



11th July 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the Borough Council of Newcastle-under-Lyme to be held in the **Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Merrial Street, Newcastle Under Lyme, Staffordshire ST5 2AG** on **Wednesday, 11th July, 2012 at 7.00 pm**

B U S I N E S S

1 Declarations of Interest

2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

(Pages 1 - 6)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2012.

3 Mayors Announcements

4 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Questions to be submitted to the Mayor at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Any questions deemed urgent must be agreed by the Mayor before the meeting.

5 CABINET REPORT FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Report will be sent to follow.

6 REPORTS OF THE CHAIRS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

- (a) Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee
- (b) Transformation and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- (c) Active and Cohesive Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- (d) Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- (e) Economic Development and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- (f) Health Scrutiny Committee

7 REPORTS OF THE CHAIRS OF THE STATUTORY COMMITTEES

- (a) Planning Committee
- (b) Licensing Committee
- (c) Public Protection Committee

8 Questions on Reports of the Chairs of the Statutory and Overview and Scrutiny Committees

9 Progress on deferred questions and petitions

10 Review of the Constitution (deferred from last meeting)

(Pages 7 - 10)

11 Members' Allowances (deferred from last meeting)

(Pages 11 - 16)

12 The Localism Act 2011 - The Amended Standards Regime - (Pages 17 - 30)
Adoption of New Code of Conduct for Members and Adoption
of Arrangements for Dealing With Allegations of Breaches of
Code of Conduct

13 Staffing Committee (Pages 31 - 36)

14 MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

A Notice of Motion must reach the Chief Executive ten clear days before the relevant Meeting of the Council.

15 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

To receive from Members any petitions which they wish to present to the Council pursuant to Standing Order 17.

16 STANDING ORDER 18 - URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any communications which pursuant to Standing Order No18 are, in the opinion of the Mayor, of an urgent nature and to pass thereon such resolutions as may be deemed necessary.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Smith', 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 are available from the drinks machine outside of the Council Chamber.

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.