

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 11 APRIL, 2018 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 Council Meeting held on 21 February, 2018, Minute No's. 68 – 81; Page No's. 52 – 56.

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. Recommendations Referred from Cabinet, Committees etc.

7. Motion(s) Received under Rule 6

The following Motions has been submitted in accordance with Rule 6 by Councillor P.T. Witton, Cannock South Ward:

'This Council is opposed to the continuing benefit freeze on thousands of claimants, and calls for the scrapping of the freeze.

The freeze includes people on sickness payment Employment and Support Allowance, and is another example of the government's intention to cut benefits to the many, in order to give billions away to the super rich.

Inflation is at a five year high, the state pension is going up three percent, and the one percent pay rise cap in the public sector is to be scrapped. But the government has chosen to freeze the majority of benefits for the third year in a row, as part of a cynical bid to slash 3.9 billion a year by 2019/2020.

Apart from pensions, carers allowances and some disability benefits. The vast majority of benefit payments will be worth less, and cause more poverty as prices shoot up!

The benefit freeze is a disgrace, and I move that the Managing Director be instructed to write to the Secretary of State and our local Member of Parliament, calling for the arbitrary freeze to be scrapped and replaced with reasonable increases that are in line with the cost of living.'

8. 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.

9. Constitution Amendments

Report of the Monitoring Officer (Item 9.1 – 9.22).

10. Application to Provide Additional Car Parking Spaces at 5's Pavilion, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford, in the Capital Programme

Report of the Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles (Item 10.1 – 10.6).

11. 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, 2 and 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act, 1972."

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PART 2

12. 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.



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3 April, 2018

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.