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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 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 **Garden & Astley Rooms - Castle House, Barracks Road, Newcastle, Staffs. ST5 1BL** on **Wednesday, 6th July, 2022** at **7.00 pm**.

B U S I N E S S

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest from Members on items contained within this agenda.

3 MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING

(Pages 5 - 10)

To consider the decisions of the previous meeting(s)

4 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5 WALLEYS QUARRY UPDATE

(Verbal Report)

To receive a presentation on issues relating to odours associated with Walleys Quarry.

6 STATEMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

(To Follow)

To receive a statement by the Leader of the Council on the activities and decisions of Cabinet and items included on the Forward Plan.

7 REPORTS OF THE CHAIRS OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

(To Follow)

Chairs Reports are attached for the following:

- a) Economy, Environment and Place Scrutiny Committee
- b) Health, Wellbeing and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
- c) Finance, Assets and Performance Scrutiny Committee

8 REPORTS OF THE CHAIRS OF THE REGULATORY (To Follow)
COMMITTEES

Chairs Reports are attached for the following:

- a) Audit and Standards Committee
- b) Licensing and Public Protection Committee
- c) Planning Committee

9 QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR, CABINET MEMBERS AND (Pages 11 - 12)
COMMITTEE CHAIRS

10 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

To receive from Members any petitions which they wish to present to the Council.

11 URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any communications which pursuant to Appendix 7, Procedure Rule 8 of the constitution are, in the opinion of the Mayor, of an urgent nature and to pass thereon such resolutions as may be deemed necessary.

12 DISCLOSURE OF EXEMPT INFORMATION

To resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following report(s) as it is likely that there will be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs contained within Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Yours faithfully



Chief Executive

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3. Notice of Motion

A Notice of Motion other than those listed in Procedure Rule 14 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.

Officers will be in attendance prior to the meeting for informal discussions on agenda items.

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COUNCIL

Wednesday, 18th May, 2022
Time of Commencement: 7.00 pm

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Present: Mayor - Mr Kenneth Owen (Chair)

Councillors:	Adcock	Gorton	Richards
	Allport	David Grocott	Skelding
	Barker	Gill Heesom	Mike Stubbs
	Beeston	Mark Holland	Stephen Sweeney
	Bettley-Smith	Hutchison	Simon Tagg
	Brockie	Trevor Johnson	John Tagg
	Bryan	Dave Jones	Jill Waring
	Brown	Jones	Paul Waring
	Gillian Burnett	Annabel Lawley	Gary White
	Crisp	Sue Moffat	Simon White
	Sylvia Dymond	Paul Northcott	Ian Wilkes
	Edginton-Plunkett	Barry Panter	Gillian Williams
	Andrew Fear	Andrew Parker	John Williams
	Andrew Fox-Hewitt	Reece	Ruth Wright

Apologies: Councillor(s) Talbot and Whieldon

Officers:	David Adams	Executive Director of Sustainable Development and Operations
	Geoff Durham	Mayor's Secretary / Member Support Officer
	Martin Hamilton	Chief Executive
	Daniel Dickinson	Head of Legal & Governance /Monitoring Officer
	Denise French	Democratic Services Team Leader
	Sarah Wilkes	Head of Finance / S151 Officer

Also in attendance:

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors' Talbot and Whieldon.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 April, 2022 be agreed as a correct record.

4. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2022/23

One nomination was received:

Councillor Gillian Burnett. Proposed by Councillor Simon Tagg and seconded by Councillor Stephen Sweeney.

Resolved: That Councillor Gillian Burnett be appointed as Mayor for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

The Mayor Made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

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5. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2022/23

Two nominations were received:

Councillor Simon White. Proposed by Councillor Simon Tagg and seconded by Councillor Stephen Sweeney.

Councillor John Williams. Proposed by Councillor Dave Jones and seconded by Councillor Andrew Fox-Hewitt.

A vote was taken.

Resolved: That Councillor Simon White be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

The Deputy Mayor Made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

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6. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were made:

Consort:	David Faulkner
High Constable:	Chris Faulkner
Chaplain:	Rev. Iain Baker
Mace Bearers:	Jenny Otter and Alderman Chris Malkin
Mayor's Cadet:	Sgt Katie Shaw

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7. MAYORAL ADDRESS

The Mayor thanked members for electing her and stated that she was honoured to be appointed to the role which she would carry out to the best of her ability. The Mayor looked forward to attending many engagements throughout her year in Office.

The Mayor named her chosen charities as the Tri-Services Retreat at Mow Cop and Homestart Newcastle.

Members were advised that the Mayor's next Civic engagement would be her Civic Service in June.

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8. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

On behalf of the Council, Councillor Simon Tagg expressed gratitude and appreciation to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress. Over eighty engagements had been carried out, which was fewer than normal due to the Coronavirus and raised over £4000 for his chosen charities.

