



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 Annual Council 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, 20th May, 2026** 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 - 12)

To consider the Minutes of the previous meeting(s)

4 ELECTION OF MAYOR 2026/27

When the Mayor has declared the result of the election, the Mayor, preceded by the Mace Bearers, will retire from the room, accompanied by the Chief Executive and the Mayor Elect.

The Mayor Elect will then be robed and invested with the chain of office. The Mayor Elect will then return to the meeting room preceded by the Mace Bearers and accompanied by the Chief Executive.

The Mayor will take the chair and make the declaration of acceptance of office.

5 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2026/27

Following the appointment of the Deputy Mayor, he/she will make the declaration of acceptance of office.

6 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

The Mayor will announce appointments to Civic Roles for the forthcoming year.

7 MAYORAL ADDRESS

To receive the Mayoral address

8 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

In appreciation of their services during the past year, the Group Leaders will lead a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress.

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

Retiring Mayor's response.

10 APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

To appoint the Leader of the Council for 2026-2030.

11 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET

The Leader will report the appointment of the Cabinet and Deputy Leader for 2026/27.

12 ELECTION RESULTS (Pages 13 - 18)

13 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2026-2030 (Pages 19 - 48)

14 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS FOR 2026/27 (Pages 49 - 58)

To appoint Members to committees.

15 APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS FOR 2026/30 (Pages 59 - 76)

16 CONFIRMATION OF THE CONSTITUTION (Pages 77 - 140)

17 URGENT BUSINESS (Pages 141 - 144)

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.

18 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

NOTICE FOR COUNCILLORS

1. Fire/Bomb Alerts

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Fire exits are to be found at the side of the room leading into Queens Gardens.

On exiting the building Members, Officers and the Public must assemble at the statue of Queen Victoria. DO NOT re-enter the building until advised to by the Controlling Officer.

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.