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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 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024** at **6.30pm** immediately preceded by prayers.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Executive

To: **All Members of the Council**

**PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

Members of the Public may attend this Meeting to observe and listen to proceedings, but not participate. For your safety and to ensure the meeting remains a safe and accessible place for all, please be aware that bag searches will be in operation on arrival at the Town Hall for all attendees.

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**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
**To be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 6.30pm in  
the Council Chamber, Town Hall,  
Burton upon Trent DE14 2EB**  
[Link To Webstream](#)

## A G E N D A

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Decision Required</b>
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 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023.	Mayor	Enclosure No 1	To approve
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	To note
5.	To consider any urgent business brought forward to the Council under Rule 12	Mayor	Oral	To approve
6.			Enclosure No 2	To approve

	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024/25 – 2026/27	Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury Management	(To follow with the consent of the Mayor)	
7.	Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2024/25	Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury Management	Enclosure No 3	To approve
8.	Council Tax Setting 2024/25	Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury Management	Enclosure No 4 (To follow with the consent of the Mayor)	To approve
9.	Polling District Review	Leader of the Council	Enclosure No 5	To approve
10.	<p>To consider the following motion of which notice has been given by Councillor S Sankey:</p> <p>“This Council serves the public and this Motion on Notice seeks to enhance and clarify our democratic processes. There is a need to be reassured that committee meetings which discuss ‘call ins’ of executive decisions do so in a fair and balanced way, as appropriate.</p> <p>To this end this Council asks the Monitoring Officer with the Leader of the Council, the Leader of the Opposition and the Chief Executive to review relevant parts of the constitution relating to the conduct of ‘call ins’ of executive decisions and to bring forward proposals for approval to a future meeting of the Full Council.</p> <p>Specifically the aforementioned members and officers should focus on: how debates of ‘call ins’ are to be conducted with a view to attaining consistency from one ‘call in’ to the next; councillors’ rights to speak during meetings which discuss ‘call ins’; how</p>	Councillor S Sankey	Oral	To debate

	the constitution can or should be interpreted; and training for members on the 'call in' procedure (covering inception to conclusion).”			
11.	<p>To consider the following motion of which notice has been given by Councillor A Clarke:</p> <p>“Currently, when questions on notice or urgent questions - as defined in Part 3A, Rule 18 of the constitution - are asked by Councillors, the Cabinet Member or respective Officers answering these questions have the right to respond in writing to both the original question and any supplemental questions. However, this creates a gap in transparency regarding the answers to these written and supplemental answers for councillors other than the original questioner and public who are not privy to the responses.</p> <p>As such, in the interest of transparency and open democracy, this council will;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopt a policy whereby questions on notice, answers and supplementary correspondence are circulated to all councillors of the relevant committee/full council and is published online on the relevant meeting portal within 3 working days;</li> <li>• Ensure that this policy is similarly present and consistent with the process regarding questions raised by the public, as defined in Parts 3Ie and 3Eb of the constitution;</li> <li>• Update the relevant sections of the constitution in line with the above policy.”</li> </ul>	Councillor A Clarke	Oral	To debate

12.	<p>To consider the following motion of which notice has been given by Councillor P Walker:</p> <p>“The Council calls for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An immediate ceasefire;</li> <li>• A safe route for immediate humanitarian aid to civilians still living in Gaza;</li> <li>• The immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.</li> </ul> <p>Council recognises that, in order for any ceasefire to work, it requires all sides to comply. We also recognise and believe that the international community should use every form of diplomacy to try and create the conditions on the ground to make a ceasefire a reality. The council unequivocally condemns in the strongest possible terms Hamas’ unjustifiable attacks against Israeli citizens on 7 October 2023. Council further agrees that Israel’s targeting of innocent civilians and the bombing of hospitals and places of worship in Gaza is counter-productive to peace, wrong and must stop. . The Council believes that all Gazans who have been forced to leave their homes in the current conflict should have the guarantee they can return to their homes. The international community should facilitate this and help rebuild the infrastructure. Council reaffirms that a credible, just, lasting and sustainable peace can only be based on the two-state solution. The council also unanimously deplores the rise in both Islamophobic and anti-Semitic hate crime in this country. We urge residents to work together on the issues which unite us and protect our hard-won community cohesion. This council will write to the Staffordshire Police, Crime &amp; Fire Commissioner to ask him to set out what steps he is taking to maintain community cohesion, and to ensure the safety of all communities across East Staffordshire.”</p>	Councillor P Walker	Oral	To debate
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13.	<p>To consider the following motion of which notice has been given by Councillor G Allen:</p> <p>“This Council is sad to hear of the Kings diagnosis and wishes His Majesty a full and complete recovery. We place on record our appreciation of His work to promote the United Kingdom as a whole, including His charitable work in many communities all over our country. We recognise His deep care for rural communities like ours and his unwavering support for conservation. We wish Him and His family all the best at this time.</p> <p>We ask the Chief Executive to write to the Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire to convey our thoughts to His Majesty.”</p>	Councillor G Allen	Oral	To debate
14.	To answer any questions from Members asked pursuant to Rule 18	Mayor	Oral	To approve
15.	Acquisition of the Maltings Precinct, Uttoxeter	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development	Enclosure No 6	To approve

## 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](http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk)), the appropriate paragraph of which is noted in brackets before the agenda item

**(3) 16. ACQUISITION OF THE MALTINGS PRECINCT, UTTOXETER**

**(3) 17. URGENT DECISION EDR 93/23**

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**  
**PART 1 DESCRIPTIONS OF EXEMPT INFORMATION: ENGLAND**

The exempt information set out at Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 Act is as follows:

1. Information relating to any individual;
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual;
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.

**THE QUALIFICATIONS TO THE LIST OF EXEMPT INFORMATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

8. Information falling within number 3 above is not exempt information by virtue of that paragraph if it is required to be registered under:  
the Companies Acts as defined in section 2 of the Companies Act 2006;  
the Friendly Societies Act 1974;  
the Friendly Societies Act 1992;  
the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies and Credit Unions Acts 1965 to 1978;  
the Building Societies Act 1986; or  
[(f) the Charities Act 2011.
9. Information is not exempt information if it relates to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission pursuant to regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992.
10. Information which—  
falls within any of numbers 1 to 7 above; and is not prevented from being exempt by virtue of number A or B above, is exempt information if, and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.



