



4 October 2022

Dear Councillor,

The next Meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, 12 October 2022 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,

M. Trillo
Executive Director & Monitoring Officer

NOTE

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 - 16)**
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 The Council's Response to the Cost of Living Crisis
Bearing in mind the powers afforded to councils in the Local Government Act of 1972 (section 137), this council will commit to a range of urgent actions that will support vulnerable people in our community to cope with the unprecedented increases in the costs of energy and the serious fall in living standards.
 - 9.2 Bus Transport - **MOTION WITHDRAWN**
Bus transport across the Staffordshire Moorlands is critical to the economic well-being of the district. Rural areas are particularly badly served by public transport and recent changes to routes in the South of the Moorlands specifically, highlight the need to have early notice of changes, and be part of that decision making. The motion moves that Staffordshire Moorlands District Council creates an ongoing dialogue between itself and the main bus operators in the form of a working group, committee or other body to ensure that SMDC is able to influence decision making where relevant to our residents. The officers are to reach out to the bus companies and invite them to an initial meeting to discuss the state of transport across the district and identify any opportunities where the District Council can work to improve targeted routes and find solutions to save routes at risk of threat.
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. 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.

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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