



**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 **Queen Elizabeth II & Astley Rooms - Castle House, Barracks Road, Newcastle, Staffs. ST5 1BL** on **Wednesday, 22nd January, 2025** 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 - 20)**

To consider the Minutes of the previous meeting

**4 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**5 DEVOLUTION & LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION: WHITE PAPER (Pages 21 - 38)**

**6 STATEMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (Pages 39 - 42)**

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)**

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

**9 QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR, CABINET MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS (To Follow)**

**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 Section B4, Rule 9 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gulman", with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Chief Executive

## **NOTICE FOR COUNCILLORS**

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### **2. Mobile Phones**

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

### **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 B5, Rule 4 of the Constitution of the Council.

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