

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 2013 AT 4.00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

Notice is hereby given of the above mentioned meeting of the Council which you are summoned to attend for the purpose of transacting the business set out below:-

1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

To declare any interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

Members should refer to the guidance included as part of this agenda.

3. Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 September 2013, Minute No's. 38 - 47; Page No's. 27 - 32.

4. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

5. Questions in Accordance with Rule 8

No questions have been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

6. Part 1 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees and Panels

To receive for information details of resolutions in respect of powers and duties delegated by the Council in Part 1 Minutes of the following Cabinet,

Committees, Panels and Forums:-

- (a) Cabinet
 - (i) 22 August, 2013
Minutes: 39 - 47
Page Nos.: 33 - 38
 - (ii) 19 September, 2013
Minutes: 49 - 63
Page Nos.: 41 - 56
- (b) Planning Control Committee
 - (i) 11 September, 2013
Minutes: 19 - 28
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 - (ii) 2 October, 2013
Minutes: 29 - 39
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- (c) Audit and Governance Committee
 - (i) 20 August, 2013
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- (d) Scrutiny Committee
 - (i) 4 July, 2013
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- (e) Joint Parking Committee
 - (i) 17 July, 2013
Minutes: 1 - 7
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- (f) Rate Relief Committee
 - (i) 27 June, 2013
Minutes: 1 - 5
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- (g) Cannock Community Forum
 - (i) 11 June, 2013
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7. Recommendations Referred from Cabinet

To consider the following recommendation to Council considered by Cabinet at its meeting held on 19 September, 2013, in respect of:

Update on Rugeley Town Centre Conservation Areas Partnership Scheme

“That Council be recommended to amend the Capital Programme to provide for the expenditure of an additional £100,000 on the Rugeley Conservation Areas Partnership Scheme.”

8. Motions Received under Rule 6

To consider the following Motions submitted under Rule 6 by:

(i) Councillor M.J. Holder, Deputy Leader of the Council:

“On 17 October, 2013 Lord Nash, Under Secretary of State for Schools, wrote to the Chairman of the IEB of Norton Canes and Heath Hayes Primary Schools. The letter informed the Chairman that the decision had been made that both schools will become academies from 1 January 2014 (or as soon as possible thereafter) sponsored by REAch2.

The letter refers to “a full, thorough and fair” consultation process and that as part of the consultation process a “public meeting with unions, local councillors and other elected representative” had been held.

This consultation was, in fact, fatally flawed and incompetent. Due to this fact, this Council requests Lord Nash to recall the letter, rescinds the decision in order to hold another consultation on the proposals that WILL be full, thorough, fair and competent.”

(ii) Councillor, J. Toth:

“On Wednesday 3rd July 2013 at the Full Council Meeting the following was resolved:

Cannock Chase District Council deplores the illegal practice of blacklisting within the construction industry and will, so far as allowed by procurement law, ensure that any company proved to have been involved in unlawful blacklisting practices and not to have indemnified their victims is excluded from tendering for contracts with Cannock Chase District Council.

Furthermore companies proved to have been involved in unlawful blacklisting will not be able to undermine the Councils commitment by undertaking sub-contracting work on behalf of a successful bidder and this will, so far as allowed by procurement law, form part of the terms and conditions.

If it subsequently comes to light that any companies within the

construction industry are proved to be using a blacklist, then these companies will be identified and subject to the treatment above.

Since this time developments have taken place which begin the process of compensating workers within the construction industry. Eight large construction firms have announced that they intend to compensate workers who were unlawfully blacklisted and denied work for long periods. Details of the scheme are still awaited but it is intended to make it as simple as possible for any worker with a legitimate claim to access compensation.

The firms have also apologised to the workers whose names were stored in a secret database and for their involvement with The Consulting Association.

The companies are – Balfour Beatty, Carillion, Costain, Kier, Laing O'Rourke, Sir Robert McAlpine, Skanska UK and Vinci. I note that I named these companies, amongst others when I moved this motion at the July Council meeting.

Would the Leader of the Council agree with me that recent developments are to be welcomed and that our Council together with Trade Unions and other campaigners have played their part in making these companies take responsibility for their actions.

Furthermore, would he agree with my disappointment that a number of Conservative Councillors and one lone Liberal Democrat Councillor could not bring themselves to support workers fighting against the injustice of blacklisting.

Finally I am determined that Cannock Chase District Council continues to condemn the practice of blacklisting by construction companies and plays its part in making sure that the other companies apologise and compensate workers."

9. Compulsory and Intermediate Reviews of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

Report of the Chief Executive (Item 9.1 – 9.10 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

10. Exclusion of the Public

The Chairman to propose the following motion:-

"That the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph(s) 1; 2 and 3 Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act, 1972."

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PART 2

11. Part 2 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels

To receive for information details of resolutions in respect of powers and duties delegated by the Council in Part 2 Minutes of the following Cabinet, Committees, Forums and Panels: -

(a) Cabinet

- (i) 22 August 2013
Minute: 48
Page Nos.: 39-40



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29 October, 2013

GUIDANCE ON DECLARING PERSONAL, PECUNIARY AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

DEFINITION OF WHAT IS A PERSONAL, PECUNIARY AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

A PERSONAL INTEREST is one where your well-being or financial position, or those of a member of your family or any person with whom you have a close association would be affected to a greater extent than the majority of Council Tax payers, ratepayers, or inhabitants of the electoral ward(s) affected by the decision. You automatically have a personal interest if you have given notice in the Register of Members' Interests, e.g. if you are appointed to an outside body by the Council.

A PECUNIARY INTEREST is a personal interest where the matter

- a) affects your financial position or that of a member of your family or any person with whom you have a close association or a body in which you have registered in the Register of Members Interests or
- b) relates to the determining of any consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to you or any person with whom you have a close association or a body in which you have registered in the Register of Members Interests

and, in either case, where a member of the public knowing the facts would reasonably regard the interest as so significant it is likely to affect your judgement of the public interest

A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST is an interest of yourself or your partner (which means spouse or civil partner, a person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partners) in respect of employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried out for profit or gain; sponsorship; contracts; land; licences; corporate tenancies; or securities, as defined with the Localism Act, 2011.

PLEASE MAKE IT CLEAR WHETHER IT IS A PERSONAL, PECUNIARY OR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST.

It would be helpful if, prior to the commencement of the meeting, Members informed the Monitoring Officer of any declarations of interest, of which you are aware. This will help in the recording of the declarations in the Minutes of the meeting.

DECLARING INTERESTS AT FULL COUNCIL

The Code of Conduct requires that personal interests where you have a personal interest in any business of the Council, and where you are aware or ought

reasonably to be aware of the existence of the personal interest, and you attend a meeting of the Council at which the business is considered, you must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

Some items will be mentioned in the papers for full Council but are not actually being considered by Full Council. In such circumstances the Monitoring Officer's advice to Members is that there is no need to declare an interest unless the particular matter is mentioned or discussed. As a general rule, Members only need to declare an interest at full Council in the following circumstances:

- Where a matter is before the Council for a decision and/or
- Where the matter in which the Member has an interest is specifically mentioned or discussed at the Council meeting.