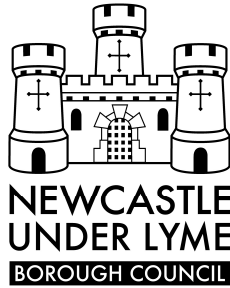


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## SUPPLEMENTARY COUNCIL AGENDA

### BUSINESS

- 11 REPORTS OF THE CHAIRS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES (Pages 5 - 6)**

Written report from the Chair of the Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 12a Questions to the Mayor, Cabinet Members and Committee Chairs**

In accordance with Procedure Rule 11, questions must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Any questions considered urgent will only be accepted with the agreement of the Mayor prior to the meeting.

- 13 MOTIONS OF MEMBERS (Pages 7 - 8)**

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. J. ...', written over a horizontal line.

Chief Executive

## **NOTICE FOR COUNCILLORS**

### **1. Fire/Bomb Alerts**

In the event of the fire alarm sounding, leave the building immediately, following the fire exit signs. Do not stop to collect personal belongings, do not use the lifts.

Fire exits are to be found either side of the rear of the Council Chamber and at the rear of the Public Gallery.

On exiting the building Members, Officers and the Public must assemble at the front of the former Hubanks store opposite to the Civic Offices. DO NOT re-enter the building until advised to by the Controlling Officer.

### **2. Attendance Record**

Please sign the Attendance Record sheet, which will be circulating around the Council Chamber. Please ensure that the sheet is signed before leaving the meeting.

### **3. Mobile Phones**

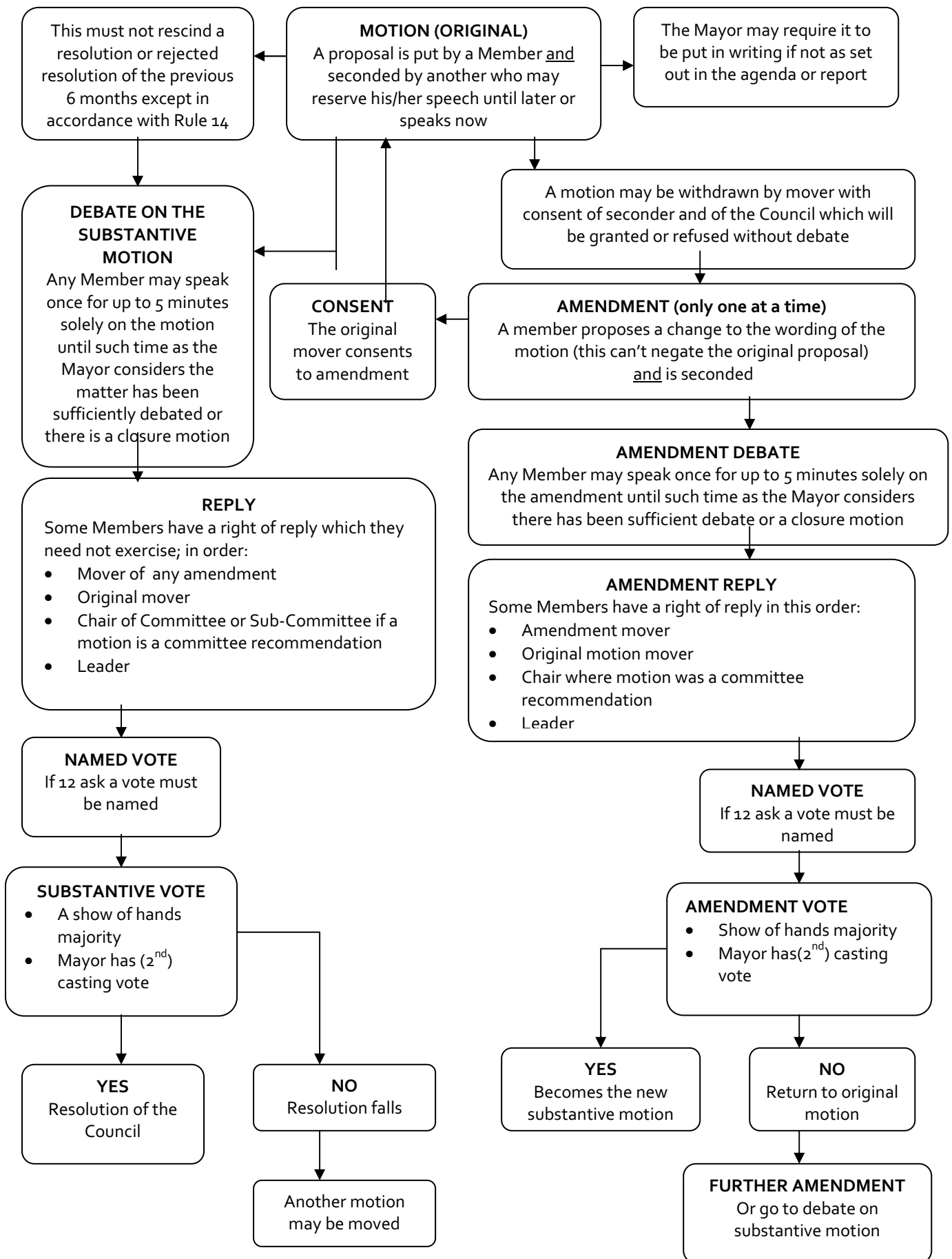
Please switch off all mobile phones before entering the Council Chamber.