The Leader thanked Ken and Rachel for the work that they had done and wished them all the best for the future.

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9. RESPONSE OF THE RETIRING MAYOR AND SUMMARY OF THE MAYORAL YEAR

The retiring Mayor stated that it had been a privilege to serve as Mayor for the last twelve months. Thanks were given to the Council for their support, his Mayoress, Rev Josh Penduck, and his support staff.

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10. ELECTION RESULTS

Members were asked to receive a report detailing the results from the elections held earlier this month.

Resolved: That the information be received.

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11. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Sweeney and seconded by Councillor Holland that Councillor Simon Tagg be appointed as Leader of the Council.

Resolved: That Councillor Simon Tagg be appointed as Leader of the Council.

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12. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET

The Leader confirmed Councillor Sweeney as Deputy Leader and the following as members of the Cabinet for 2022/23:

Councillor Gill Heesom
Councillor Trevor Johnson

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Councillor Andy Fear
Councillor Jill Waring
Councillor Stephen Sweeney
Councillor Simon Tagg

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13. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS FOR 2022/23

Committee Membership

It was proposed by Councillor S Tagg and seconded by Councillor Sweeney that the appointments to committees, for 2022/23 be as set out in the Agenda.

Resolved: That the appointments to committees, as set out in the agenda, be approved.

Chairs and Vice-Chairs

Councillor Holland proposed (seconded by Councillor Simon Tagg) that the two groups take their nominations en-bloc and have a single vote. The Labour Group Leader had no objections.

Resolved: That the following Chair and Vice-Chair appointments be approved:

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	VICE-CHAIR
Audit and Standards	Paul Waring	Barry Panter
Conservation Advisory	Barry Panter	Trevor Johnson
Licensing and Public Protection	Andrew Parker	Joan Whieldon
Planning	Paul Northcott	Nick Crisp
Health, Wellbeing and Environment Scrutiny	Ian Wilkes	Rupert Adcock
Economy and Place Scrutiny	Gary White	David Hutchison
Finance, Assets and Performance Scrutiny	Mark Holland	Amy Bryan

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14. EXTERNAL ROLES AND APPOINTMENTS

The List of Representatives onto Outside Bodies was considered. Where more than one nomination was received a vote was taken.

Aspire Board - Councillor Northcott

Staffordshire Police and Crime Panel and associated panels - Councillor Heesom

Waste and Mineral Site Liaison Committee - Councillor Adcock
Knutton Quarry Councillor Talbot

Waste and Mineral Site Liaison Committee - Councillor Simon White

Keele (Madeley Heath)

Councillor Gary White

Waste and Mineral Site Liaison Committee - Councillor Adcock
Walleys Landfill Site (vote required for
Silverdale ward)

Resolved: That the list of Representatives onto Outside Bodies, as set out in the Supplementary agenda and those Members listed above following a vote having been taken, be agreed and the Members appointed accordingly.

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15. **CONFIRMATION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

The Leader introduced a report asking Members to adopt the constitution.

The Leader stated that this was a new constitution. A cross-party sub-committee had met and it had been agreed to put forward the constitution to be adopted. In addition, it was recommended that the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, be given delegated authority to authorise any necessary amendments to the constitution.

Resolved:

- (i) That the Constitution be adopted.
- (ii) That, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, the Monitoring Officer be given delegated authority to amend the constitution as necessary following annual council to attend to matters of layout, formatting, typographical errors and clarity in advance of publication.

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16. **STANDING ORDER 18 - URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

17. **DISCLOSURE OF EXEMPT INFORMATION**

There were no confidential items

**Mayor - Mr Kenneth Owen
Chair**

**Mayor – Cllr Gill Burnett
Chair**

Meeting concluded at 7.54 pm

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QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR, CABINET MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

To the Leader of the Council:

1. The Leader will be aware that residents have been complaining about the poor standard of Highway grass verge cutting across the Borough by the County Council's contractor. The frequency and quality of the cuts this year has been abysmal.

Is there anything the Borough council can do about the situation?

Cllr Andrew Parker

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To the Leader of the Council:

2. All wards across the borough have seen vital bus services reduced or removed. Local affordable public transport is vital for the economy, work, medical access and social isolation. Can the borough prosperity fund explore subsidising money for local transport to get the people of the borough moving again?

Cllr Joel Edgington-Plunkett

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To the Leader of the Council:

3. On the 15th of June, Lord Giedt was forced to quit as the Prime Minister's Ethics Advisor, the second to do so after Alex Allan quit in November 2020. On Monday, Lord McDonald was forced to write to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards Kathryn Stone over No 10's statements on MP Chris Pincher "to ensure confidence is not eroded in our local democratic process". Does the Leader condone the behaviour of the Prime Minister or does he think that the Seven principles of public life are to be ignored like the Prime Minister?

Cllr Mike Stubbs

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