



Cannock Chase Council

Council Meeting

Wednesday 20 October 2021 at 6:00pm

Meeting to be Held in the Ballroom, 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. Local Government Association (LGA) Support to Members**

Councillor Mike Wilcox, LGA Lead Peer for the West Midlands, will be in attendance to provide a short briefing on support available to Members from the LGA.
- 4. Minutes**

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 September 2021, Minute Nos. 31 – 40; Page Nos. 21 – 28.
- 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. Changes to Membership of Outside Bodies 2021/22

To consider a request from Councillor Mrs. O. Lyons, Leader of the Conservative Group, to change the Council's appointee on the Cannock Wood & Gentleshaw Village Hall Committee from Councillor P.M. Hewitt to Councillor M.S. Buttery.

8. Questions Received under Council Procedure Rule 8

(i) The following question has been submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8 by Councillor J.A.A. Newbury, Environment & Climate Change Shadow Portfolio Leader:

"Can the Portfolio Holder give an update on the progress made on the review, and subsequent report to Cabinet, which featured in a motion submitted by Councillor Newbury and passed unanimously by full council on 25th November 2020? The review concerns the information this Council collects on the gender of residents, tenants and staff as well as the practical implications of allowing for self-identification."

9. Recommendations Referred from Cabinet, Committees etc.

(i) Council is requested to consider the following recommendation from the Planning Control Committee made at its meeting held on 22 September 2021, in respect of:

Public Speaking on Planning Applications, Tree Preservation Orders and Enforcement Cases (Planning Control Committee 22/08/21, Minute No. 48.)

"That Council be recommended to amend the Local Protocol for Planning Decision Making which forms part of the Constitution, so that the time allowed for speakers to address the Planning Control Committee on planning applications, TPOs (Tree Preservation Orders) and enforcement cases be reduced from 10 minutes to 5 minutes."

A copy of the accompanying report for the above recommendation can viewed on the [22 September Planning Control Committee](#) meeting page on the Council's website.

10. Motions Received under Council Procedure Rule 6

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

Universal Credit Cut

"This Council is opposed to the Tory cut of £20 a week in Universal Credit.

The chancellor has said that the temporary increase in benefit, made to help the poorest families cope with the affects of the pandemic, will end this year, leaving claimants receiving £1,040 less a year.

The hardest hit regions are those in which more than a third of working-age families with children will be affected. In total, there are 191 Tory seats including 53 won in 2019 or at subsequent by-elections.

This is another example of the Tories pulling the rug from under the most vulnerable in society, and it couldn't have come at a worse time.

We already have unacceptable levels of poverty due to the roll out of UC. But this cruel cut by the Tories will undoubtedly create further inequality and poverty, in which is supposed to be one of the richest countries in the world.

I move that our Managing Director writes to the Secretary of State and our local MP calling for the cut of £20 a week to be reversed, in line with the Prime Ministers levelling up statement that 'austerity is dead and gone'."

The above motion is my own, but the figures were provided by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

11. 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.



T. Clegg
Chief Executive

12 October 2021

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.