



CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 17 JULY, 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 Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 29 May, 2019, Minute Nos. 1 – 3; Page Nos. 1 – 2, and the Annual Council Meeting held on 29 May, 2019, Minute Nos. 4 – 21; Page Nos. 3 – 13.

4. Presentation of Certificates to Aldermen

The Chairman to present Certificates to those former Councillors appointed as Honorary Aldermen at the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 29 May, 2019.

5. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

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

6. The Leader's Announcements and Correspondence

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

7. Questions Received under Council Procedure Rule 8

No Questions have been received in accordance with Rule 8.

8. Recommendations Referred from Cabinet, Committees etc.

- (i) To consider the following recommendation to Council made by Cabinet at its meeting held on 13 June, 2019 in respect of:

Hawks Green Depot Rationalisation (Draft Minute No. 12)

"That Council be requested to include £281,000 within the General Fund Capital Programme for the Rationalisation Plan."

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

www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/council/meetings/agendas-reports-minutes/102/2019-06-13

- (ii) To consider the following recommendation to Council made by Cabinet at its meeting held on 13 June, 2019 in respect of:

Redevelopment of Hawks Green Depot, Cannock (Draft Minute No. 13)

"That Council appropriates for a transfer value of £382,000 the Hawks Green Development site from the Council's General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account under section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972."

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

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9. 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:

"Council notes that:

- Our economic system is enriching a minority while leading humanity towards climate catastrophe. Our political system is leaving many to feel powerless and excluded from the key decisions that affect them.
- In 2018, the world's leading climate scientists – the IPCC – warned that humanity has only 12 years left in which to cap temperature rises at 1.5C or face a sharply higher risk of drought, floods and heatwaves.
- The UK Parliament has approved a motion to declare an environment and climate emergency, and all governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to limit the negative impacts of climate breakdown.
- Local governments should recognise that they cannot wait for national government to provide more money and support to reduce emissions, and commit to the ambition of carbon neutrality by 2030 at the latest.
- Our emissions are a small proportion of our area's CO2 emissions and that we achieve more for our environment working co-operatively than we do

alone.

- Every year, our area spends significant amounts on energy. This money goes out of the local economy to the big energy companies when we believe that it could be retained through community energy – and that community energy is a fundamentally important part of the national energy transition we are undergoing right now.

In light of the above, Council therefore agrees to:

1. Join other Councils in declaring a Climate Emergency, and commit to the vision of carbon neutrality by 2030 at the latest.
2. Continue to call on Westminster to provide the necessary powers and resources to make local action on climate change easier.
3. Encourage this Council to explore the expansion of community energy to keep the benefits of our local energy generation in our local economy.
4. Continue to work with partners anchored in the area to deliver carbon reductions and grow the local economy.
5. Establish a Citizens Assembly made up of a representative range of our citizens to establish the facts and make recommendations for our council.”

- (ii)** To consider the following Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 6 by Councillor P.T. Witton, Member for Cannock South Ward:

“This council is opposed to the hundreds of thousands of families that are being pushed into poverty by cuts to Universal Credit, the benefit cap, and harsh rules that penalise families with more than two kids.

The Child Poverty Action Group has recently reported that a whopping 500,000 children would be taken out of poverty if the government removes the benefit cap, and ditches its two child Universal Credit limit. In addition, Step Change Debt Charity has said the five week wait for Universal Credit cash should be scrapped, because it is pushing people into debt.

I move our Managing Director be instructed to write to the Secretary of State, and our local MP – calling for the removal of the benefit cap, and the cessation of the governments two child Universal Credit limit. Plus the scrapping of its five week wait, by making advance non-repayable money to Universal Credit recipients – or move to weekly payments.

- (iii)** To consider the following Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 6 by Councillor Mrs. A. Muckley, Member for Rawnsley Ward:

“Council Notes

That the bus services which service our community have been systematically reduced through a combination of both a reduction in subsidies from the County Council and a continued thirst for profit only routes by the primary provider. The latest cuts directly impact the lives of the most vulnerable in our community.

That the County Council has taken further discriminatory action and removed the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme for peak time travel for older people from 1st July.

Council Believes

That this continued approach to the dismantling of public transport is placing private sector profit over community benefit and disproportionately harms the most vulnerable, isolate and poorest in our District. This irresponsible approach by the primary private provider of services and the County Council is contributing to a deterioration in the quality of life of our community. The diminishment of public transport services will contribute to the destruction of the environment and the climate emergency.

Council Resolves

To ask the Managing Director to write to both the County Council and the Primary Private bus service provider expressing the dismay of this council at the decisions they have made to diminish the welfare of our community and insist that they reverse the recent decisions to reduce services and isolate our communities.

10. 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.

11. 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 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.



T. McGovern,
Managing Director

9 July, 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.