### **4. Tea/Coffee**

Refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the meeting, or in the event of a break occurring, during that break.

### **5. Notice of Motion**

A Notice of Motion other than those listed in Standing Order 19 must reach the Chief Executive ten clear days before the relevant Meeting of the Council. Further information on Notices of Motion can be found in Section 5, Standing Order 20 of the Constitution of the Council.



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24th March 2014

We received a very detailed and excellent report from Trevor Smith on Reducing the strength of alcohol campaign.

The aims of the campaign are.

To encourage licensees of premises with an Off -License to voluntarily remove all cheap ,super strength lager and following this persuade licensees to voluntarily change the terms of their license to include this condition .

To use the campaign to highlight the dangers of alcohol and particularly the dangers of super strength alcohol.

Trevor Smith also gave us a briefing on the progress of the Purple Flag Scheme. We will hopefully be submitting the application between April and June.

We received a briefing from Nesta Henshaw Head of Environmental Health Services on the updated Dog Control Orders. We now have a strong policy with robust controls in place.

Licensing of Hot Food Takeaways was on the agenda for discussion.

As a planning officer was not available to be with us we adjourned it until the next meeting.

I would like to thank all the officers for their hard work.

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## **MOTION SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED BY CLLR DAVID LOADES SECONDED BY CLLR STEPHEN SWEENEY**

**This Council believes that there has been insufficient scrutiny of the sites which have been put forward for disposal in the Asset Management Strategy and calls for the immediate formation of a cross party working group to review all of the processes involved in identifying land for disposal.**

This Motion is being put forward as a result of widespread public concern with the current consultation process, which has to date failed to gain the confidence of the electorate. The electorate are concerned, that their voice will not be heard over the decision to sell land assets, which are determined to be surplus by this council. Many of the sites proposed are seen as part of the Boroughs attraction to living here and there are also concerns about some asset sales being around strategic political motivation and not with the benefit to the Borough as a whole.

The motion proposes that this cabinet has failed to convince the market and the electorate that it is not worth investing in other sites or property assets (Other than those mentioned in the Asset Strategy) that would require some expenditure, to bring up to standard for the market. The electorate feel that it would be better to sell these sites seen by many as a blot on the landscape, rather than some of those sites currently under consideration which the public see as their reason for choosing to live there.

This motion believes that the social impact of the sale of these sites along with the revenue gain has not been fully investigated and whilst it is beneficial to make best use of the council assets it is now necessary to ensure that this is the case

This motion proposes that the need to prove the case for sale has not been made and it is now necessary to review this process, that to date the normal scrutiny has failed to do so. This should be done by forming a cross party working group to determine that the planned asset strategy is the best financial way forward, based around this councils budget proposals over the next 3 years. It should also determine that the proposed sale of land for housing is based around the housing need in the Borough. The concern is that if the lack of forward thinking and development initiative has failed to meet the housing need could a better solution be identified to meet the capital need over the next 3 year period, resulting in a better utilisation of our asset program and future borough planning.

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