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**AGENDA
FOR A
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Dear Councillor,

You are requested to attend a Council Meeting in the **Council Chamber** at the **Town Hall, Burton upon Trent** on **Monday 28th February 2022** at **6.30pm** immediately preceded by prayers.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Executive

To: **All Members of the Council**

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
**To be held on Monday 28th February 2022 at 6.30pm in
the Council Chamber, Town Hall,
Burton upon Trent DE14 2EB**

A G E N D A

	Item	Presenter	Reference
1.	Apologies	Chief Executive	Oral
2.	Declarations of Interest	Mayor	Oral
3.	To approve as a correct record and sign the Public Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough Council held on 13 th December 2021	Mayor	Enclosure No 1
4.	To receive any announcements from the Mayor, the Leader of the Council or the Proper Officer	Mayor/Leader of the Council/Proper Officer	Oral
5.	To consider any urgent business brought forward to the Council under Rule 12	Mayor	Oral
6.	Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy Review of Vehicle Requirements following Petition received from the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Trade	Chairman of the Licensing Committee	Enclosure No 2
7.	Independent Remuneration Panel – Supplementary Report on Members Allowances	Dr Declan Hall – Chairman of the Independent Remuneration Panel	Enclosure No 3

8.	Approval of Changes to the Constitution	Interim Monitoring Officer	Enclosure No 4
9.	Review of Polling Districts/Place and Stations	Leader of the Council	Enclosure No 5
10.	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 Onwards	Leader of the Council	Enclosure No 6
11.	Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Statement 2022/23	Leader of the Council	Enclosure No 7
12.	Council Tax Setting 2022/23	Leader of the Council	Enclosure No 8 (to follow with the consent of the Mayor)
13.	Burton upon Trent Towns Fund Programme	Deputy Leader (Regeneration and Planning Policy)	Enclosure No 9
14.	<p>To consider the following motion of which notice had been given by Councillor D Goodfellow:</p> <p>“Nature is in long term decline. With 41 per cent of wild species in decline nationally, and 15 per cent facing extinction. The requirement to take action to reverse this is urgent. We recognise that:</p> <p>A) Nature provides us with vital support systems [‘ecosystem services’], and severe declines in biodiversity are undermining nature’s productivity and adaptability, posing excessive uncertainty for our economies and wellbeing;</p> <p>B) A thriving natural environment underpins a healthy, happy, prosperous society;</p> <p>C) The impacts of climate change are driving nature’s decline, while restoring and protection of natural habitat provides a wide</p>	Councillor D Goodfellow	Oral

variety of cost-effective benefits to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

D) Many areas of work of local authorities across the county of Staffordshire have an impact on nature, and we have responsibilities to make decisions to protect and enhance it.

In order to support the recovery of nature across Staffordshire, and in recognition of new obligations under the Environment Act 2021, this council commits to:

1. work with partners and stakeholders to develop and deliver a Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) that sits within the national Nature Recovery Network and underpins planning, development and land management decisions. As part of this, we will:

a) improve and protect the landscape and flora and fauna's resilience to climate change, providing natural solutions to reduce carbon and manage flood risk, and sustaining vital ecosystems;

b) prioritise the restoration of peatland habitats and other high quality natural habitats, and adopt a peat-free policy wherever possible for all council contracts and supplies;

c) formulate a tree policy and strategy which is underpinned by Nature Recovery Network mapping across the local authority area, pursuing a "right tree, right place" approach;

d) after satisfying safety and visibility priorities and the Highway Code, develop verge cutting regimes that maximise potential for carbon storage, sequestration and biodiversity;

e) seek to manage council-owned land for the benefit of wildlife by 2030 (in line with

UK Government's national and international commitments);

f) meet the Environment Act requirement of 10% biodiversity net-gain commitment across all council-owned land, aspiring to increase this wherever possible;

g) carry out a carbon audit of our key landholdings to establish how carbon storage/sequestration could be improved.

2. Embed nature's recovery into all strategic plans and policy areas, not just those directly related to the environment. Ensure the LNRS is well understood across the authority and complements other relevant plans and strategies.

3. Working with partners, demonstrate leadership by supporting and engaging with businesses, communities and the wider public to take action to put nature into recovery.

4. Build tackling the nature crisis into Cabinet's environmental portfolio to provide a designated lead.

5. The Council designates a lead officer to coordinate the council operations in relation to the ecological emergency.

6. Integrate the targets, objectives and outcomes of this motion with those outlined in the existing Climate Emergency Declaration to ensure measures to tackle climate issues do not contravene the principles of enhancing biodiversity.

7. Where appropriate, the council will invest in nature-based solutions to climate change in order to tackle the nature crisis and climate emergency together.

8. Through the LNRS, develop an evidence-based action plan including short and long-term targets for putting nature into recovery by 2030. Areas of focus will include: Land

	<p>management; Biodiversity; Roads and highways; Planning and development; Air quality; Transforming urban spaces; Health and wellbeing; People and communities; Education and awareness.</p> <p>9. That the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee monitor the LNRS and ESBC's action to support biodiversity and nature recovery on an annual basis.</p> <p>10. Work closely with councils across Staffordshire via the recently formed Staffordshire Sustainability Board and other partners to promote Local Nature Recovery.”</p>		
15.	<p>To consider the following motion of which notice had been given by Councillor R G W Grosvenor:</p> <p>“Section 3A part 18.9 and 18.10 deals with the answering of questions at council meetings. This council reaffirms its commitment to this and does not condone, or support, members who fail to answer questions raised during council meetings.”</p>	Councillor R G W Grosvenor	Oral
16.	<p>To consider the following motion of which notice had been given by Councillor D Florence-Jukes:</p> <p>“In response to an invitation sent to all Members from the Mayor of East Staffordshire, Councillor Patricia Ackroyd, to attend Council premises for alcoholic drinks and nibbles immediately following the Council meetings of the Council on the 28th February and 14th March 2022. This Council resolves to cease using taxpayers money to purchase alcohol and food for consumption by Members following meetings of the Full Council.”</p>	Councillor D Florence-Jukes	Oral
17.	<p>To answer any questions from Members asked pursuant to Rule 18</p>	Mayor	Oral

NOTE

The Press and public are likely to be excluded from this Meeting during the following item of business, as it is likely there will be discussion of exempt information, as described in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (copy available on the Council's web site (www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk), the appropriate paragraph of which is noted in brackets before the agenda item

(3) 18. PRIVATE MINUTE

The Mayor will therefore move

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the Press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, indicated in brackets before the item number on the Agenda.

SCHEDULE 12A LGA 1972 (as at August 2013)

ACCESS TO INFORMATION: EXEMPT INFORMATION PART 1 DESCRIPTIONS OF EXEMPT INFORMATION: ENGLAND

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
- 2A. [Repealed]
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes—
 - (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.
8. [Repealed]
9. [Repealed]
10. [Repealed]
11. [Repealed]
12. [Repealed]
13. [Repealed]
14. [Repealed]
15. [Repealed]