



**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 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 Meeting held on 26 September, 2018, Minute Nos. 34 – 44; Page Nos. 21 – 23.

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

**5. Questions Received under Council Procedure Rule 8**

None received.

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

None received.

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

- (i) To consider the following Motion submitted in accordance with Rule 6 by Councillor A. R. Pearson, Housing Portfolio Leader:

“This Council is opposed to the hidden Treasury statement that is set to slash £2.7 billion off the NHS budget, despite claims that they are pouring in cash.

The Tory Government pledged to cover the cost of the NHS rise next year, but only ‘til 2020. And Peter Dowd, the Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury claimed that: “Billions of pounds are being quietly cut from our NHS, due to a poisonous cocktail of disastrous economic spiteful behaviour.”

Theresa May is set to raid the health budget over a two year period to cover pension costs, because the Tories’ economic programme of austerity to reduce government borrowing has been a total failure – Government borrowing has more than doubled, and all frontline services are on the verge of collapse.

The £2.7 billion of cuts is a disgrace and will further starve the NHS of desperately needed funds. This cut could have paid for 61,500 nurses, 360,000 hip replacements and around 3.3 million cataract operations during the same period.

I move that our Managing Director be instructed to write to the Secretary of State and our local Member of Parliament, calling for the spiteful £2.7 billion NHS stealth cut to be scrapped and replaced with a pragmatic plan to protect frontline services and regenerate the economy.”

- (ii) To consider the following Motion submitted in accordance with Rule 6 by Councillor G. Adamson, Leader of the Council:

### “Charter Against Modern Slavery

Cannock Chase Council will:

1. Train its corporate procurement team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply’s (CIPS) online course on Ethical Procurement and Supply.
2. Require its contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, wherever it applies, with contract termination as a potential sanction for non-compliance.
3. Challenge any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery.
4. Highlight to its suppliers that contracted workers are free to join a trade union and are not to be treated unfairly for belonging to one.
5. Publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
6. Require its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
7. Review its contractual spending regularly to identify any potential issues with modern slavery.

8. Highlight for its suppliers any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed.
9. Refer for investigation via the National Crime Agency's national referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery.
10. Report publicly on the implementation of this policy annually.

This Council authorises a budget of up to £7,000 to cover the costs of training and implementation.”

- (iii)** To consider the following Motion submitted in accordance with Rule 6 by Councillor J.T. Kraujalis, Corporate Improvement Portfolio Leader:

“This Council opposes the Chancellor’s plan to slash £1.3 billion from front line council services in 2019.

Local authorities claim that grant funding from central government will be cut 36% in 2019/20. And the Local Government Association claim that 168 councils will not get any grant money at all. The Prime Minister’s statement at the Tory Party Conference that austerity has ended is a piece of deceitful electoral cosmetics that is simply not true.

This government’s austerity programme is a disgrace, and it is destroying the very fabric of society. This cut is another example of the Tories intent to cut our public services to the bone and put them in danger of collapse. Could it be that this cut is to continue to hand out billions in tax breaks and corporation tax cuts to the rich, in one of the richest countries in the world. And make vicious cuts to the many, in favour of the rich privileged few?

I move that our Managing Director writes to the Secretary of State and our local M.P. calling for the £1.3 billion cut to be reversed, in line with the Prime Minister’s statement that austerity is dead and gone.”

- (iv)** To consider the following Motion submitted in accordance with Rule 6 by Councillor P.E. Woodhead, Green Party Group Leader:

“This Council notes:

- The Government announcement in July 2018 that Councils could set their own energy efficiency standards for new buildings beyond those set in Part L of the Building Regulations.
- The report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change highlighting that we only have around 12 years to take serious action to reduce emissions to avoid massive damage to the global environment.

This Council believes:

- At every level of government, urgent steps need to be taken to rapidly reduce carbon emissions, whether produced directly or indirectly.
- That we must take urgent action to improve the energy efficiency standards in new buildings to reduce carbon emissions, save energy and keep money that would go to energy companies circulating in our local economy.
- That improving energy efficiency in new buildings is just one part of a strategy to reduce emissions in our area but is an important step to take

that should be part of a wider strategy.

This Council resolves:

- Establish a Working Group, to run for a full year, with a remit to seek advice from experts; to consider systematically each area of the Council's activities; to make recommendations and propose challenging targets including a carbon budget to be presented each year alongside the financial budget.
  - Require all report risk assessments to include Carbon Emission Appraisals, including presenting alternative approaches which reduce emissions wherever possible.
  - Task a Head of Service officer with responsibility for reducing, as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the Council's activities.
  - To produce Supplementary Planning Guidance at the earliest opportunity calling for higher energy efficiency standards compliant with the internationally recognised Passivhaus Zero Carbon Standard."
- (v) To consider the following Motion submitted in accordance with Rule 6 by Councillor J.P.T.L. Preece, Environment Portfolio Leader:

"Freedom From Fear

This Council notes

1. That USDAW (Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers) runs an annual Respect For Shopworkers Week as part of their Freedom From Fear campaign.
2. That this is held run in the build-up to Christmas, during which events are put on to engage with the public around the theme 'Keep Your Cool at Christmas'.
3. The campaign as a whole seeks to highlight the abuse that workers suffer whilst simply going about their jobs.
4. That as part of this campaign USDAW also surveys their 430,000 members in an annual Freedom From Fear Survey.
5. This survey shows that during 2018 6 in 10 shopworkers experienced verbal abuse, 37% were threatened by a customer and over 230 shopworkers were assaulted every day.
6. The British Retail Consortium and the Association of Convenience Stores have both also noted rising abuse, threats and violence against shopworkers.

This Council believes:

1. Violent crime, threats and abuse are very real hazards for retail workers and the harassment of staff by customers is an all too common event.
2. Abuse is not part of the job. Workers should never have to face abuse, threats or violence when doing their jobs
3. Employers have a legal and moral obligation to make the working environment as safe as possible for employees and staff should be given

- appropriate training on how to deal with certain situations.
4. Failure to take the necessary steps to protect staff from harassment could result in the company being open to prosecution under health and safety laws and complaints of harassment should always be taken seriously.
  5. Good trade union organisation reduces the risk of bad work practices.

This Council resolves:

1. To publicly support USDAW's campaign and shop workers in the area with a statement of support and by posting on Council social media platforms using the hashtags #RespectShopworkers and to encourage individual councillors to do the same.
  2. To encourage individual councillors to engage with retail stores in their ward, talk to shopworkers and listen to their experiences.
  3. To use links with local police to ensure retail crime is always treated seriously and the often severe impact on victims is appropriately acknowledged.
  4. To use links with local business and retail stores to make sure proper workplace procedures are in place and that front-line staff are appropriately supported."
- 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. Hednesford Neighbourhood Plan Adoption**

Report of the Head of Economic Prosperity (Item 9.1 – 9.123).

*Due to its size, Appendix 1 to this Report (Item 9.7 – 9.122) has not been reproduced in hard copy. An electronic version of the Appendix can be viewed via the following link –*

<https://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/council/meetings/agendas-reports-minutes/98/2018-11-28>

**10. Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Principles 2019 to 2021**

Report of the Head of Economic Prosperity (Item 10.1 – 10.50).

**11. The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018**

Report of the Head of Economic Prosperity (Item 11.1 – 11.6).

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



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**COUNCIL MEETING**

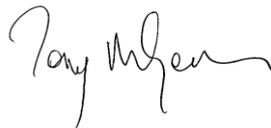
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**PART 2**

**13. 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.