

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 2017 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 Council Meeting held on 18 October, 2017, Minute Numbers 39 – 50; Page Numbers 35 – 40.

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

None.

**7. Motion(s) Received under Rule 6**

- (i) The following Motion has been submitted in accordance with Rule 6 by Council P. Witton, Cannock South Ward:

“This Council is opposed to the roll out of Universal Credit, and calls on the government to pause its implementation.

In areas where Universal Credit has been piloted there has been massive hardship and a huge increase in rent arrears. The number of people attending food banks has also massively increased as a result of this ill thought out benefit.

I move that the Managing Director be instructed to write to the Secretary of State and to our local Member of Parliament, calling on the implementation of Universal Credit to be paused until it can be implemented in a fair and reasonable manner.”

- (ii) The following Motion has been submitted in accordance with Rule 6 by Council P. Woodhead, Hednesford South Ward:

“Reducing single-use plastic (SUP) use in Cannock Chase

According to recent research, eight million metric tonnes of plastic waste ends up in the world’s oceans each year [1], endangering marine life. There is also a growing understanding of the risks posed to human health by toxic chemicals present in plastics [2]. In Ellen MacArthur Foundation [3] estimates that by 2050 the weight of plastic in the oceans will exceed that of fish

Six months after the introduction of the 5p bag charge, use of single-use plastic bags had already dropped by 85% [4], 300 million tons of plastic are produced around the globe each year. Of this, 50% is for disposable applications such as packaging. It is time for Cannock Chase to take a lead on this issue.

Council resolves to ask Cabinet to:

- develop a robust strategy to make Cannock Chase District Council a ‘single-use-plastic-free’ authority by the end of 2018 including an end to the purchase and procurement of SUPs through the CCDC supply chain;
- end the sale and provision of SUP products such as bottles, cups, cutlery and drinking straws in council buildings;
- investigate the possibility of requiring pop-up food and drink vendors at council events to avoid SUPs as a condition of their contract;
- work with tenants and operators in commercial properties owned by Cannock Chase District Council to encourage the phasing out of SUP cups, bottles, cutlery and straws;
- encourage the District’s businesses, organisations and residents to go ‘single-use-plastic-free’ working with best practice partners to explore the creation of a ‘plastic free network,’ that could provide business support, practical guidelines and advice to help local businesses transition from SUPs to sustainable alternatives.”

[1] <http://www.sciencemag.org/content/347/6223/768>

[2] <http://rstb.royalsocietypublishing.org/content/364/1526/2153.short#sec-5>

[3] <https://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/>

[4] <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/jul/30/england-plastic-bag>

**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. Honorary Aldermen and Honorary Alderwomen**

Report of the Managing Director (Item 9.1 – 9.4).

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



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**PART 2**

**11. 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.