

20 February 2024

Dear Councillor,

The next Meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, 28 February 2024 in the Council Chamber - Moorlands House, Leek at 6.00 pm.

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

Tea and Coffee will be served in the Churnet Room between 5:30pm and 5:55pm.

Yours faithfully,

M Trillo

**Executive Director and Monitoring Officer**

**NOTE**

Members are asked to note that under Section 106 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992, if they are more than two months in arrears with a payment of their Council Tax, they must disclose the fact as soon as practicable after the commencement of any meeting at which discussion takes place on any matters affecting the setting or limitation of the Council Tax and shall not vote on any question with respect to the matter.

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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on the Council's website: [www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk](http://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 Cabinet - 2024/25 Budget & Medium Term Financial Plan 2024/25 to 2027/28 (**Pages 13 - 90**)
  - 7.2 Cabinet - Council Tax Second Home and Empty Property Premiums (**Pages 91 - 98**)
  - 7.3 Audit and Accounts Committee - Treasury Management Update (**Pages 99 - 106**)
  - 7.4 Audit and Accounts Committee - Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) 2024/25 (**Pages 107 - 138**)
8. Recommendations from meetings in the interim period prior to the Council Meeting, if any.
9. Checkley Parish Neighbourhood Plan - Referendum and Decision Statement (**Pages 139 - 300**)
10. Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan and Neighbourhood Development Order (**Pages 301 - 498**)
11. Pay Policy 2024/25 (**Pages 499 - 518**)
12. Setting of the Council Tax 2024/25
13. Notices of Motion in accordance with Procedure Rule No. 8, if any.
  - 13.1 Support for Farmers and Local Produce - Cllr J Porter

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council recognises and notes the huge contribution made by our local farmers and growers to the local economy and its rural communities. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council commits to developing stronger partnerships with our arable, livestock, and dairy farmers to enhance our magnificent British countryside. The Council will strive to support farmers, by being sympathetic to diversification opportunities and promotion of local produce.

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council commits to supporting our local farmers and growers by, where possible, ensuring that all food provided at

council organised events is sourced from local suppliers; to include meat, dairy, and plant-based produce.

With tackling climate change and restoring nature being key priorities for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, we will consider ways to encourage residents, where possible, to shop locally, taking advantage of home-grown, affordable and nutritious food, both plant and meat based thus reducing food miles to our plates and boosting the local economy.

#### 13.2 West Midlands Ambulance Service - Cllr L Malyon

This Council finds the West Midlands Ambulance Service as it stands unacceptable for the Staffordshire Moorlands. This Council demands an independent review of the service. The residences of the Staffordshire Moorlands deserve the same reliable quality of service as people in the urban areas receive, meeting government targets for everyone in rural and urban areas

14. To answer questions asked under Procedure Rule No. 10, if any.
15. To consider any political group appointments or changes to membership, if any.
16. 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.”*
17. To consider and debate any recommendations from the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Panels and Committees, if any.
18. To answer questions asked under Procedure Rule No. 10, if any.