

To: All Members of the Borough Council

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Charnwood Borough Council to be held in the Preston Room, Woodgate Chambers, Woodgate, Loughborough on 25th February 2013 at 6.30pm for the following business.

Chief Executive Southfields Loughborough

15th February 2013

AGENDA

- 1. <u>APOLOGIES</u>
- 2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTEREST
- 3. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th January 2013, which are attached at page 9.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive announcements as follows:

4.1 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive announcements from the Mayor (if any).

4.2 LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To consider significant, recent matters affecting the Council or the Borough (if any).

4.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive announcements from the Chief Executive (if any).

5. PETITIONS

To allow a Councillor to formally submit a petition for consideration under the Council's petition scheme, as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution.

6. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

To deal with the following questions on notice, submitted under Council Procedure Rule 5:

6.1 EUROPEAN TWINNING VISITS

Question submitted by Councillor Smidowicz.

6.2 POLICY DECISION MAKING INFORMATION

Question submitted by Councillor Parton.

6.3 BARRIERS TO HOUSING AND SERVICES

Question submitted by Councillor M. Hunt.

6.4 <u>CORE STRATEGY TRAFFIC ASSESSMENT CONGESTION</u> SEVERITY

Question submitted by Councillor M. Hunt.

6.5 <u>LOCALISATION OF COUNCIL TAX – SUPPORTING THE VULNERABLE?</u>

Question submitted by Councillor Sharp.

6.6 LOUGHBOROUGH PEDESTRIANISATION PROPOSALS

Question submitted by Councillor M. Smith.

6.7 <u>FOOD TESTING</u>

Question submitted by Councillor Jukes.

Questions submitted will be published on the Council's website, together with the answer by Friday 22nd February 2013. Copies will also be available at the meeting.

7. BUSINESS RESERVED TO COUNCIL

To consider the following matters reserved to Council by Article 4 of the Constitution:

7.1 CHARNWOOD OPEN SPACES STRATEGY

A report of Cabinet, setting out, following a period of public consultation, Charnwood's Open Spaces Strategy for 2013-2028, for consideration and approval, is attached at page 37.

7.2 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT, ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION STRATEGY FOR 2013-14

A report of Cabinet, setting out the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, as well as the Annual Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Strategy, for consideration and approval, is attached at page 121.

7.3 <u>2013/14 COUNCIL TAX BASE AND SPECIAL EXPENSES AND</u> 2013/14 GENERAL FUND AND HRA REVENUE BUDGETS

A report of the Cabinet setting out the proposed General Fund and HRA Revenue Budgets for 2013/14 along with the proposed Council Tax levy, and the 2013/14 Original Budget for the Housing Revenue Account together with proposals to increase rent and service charges, is attached at page 153.

The full Council Tax Recommendations, which the Council must consider in order to set a Council Tax Levy and General Fund and HRA revenue budgets for 2013/14, will be circulated once Leicestershire County Council has set its precept on 20th February 2013.

7.4 ELECTION FEES AND EXPENSES FOR 2013/14

A report of the Chief Executive, setting out scales of election fees payable to the Returning Officer for any Borough or Parish Council elections during 2013/14, is attached at page 211.

7.5 PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2013/14

A report of the Personnel Committee, setting out the Council's Pay Policy Statement covering the period 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014, is attached at page 219.

7.6 REVIEW OF THE GAMBLING STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES 2013 - 2016

A report of the Licensing Committee, setting out the findings of the recent consultation on the review of the Council's Gambling Statement of Principles and proposing an updated statement for approval, is attached at page 241.

8. <u>CALL-IN REFERENCES</u>

To consider references to Council following the call-in of a Cabinet decision under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 13 (if any).

9. MINUTE REFERENCES

There are no minute references.

10. URGENT EXECUTIVE DECISIONS EXEMPT FROM CALL-IN

To receive details of urgent decisions taken by Cabinet or urgent key decisions taken by an officer under delegated powers, which were exempt from call-in in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 14 (if any).

11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

To deal with the following motions on notice, submitted under Council Procedure Rule 15:

11.1 THE BEDROOM TAX

Motion submitted by Councillor Sharp is attached at page 265.

11.2 GRIT BINS/GRITTING

Motion submitted by Councillor M. Smith is attached at page 266.

12. <u>2013/2014 TIMETABLE FOR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS</u> AND MEMBER TRAINING

A report of the Chief Executive, setting out a proposed timetable for Council and Committee meetings for the next Council Year (2013/2014) and designated Member Training days, is attached at page 267.

13. <u>APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES</u>

To consider any changes to Committee Membership for the current Council Year (2012/2013) (if any).

Forthcoming Scheduled meetings of Council

Council Meeting Date	Deadline Date and Time for Councillors to submit Questions on Notice (under Council Procedure Rule 5) and Motions on Notice (under Council Procedure Rule 15
Monday 25th February 2013	Friday 15th February 2013 at 12noon
Monday 22nd April 2013	Friday 12th April 2013 at 12noon

Councillors, please send your question or Motion on Notice to: Darren Tilley, Team Leader – Democratic Services and Mayoralty Council Offices, Southfield Road, Loughborough, LE11 2TX

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