



16 February 2021

Dear Councillor,

The next Meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, 24 February 2021 in Virtual Meeting at 6.30 pm.

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

Yours faithfully,

M. Trillo
Executive Director & Monitoring Officer

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on the Council's website: www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk**

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 Licensing and Regulatory Committee - Statements of Licensing Policy (**Pages 13 - 44**)
 - 7.2 Cabinet - 2021/22 Budget & Medium Term Financial Plan 2021/22 to 2024/25 (**Pages 45 - 162**)
 - 7.3 Audit and Accounts Committee - Treasury Management Update (**Pages 163 - 176**)
 - 7.4 Audit and Accounts Committee - Treasury Management Strategy (**Pages 177 - 208**)
8. Recommendations from meetings in the interim period prior to the Council Meeting, if any.
9. Setting of the Council Tax 2021/22 - Report to Follow
10. Notices of Motion in accordance with Procedure Rule No. 8.
 - 10.1 Social Housing - Cllr B. Cawley

"February 2021 sees the 100th anniversary of the opening of the first social housing in the area with the Abbots Rd development in Leek. This was a consequence of the 1919 Housing Act born out of the pledge to provide "Homes Fit for Heroes" for veterans returning from the First World War. The act allowed local authorities for the first time to comprehensively provide social housing.

Since then the failure of successive policies including the "selling off " of council housing has led to reduction in supply of affordable housing which is having a detrimental effect on those on low incomes particularly impacting on those in rural areas.

Many of those effected will be modern day heroes working in health and social care, cleaning, retail, distribution and transport, etc who have worked through the pandemic servicing the needs of the communities of the Staffordshire Moorlands .

The need for affordable housing was recognised by the Local Plan endorsed without dissent by the Full Council in September 2020.

This motion calls upon Staffs Moorlands District Council to examine the business case for local authority owned social housing when considering future developments.”

10.2 Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides - Cllr J. Salt

“SMDC declared a Climate Emergency in 2019, it recognises the vital importance of insects and pollinators and wishes to enhance biodiversity. This Council believes the decision by this Government to overturn the ban on neonicotinoids flies in the face of our effort to protect our fragile ecosystem and this Council urges our Government to reconsider.”

11. 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.)

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

13. 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.”

14. To consider and debate any recommendations from the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Panels and Committees, if any.

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

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