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Chief Executive

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14 January 2020

Dear Councillor,

The next Meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, 22 January 2020 in Council Chamber - Moorlands House, Leek at 6.30 pm.

The Agenda for the Meeting is attached at Appendix 'A'.

Tea and Coffee will be served in the Churnet Room between 6:00pm and 6:25pm.

Yours faithfully,

S. W. BAKER  
**Chief Executive**

## **NOTE**

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Prayers will be offered prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence, if any.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting (**Pages 5 - 12**)
3. Urgent items of business, if any (24 hours notice to be provided to the Chairman).
4. Declarations of interest
  1. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
  2. Other Interests
5. Chairman's or Leader's announcements and correspondence, if any.
6. Receipt of petitions, if any.
7. To consider and debate any recommendations from the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Panels and Committees, if any.
  - 7.1 Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel 2 October 2019 - Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2018-2019 (**Pages 13 - 24**)  
Recommendation  
That the report be noted.
  - 7.2 Audit and Accounts Committee 25 October 2019 - Treasury Management Update (**Pages 25 - 34**)  
Recommendation  
That the treasury management position as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 be noted.
  - 7.3 Standards Committee 21 November 2019 - Annual Report (**Pages 35 - 42**)  
Recommendation  
That the report be noted.
8. Recommendations from meetings in the interim period prior to the Council Meeting, if any.
9. Notices of Motion in accordance with Procedure Rule No. 8, if any.
  - 9.1 Leek Trestle Market - Cllr S. Coleman  
"In the light of current national recommendations regarding the need to develop town centres in innovative and inclusive ways, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council should immediately begin a process of full scrutiny to determine the future of the Leek trestle market building as a valuable town centre resource. Through a process of full consultation with all stakeholders, all options should be evaluated and explored. No further alterations to the interior of the building should take place until the process has been completed and decisions have been approved by full council."

## 9.2 Sky Lanterns - Cllr L. Malyon

“That Staffordshire Moorlands District Council writes to the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson and ask that our Government pass a Bill banning Sky Lanterns in the UK because of the harm they cause to people, animals, buildings and land.”

## 9.3 Single Use Plastics - Cllr J. Porter

“Single use plastics have a terrible effect on the environment when littered or discarded after their use. Not only do they damage terrestrial and marine life, there are costs associated with their clean-up and consequences for the tourism and fishing industries. At least eight million tonnes of plastic enters the ocean every year, which is the equivalent of dumping one rubbish truck into the ocean every minute. And, if action is not taken, it is expected to increase to two per minute by 2030 and four per minute by 2050. The production of such material also contributes to climate change through CO2 emissions.

In May 2019 the Government expressed its aspirations for environmental improvement in ‘A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment’. The Plan outlines ways to reduce the use of plastics that contribute to pollution, and broader steps to encourage recycling and the more thoughtful use of resources.

Following the Council removing all single use plastics from its buildings, supermarkets should remove all plastic carrier bags, reduce excessive plastic packaging and deliver viable alternatives for customers. We welcome the Government introducing from April this year The Environmental Protection (Plastic Straws, Cotton Buds and Stirrers) (England) Regulations 2020, to control single use plastics. However, as the plastic crisis is engulfing our seas we need to stop the problem urgently. I therefore propose that the Council writes to Government to ask that it works with businesses and individuals to accelerate the elimination of all single use plastics across society.”

10. To answer questions asked under Procedure Rule No. 10, if any.

**(At least two clear days notice required, in writing, to the Proper Officer in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.3.)**

11. To consider any political group appointments or changes to membership, if any.

12. Exclusion of the Press and Public:

The Chairman to move:-

*“That, pursuant to Section 100A(2) and (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings whereby it is likely that confidential information as defined in Section 100A (3) of the Act would be disclosed to the public in breach of the obligation of confidence or exempt information as defined in Section 100 I (1) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act would be disclosed to the public by virtue of the Paragraphs indicated.”*

13. To consider and debate any recommendations from the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Panels and Committees, if any.
14. To answer questions asked under Procedure Rule No. 10, if any.

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