



PLEASE NOTE THAT PRAYERS WILL BE HELD AT 6.50PM BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL.

THE MAYOR REQUESTS THAT ANY MEMBER WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN PRAYERS BE IN ATTENDANCE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER BY NO LATER THAN 6.45PM.

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, 26th February, 2014** at **7.00 pm**.

BUSINESS

- 1 **MINUTES** (Pages 1 - 8)
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27th November 2013.
- 2 **Mayors Announcements**
- 3 **Report from the Public Protection Meeting held on 3rd February 2014** (Pages 9 - 14)
- 4 **Appointments of Monitoring Officer, Scrutiny Chair and Outside Body Representative** (Pages 15 - 18)
- 5 **Revenue and Capital Budgets and Council Tax 2014 - 2015** (Pages 19 - 46)
- 6 **Treasury Management Strategy 2014/2015** (Pages 47 - 68)
- 7 **Capital Strategy** (Pages 69 - 88)
- 8 **Localism Act - Publication of a pay policy statement for 2014/2015** (Pages 89 - 104)
- 9 **STATEMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**
To receive a statement by the Leader of the Council on the activities and decisions of Cabinet and items included on the Forward Plan.

This report will be sent to follow.

10 REPORTS OF THE CHAIRS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

Chairs are requested to submit written reports (where possible) to the Democratic Services Manager by Monday 25th February 2014.

- a) Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee
- b) Transformation and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- c) Active and Cohesive Communities 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

11 REPORTS OF THE CHAIRS OF THE STATUTORY COMMITTEES

- a) Planning Committee
- b) Licensing Committee
- c) Public Protection Committee
- d) Audit and Risk Committee
- e) Standards Committee (minutes attached)

12 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 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

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

14 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 'S. M.', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

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.

