

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 25 AUGUST, 2010 AT 4.00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

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 personal or prejudicial interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct and any possible contraventions under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Members should refer to the guidance included as part of this agenda.

3. **Minutes**

To confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 June, 2010, Minute Nos. 12 to 25, and 26, Page Nos. 8 to 16, and 17.

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. Part 1 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees and Panels

To (a) consider reports and determine recommendations and matters referred to the Council for specific determination and (b) receive for information details of resolutions in respect of powers and duties delegated by the Council in Part 1 Minutes of the following Cabinet, Committees, Panels and Forums: -

- (a) Cabinet
 - (i) 15 April, 2010
Minutes 151-156
Page Nos. 91-94
 - (ii) 29 April, 2010
Minutes 157-164
Page Nos. 95-98
 - (iii) 24 June, 2010
Minutes 1-12
Page Nos. 1-9
- (b) Planning Control Committee
 - (i) 2 June, 2010
Minutes 1-7
Page Nos. 1-2
 - (ii) 23 June, 2010
Minutes 8-15
Page Nos. 3-5
 - (iii) 14 July, 2010
Minutes 16-24
Page Nos. 6-8
- (c) Licensing and Public Protection Committee
 - (i) 18 May, 2010
Minutes 39-43
Page Nos. 41
- (d) Joint Parking Committee
 - (i) 12 April, 2010
Minutes 21-29
Page Nos. 13-18

(e) Audit and Governance Committee

(i) 18 March, 2010
Minutes 37-45
Page Nos. 21-24

(ii) 28 June, 2010
Minutes 1-9
Page Nos. 1-5

(f) Rate Relief Committee

(i) 27 January, 2010
Minutes 6-9
Page Nos. 5-16

(g) Scrutiny Committee

(i) 8 March, 2010
Minutes 32-37
Page Nos. 19-22

7. Members Allowances 2010-12: Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel

Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 7.1 – 7.8 plus attachments)

8. Motion(s) Received Under Rule 6

To consider motions submitted under Rule 6:

8.1 Motion submitted under Rule 6 by Councillor N.K. Stanley, Leader of the Council:

1. Council recognises with regret that the new Coalition Government discovered that the outgoing Labour Government left the public finances in a catastrophic state and much worse than they had previously admitted. Notes this public deficit is the second largest in Europe and is equivalent to £22,400 for every man, woman and child in the UK. Also notes the outgoing Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Labour MP, Liam Byrne left a note stating *'Dear chief secretary, I'm afraid there is no money. Kind regards – and good luck! Liam.'*
2. Council further notes that the outgoing Labour Government was also planning massive public spending cuts to get the deficit under control with the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Alistair Darling, admitting in a BBC interview on 25 March 2010 that Labour's planned spending cuts would be *'deeper and tougher'* than those implemented by Margaret Thatcher.
3. Council recognises that the Coalition Government's spending cuts have been carefully considered and knows the moderating influence of Liberal Democrats will ensure the decisive action needed to reduce the deficit will be tempered with fairness and a concern

for the poorest and most vulnerable in our society.

4. Council welcomes the measures in the budget protecting the poor and vulnerable including:
 - Nearly 1 million low earners taken out of tax altogether with more to follow
 - £2billion extra child tax credit to tackle poverty
 - Help for pensioners with the restoration of the earnings link that Labour had 13 years to restore, but failed
 - A 10% increase in Capital Gains Tax for top earners
 - A new tax on banks
 5. Council further welcomes the new government's freeing of councils from unnecessary and wasteful bureaucracy including the ending of the Comprehensive Area Assessment and believes the resources now freed up from the inspection regime can be used to more effectively align frontline services to reflect the priorities of local people.
- 8.2 Motion submitted under Rule 6 by Councillor N.K. Stanley, Leader of the Council, signed by Councillors: Mrs. D.J. Bennett; C. Collis; D.N. Davies; Mrs. D.M. Easton, R. Easton; M.P. Freeman; M.R. Green; M.R. Grocott; R. Jones; R.G. Meaden; G.N. Molineux; A. Williams; Mrs. P. Williams; and Ms. W. Yates:

Constitutional Amendment

1. That all meetings of the Council, the Cabinet, Shadow Cabinet, Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups will commence no earlier than 6:30 p.m.
 2. That all such meetings will conclude by 9:00 p.m. unless the committee resolves to continue beyond that time in order to deal with urgent business.
- 8.3 Motion submitted under Rule 6 by Councillor N.K. Stanley, Leader of the Council:
- That the form and composition of Shadow Cabinet and appointment of the Leader of the Opposition be reviewed and amended with immediate effect whereby:
- The number of Members of Shadow Cabinet be the same number as the Members of Cabinet (that being such number as I have most recently notified to Council)
 - The composition of Shadow Cabinet will consist of Members of all political groups which do not form part of and are not represented on the Executive.
 - The allocation of Shadow Cabinet seats shall be in proportion to the representation of those political groups on the Council.
 - The Leaders of political groups (which do not form part of and are not represented on the Executive) shall appoint Shadow Cabinet Members in accordance with their respective allocation of seats.

- In the event that a political group determines that it does not wish to accept its allocation of seats on the Shadow Cabinet, the number of such seats will be allocated to the other group or groups proportionately.
- The Leader of the Opposition shall be the Leader of the political group which holds and has accepted the largest number of seats on Shadow Cabinet.

9. Representatives on Outside Bodies – 2010-11

Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 9.1 – 9.5)

10. Priority Delivery Plans

Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 10.1 – 10.9, plus attachments)

11. External Data Transfers: New Policy

Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 11.1 – 11.6, plus attachments)

12. 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 Paragraph 2, 3 and 4, Part I, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act, 1972."

13. Part 2 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels

To (a) consider reports and determine recommendations and matters referred to the Council for specific determination and (b) receive for information details of resolutions in respect of powers and duties delegated by the Council in Part 2 Minutes of the following Cabinet, Committees, Forums and Panels: -

- (a) Cabinet
- (i) 29 April, 2010
Minutes 165-166
Page Nos. 99 – 100
 - (ii) 24 June, 2010
Minutes 13-15
Page Nos. 10-12

(b) Licensing and Public Protection

- (i) 18 May 2010
Minutes 44 - 47
Page Nos. 42 - 47



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GUIDANCE ON DECLARING PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

DEFINITION OF WHAT IS A PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

A PERSONAL INTEREST is one where your well-being or financial position, or those of a relative or friend would be affected by the decision.

You automatically have a personal interest if you have given notice in the Register of Members' Interests under Paragraph 14 and 15, e.g. if you are appointed to an outside body by the Council.

A PREJUDICIAL INTEREST is where a member of the public knowing the facts would reasonably regard the interest as so significant that it would prejudice your judgement of the public interest.

PLEASE MAKE IT CLEAR WHETHER IT IS A PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST.

It would be helpful if, prior to the commencement of the meeting, members informed Legal & Democratic Services Unit 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 only requires that personal interests (or personal and prejudicial interests) are declared where the matter to which the interest relates is being considered. Some items will be mentioned in the papers for full Council but are not actually being considered by Full Council. In particular, some items are mentioned as having been dealt with in Cabinet but are not actually mentioned or discussed at 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.