

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST, 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 5 July, 2017, Minute Numbers 14 – 23; Page Numbers 10 – 21.

4. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

5. Amendment to Form and Composition of the Shadow Cabinet

To receive notification from the Leader of the Opposition of changes to the identity of Shadow Cabinet Members and their shadow portfolios (Item 5.1).

6. Changes to Membership of Committees

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 Rule 8

No Questions have been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

8. Recommendations Referred from Cabinet, Committees etc.

None.

9. Motion(s) Received under Rule 6

(i) The following motion has been submitted in accordance with Rule 6 by Councillor T.B. Johnson, Cannock East Ward:

“Cannock Chase Council notes that:

- National Joint Council (NJC) pay has fallen by 21% in real terms since 2010.
- NJC workers endured a pay freeze from 2010 to 2012.
- Local terms and conditions of many NJC employees have also been cut impacting on overall earnings.
- NJC pay is the lowest in the public sector.
- Job evaluated pay structures are being squeezed and distorted by bottom-loaded NJC pay settlements needed to reflect the increased National Living Wage and Foundation Living Wage.
- There are growing equal and fair pay risks resulting from this situation.

This Council therefore supports the NJC pay claim for 2018 submitted by UNISON, GMB and Unite on behalf of council and school workers and calls for an immediate end of public sector pay restraint. NJC pay cannot be allowed to fall further behind other parts of the public sector. This Council also welcomes the joint review of the NJC pay spine to remedy the turbulence caused by bottom loaded pay settlements.

This Council also notes the drastic ongoing cuts in local government funding and calls on the Government to provide funding for a decent pay rise for NJC employees and the pay spine review.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- Call immediately for the LGA to make urgent representations to Government to fund the NJC pay claim and pay spine review and notify the Council of their action in this regard.
- Write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor supporting the NJC pay claim and seek additional funding to provide a decent pay rise and fund the pay spine review.
- Meet with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and the pay spine review.”

- (ii) The following motion has been submitted in accordance with Rule 6 by Councillor P.T. Witton, Cannock South Ward:

“This Council is opposed to the Tories abolition of free Support for Mortgage interest benefit in its current form, replacing it with a loan secured on people’s homes.

The changes became law on July 27, and future recipients of new mortgage interest loans will have to pay them back with interest.

Any homeowner who loses their job, falls ill or sees their income drop from this summer will only be able to take out a loan.

The rollout date of April 2018 means they will be the first group to be affected if they need to make a claim. The time-lag is because recipients will only be able to apply 39 weeks after they start receiving the benefits that makes them eligible – down from 13 weeks under Labour.

Around 124,000 people currently receive the benefit who have lost a job or stopped work through disability or illness. And the Money Advice Trust claim it could mean many more people will struggle to keep their homes in the future.

This latest austerity cut to the most vulnerable people in society is another example of the Tories intent to dismantle the ‘welfare state’, and I propose that all members condemn it!”

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. Scrutiny Committees’ Annual Reports 2016/17

To receive for information the Annual Reports of the:

- Better Jobs & Skills Scrutiny Committee (Item 11.1 – 11.4);
- Community Safety Scrutiny Committee (Item 11.5 – 11.7);
- Customers & Corporate Scrutiny Committee (Item 11.8 – 11.11);
- Environment Scrutiny Committee (Item 11.12 – 11.14);
- Health Scrutiny Committee (Item 11.15 – 11.17);
- Housing Scrutiny Committee (Item 11.18 – 11.21).

12. Constitution Amendments

Report of the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer (Item 12.1 – 12.6).



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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.