



CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 8 JANUARY, 2020 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 6 November, 2019, Minute Nos. 44 – 55; Page Nos. 33 – 42.

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 December 2019, in respect of:

(i) Empty Dwellings and Council Tax (Draft Minute No. 80)

“That Council, at its meeting to be held on 8 January 2020, be recommended to:

- (A) Adopt the schedule of charges and discounts contained within Appendix 1 of the 19 December 2019 Cabinet report, with effect from 1 April 2020.
- (B) Adopt the schedule of charges and discounts contained with Appendix 2 of the 19 December 2019 Cabinet report, with effect from 1 April 2021.”

(ii) Proposed Improvements to the Play Area and Open Space at Penny Cress Green, Norton Canes (Draft Minute No. 81)

“That Council, at its meeting to be held on 8 January 2020, be recommended to include £187,477 from S106 funds into the Capital Programme for 2019-2022.”

(iii) Proposed Improvements to Public Open Space and Play Area Adjoining Fortescue Lane, Bonney Drive and Eaton Drive, Rugeley (Draft Minute No. 82)

“That Council, at its meeting to be held on 8 January 2020, be recommended to include an additional £28,332 in the Capital Programme 2019-2022 to undertake the proposed improvements set out in the 19 December 2019 Cabinet report, and the plan attached at Appendix 1 to the same report.”

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/102/2019-12-19

8. Motions Received under Council Procedure Rule 6

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

“This Council recognises that many people are unable to stand for election due to work and other commitments that make attending afternoon meetings difficult. In order to try and remedy this, I propose that meetings of the full Council should start at 6pm instead of the current time of 4pm.”

(ii) To consider the following Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 6 by Councillor P.D. Startin, Deputy Leader of the Opposition:

“Equality is something that affects us all. As a society we are becoming more and more aware of the inequalities that have been accepted for decades. Unfortunately we are still seeing inequality in everyday society, with recent scenes on football and cricket pitches around the world, and the UK still ranking far too high in the inequality of pay in the workplace for women.

In April 2019, Cabinet discussed the Equality and Diversity Policy and Equality Objectives, and the recommendation that the policy and objectives be approved was followed. For far too long in this country we have seen minorities of all persuasions penalised professionally and personally for perceived differences. The truth of the matter is we're all human and all have the same rights, regardless of gender, race, religion, sexuality or any other marker that people wish to use.

In light of this, February 2020 is LGBT History month and I would like to see this Council make a gesture towards supporting the fight for equal rights that the LGBTQ+ community has had. I know there is a huge amount of work going on in Cannock Chase to support this community and 6 June 2020 sees the first Cannock Chase Pride event.

Therefore, I move that this Council publicly supports LGBT History month by flying the Rainbow flag for the month of February. This small act helps demonstrate this Council's support for an often-penalised community in society and helps raise awareness of the struggle that this community has had. This act should also help promote the Cannock Chase Pride event in June 2020."

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. Calendar of Meetings 2020-21

Report of the Managing Director (Item 10.1 – 10.11).

11. Outcome of Compulsory Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

Report of the Managing Director as (Acting) Returning Officer (Item 11.1 – 11.15).

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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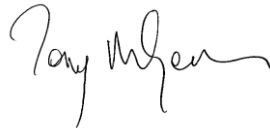
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PART 2

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**

30 December, 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.