



29 November 2022

Dear Councillor,

The next Meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, 7 December 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 Licensing and Regulatory Committee - Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Licensing Policy review - response to consultation (**Pages 9 - 76**)

Recommendation

That the Council approves the changes to the current Policy subject to the following amendment with regards to the requirement for licensed vehicles to comply with the emission requirements:

- At renewal – From 01/04/~~2024~~2025 vehicle licences will not be renewed in respect of any licensed vehicle that does not meet or exceed Euro 6 emissions standards (Diesel) Euro 4 (Petrol) emissions standards.

7.2 Standards Committee - Review of the Code of Conduct (**Pages 77 - 86**)

Recommendation

That the Council adopts the revised Code of Conduct

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 Activities of Street Preachers

The Council notes the widespread dismay caused to residents of Leek by the activities of the street preachers.

It agrees that there is no place for the utterance in public spaces of homophobic or misogynistic comments which residents have been subject to for some time.

The motion believes that residents are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Hateful comments have no place in our community.

SMDC will work with the police and other community safety partners,

Staffordshire County Council and town and parish councils to challenge and prevent such behaviour.

SMDC wishes to assure all its residents and visitors that they are valued members of the community.

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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