

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, 25 JULY, 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 Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 23 May, 2018, Minute Nos. 1 – 3; Page Nos. 1 – 2, and the Annual Council Meeting held on 23 May, 2018, Minute Nos. 4 – 18; Page Nos. 3 – 12.

**4. Presentation of Certificates to Aldermen**

**5. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence**

**6. Changes to Membership of Committees etc. 2018/19**

To receive notification from Group Leaders of changes to Committees' membership which require approval by Council (Item 6.1 – 6.3).

## **7. Questions in Accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8**

No Questions have been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

## **8. Recommendations Referred from Cabinet, Committees etc.**

- (i) To consider the following recommendation to Council agreed by Cabinet at its meeting held on 14 June, 2018, in respect of:

### Corporate Priority Delivery Plan and Peer Review Update (Minute No. 8)

“That Council, at its meeting to be held on 25 July, 2018, be recommended to approve the Corporate Priority Delivery Plan for 2018/19, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the 14 June, 2018 Cabinet report.”

The report and appendix for the above recommendation can be viewed via the following link:

[https://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/06-corp\\_pdp\\_2018-19\\_and\\_peer\\_review\\_imp\\_plan\\_rpt\\_cab\\_140618\\_0.pdf](https://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/06-corp_pdp_2018-19_and_peer_review_imp_plan_rpt_cab_140618_0.pdf)

- (ii) To consider the following recommendation to Council agreed by the Planning Control Committee at its meeting held on 20 June, 2018, in respect of:

### Planning Enforcement Protocol (Minute No. 19).

“That Council, at its meeting to be held on 25 July, 2018, be recommended to adopt and publish the Cannock Chase Council Planning Enforcement Protocol, as detailed on pages 6.100 to 6.114 of the 20 June, 2018 Planning Control Committee papers.”

The report for the above recommendation can be viewed via the following link:

[https://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/06-planning\\_enforcement\\_protocol.pdf](https://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/06-planning_enforcement_protocol.pdf)

## **9. Motion(s) Received under Council Procedure Rule 6**

- (i) To consider the following Motion submitted in accordance with Rule 6 by Councillor Ms. C.L. Wilkinson, Rawnsley Ward:

### Goldfish

“We all enjoy a visit to the fair, the circus or one of the many other festivals or events held across our district. Whilst we enjoy it, animals should not suffer. Over the past few months a couple of issues have arisen in neighbouring Council areas where Goldfish are being offered as prizes in fairground games and I have been contacted by several residents concerned about this cruel and outdated practice.

Giving live animals as prizes is not against the law, unless they are giving them away to unaccompanied children:

The Animal Welfare Act 2006 in England and Wales makes it an offence to give away an animal as a prize if the person can reasonably be believed to be under 16 and is not accompanied by an adult (there are some exceptions in sections 11(3)-(6) of the Act). This is not the case in Scotland, where under the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006, it is an offence to offer or give an animal to another person as a prize (whatever their age), except where it is

offered in a family context.

This is not something that has been observed in our District and we note that the District Council has existing policies regarding not allowing animals performing as part of a circus. Addressing this with a positive policy statement will reinforce the Councils' and the residents' strong commitments to the rights of animals.

Instruct the Managing Director to ask staff to draw up a suitable policy statement to prohibit the offer of live animals as prizes at any fair, circus, festival or event held on (i) land owned by the District Council (ii) supported by the District Council in any way or (iii) licensed by the District Council."

- (ii) To consider the following Motion submitted in accordance with Rule 6 by Councillor P.E. Woodhead, Hednesford South Ward:

'A'-Boards

"The Commercial Obstructions on the Highway Policy agreed by Council in October 2017 has shown to be both unpopular and flawed in that feedback obtained from Traders shows a number of hidden costs not anticipated in the original policy design as well as a zealous approach to the conditions of compliance. This coupled with many traders simply removing advertising boards has left the three Town Centres a bleak and desolate place.

Instruct the Managing Director to halt the implementation of the Policy agreed in October 2017 whilst the scrutiny committee review is undertaken as a matter of urgency. The reviewed need, scale and scope of any replacement policy or proposals be brought back to Council for consideration."

- (iii) To consider the following Motion submitted in accordance with Rule 6 by Councillor P.E. Woodhead, Hednesford South Ward:

Lloyds Bank

"Lloyds Bank have announced that they are closing the branch in Hednesford. This is the last bank in the town and will be another devastating blow for the traders and community of Hednesford. Lloyds Bank was saved from collapse in 2008 with £220 billion of taxpayers money and have a moral obligation to serve our communities not isolate them.

Up until 2015 there was a commitment from all major high street banks to keep the "Last Bank in the Town" which was ditched in a coalition government agreement with bankers and replaced with 12 weeks notice and "community consultation".

A petition has been circulating in the town and online which has attracted over 2250 signatures asking for Lloyds to reconsider their decision.

Instruct the Managing Director to write on behalf of all Councillors to accompany the petition to urge Lloyds Bank to reverse their decision and keep a bank in the town."

- (iv) To consider the following Motion submitted in accordance with Rule 6 by Councillor P.A. Snape, Leader of the Opposition:

Electric Vehicle Charging Schemes

"As Members will know, Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, has announced a government plan to ban the sale of all petrol and diesel cars by 2040. This being the case, over the next 22 years the UK will have to ramp up the provision of charging points to provide the infrastructure to fuel electric vehicles.

New electric vehicles can only be supported if there are charging points available. Accordingly, planning permission for new build residential and business premises should include the provision of an electric charging point.

Cannock Chase District Council now has the opportunity to make a significant contribution to reducing carbon emissions and helping the government move towards its 2040 electric car target. Therefore, please let us now require new planning applicants, from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 onwards, to include an 'electric vehicle charging scheme' for housing and business/commercial developments such that the planning application must include an 'electric vehicle charging scheme' plan.

**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. Appointments to Outside Bodies 2018-19**

To consider proposed appointments to Outside Bodies for 2018/19 and amendments to appointments made at Annual Council 2018 (Item 11.1).

**12. Scrutiny Committees' Annual Reports 2017-18**

To receive for information the Annual Reports of the:

- Customers & Corporate Scrutiny Committee (Item 12.1 – 12.7);
- Economic Development and Town Centres Scrutiny Committee (Item 12.8 – 12.11);
- Health, Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee (Item 12.12 – 12.15);
- Housing, Crime and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee (Item 12.16 – 12.19).

**13. 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**

**14. Recommendations Referred from Cabinet, Committees etc.**

To consider the following recommendation to Council agreed by Cabinet at its meeting held on 12 July, 2018, in respect of:

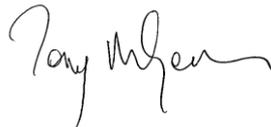
Cannock Town Centre (Draft Minute No. 31)

“That Council, at its meeting to be held on 25 July, 2018, be requested to approve a capital allocation in the Council’s Capital Programme 2018/19 to cover the purchase costs outlined in the Report and any related financial implications.”

*Members can view the report for the above recommendation via the Members’ Portal.*

**15. 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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## **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.