



30 November 2021

Dear Councillor,

The next Meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, 8 December 2021 in Council Chamber - Moorlands House, Leek at 6.30 pm.

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

Yours faithfully,

M. Trillo
Executive Director & Monitoring Officer

NOTE

Councillors will be able to join this meeting online (but will not be able to vote on matters under consideration).

Councillors using the Car Park at the rear of the Council Offices are requested to indicate on their car that it is being used by a Councillor whenever they use the Car Park, otherwise they may be challenged by the Council's Car Park Attendant.

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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 - 8)**
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 Audit and Accounts Committee - Treasury Management Update **(Pages 9 - 18)**

Recommendation

That Members note the current Treasury Management position as at 30th September 2021.
 - 7.2 Audit and Accounts Committee - Process for Appointing the External Auditor **(Pages 19 - 28)**

Recommendation

That Council accepts the Public Sector Audit Appointments' invitation to opt into the sector-led option for the appointment of external auditors to principal local government bodies for five financial years from 1 April 2023.
 - 7.3 Scrutiny Review **(Pages 29 - 52)**

Recommendations

That Council:

 - Notes the outcome of the Scrutiny Review from CfGS as detailed in Appendix A.
 - Notes the comments from members as detailed in Appendix B and section 10.2 of the report.
 - Agrees the suggested response to the recommendations set out in Appendix C and section 11 of the report.
8. Notices of Motion in accordance with Procedure Rule No. 8, if any.
 - 8.1 Climate Change - Cllr N. Yates

That this Council will lobby our two Members of Parliament to ask them to:

 - i) raise with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities the need to make it a Statutory Duty for all local

- ii) authorities to create and deliver a climate change action plan to give local authorities the powers and resources to deliver these plans [in line with national policies].

8.2 Local Plan - Cllr D. Price

That this Council re-opens the relevant sections of the Local Plan and reviews it at the earliest opportunity in order that it can meet its clear and pressing climate change emergency commitments.

9. 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.)

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

11. To consider, in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, requests for a grant of dispensation to Councillors from attending meetings of the Council and its constituent bodies due to their present circumstances.

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.

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