to identifying a toilet refurbishment scheme within this Council’s capital programme.”

This Motion may have financial consequences for the Council and so if approved in current form or amended, it will need to be subject to a report to Cabinet setting out the financial and other issues that will also require Member approval before the Motion can be implemented.

- (iv)** To consider the following Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 6 by Councillor G. Adamson, Leader of the Council:

Council notes that:

One in three people in Britain are now overweight or obese. If the current upward trend continues, by 2025 Britain is set to become the fattest country in Europe.

Local data from 2016-17 suggests 70% of all adults in Cannock Chase District are overweight. Of these, 36% (around 28,700 people) are obese. This is a higher proportion than the Staffordshire, West Midlands and England averages and amongst the highest in the West Midlands. The proportion of overweight children in the 4-5 year (27.6%) and 10-11 year (36%) age groups in the District are also above the England average.

The relatively high prevalence of overweight and obesity in Cannock Chase’s adult and child populations indicates that the District could be more susceptible to the socioeconomic disadvantages associated with obesity.

The NHS identifies that obesity is generally caused by lifestyle or environmental factors. Eating large amounts of processed or fast food high in

fat and sugar combined with low levels of physical activity, creates excess body fat. However, we must acknowledge being overweight can also be the result of medical conditions.

Obesity and being overweight can also affect a person's mental and emotional health and wellbeing, leading to depression, anxiety, and low self esteem. The combination of the physical and mental health impact can be truly detrimental to a person's social life, employment, educational attainment and even their ability and willingness to access help.

We must acknowledge the underlying causes of eating poor diets and inactivity are complex. Negative life events, lack of skills on how to live a healthy lifestyle on a low income, not engaging with our green spaces, easy access to fast food establishments, through to not feeling safe to walk to school, and wider socioeconomic factors, particularly deprivation, can all contribute.

In light of the above, I move that the Council resolves to support the Government's Child Obesity Action Plan which aims to halve childhood obesity in the UK by 2030. This will be supported locally by:

1. Considering the introduction of a 'Health in All Policies' approach to the decisions we make, targeting the social determinants of health to improve the health of the local population;
2. Implementing a district-wide Health Improvement Programme, 'Cannock Chase Can', aimed at focussing local efforts on supporting the Government's Action Plan.

Cannock Chase Can will involve working collaboratively with the Community Wellbeing team at Inspiring healthy lifestyles and supporting partners, to develop a 5 year health improvement/prevention plan. The plan will include various methods of promotion and engagement to encourage participation and behaviour change. Using Public Health England's recently published 'Whole systems approach to obesity: a guide to support local approaches to promoting a healthy weight', the aim of the new programme will be to help reduce obesity as well as promote healthy lifestyle choices.

There will be no costs incurred in the first year (2019/20) as this will be a planning and developmental period. Estimated costs for Year 2 will reach £21,500 with a further annual commitment of £10,000 for four consecutive years, so a total financial commitment over five years of £61,500.

Full details of the 'Health in All Policies' approach and 'Cannock Chase Can' will be considered at Cabinet in January 2020."

This Motion may have financial consequences for the Council and so if approved in current form or amended, it will need to be subject to a report to Cabinet setting out the financial and other issues that will also require Member approval before the Motion can be implemented.

- (v) To consider the following Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 6 by Councillor G. Adamson, Leader of the Council:

"This Council is currently a member of both the Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP and the Stoke and Staffordshire LEP, along with other southern Staffordshire authorities. Government policy has now changed and

membership of two LEPs will no longer be allowed.

Cannock Chase has very close economic and cultural ties with the conurbation. Some 50% of our residents of working age work there and many of our local businesses carry out a large part of their business with firms in the conurbation.

As a Council we are members of the West Midlands Combined Authority, which is based on 3 LEP geography (including the GBS LEP but not Stoke and Staffordshire).

Membership of the GBS LEP and the WMCA has been massively advantageous to our district in terms of investment and support.

I therefore move that this Council writes to the Secretary of State to confirm that we wish to remain as a member of the GBS LEP and will relinquish our membership of the Stoke and Staffordshire LEP."

9. Comments and Questions on Part 1 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels 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.

10. Charitable Collections Policy

Report of the Head of Economic Prosperity (Item 10.1 – 10.22).

11. Appointment of Independent Person

Report of the Interim Council Solicitor (Item 11.1 – 11.3).

12. Exclusion of the Public

The Chairman to move 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 and 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act, 1972."

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PART 2

13. Comments and Questions on Part 2 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels 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.



**T. McGovern,
Managing Director**

29 October, 2019

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.