

## **Council Agenda**

Thursday 12 October 2023

**10:00**

Council Chamber, County Buildings, Stafford

### **To: The Members of the Staffordshire County Council**

Notice is given that the meeting of the Staffordshire County Council will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Stafford at 10:00 on Thursday 12 October 2023 to deal with the matters set out on the agenda.

The meeting will be webcast live and archived for 12 months. It can be viewed at the following link: <https://staffordshire.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

Pat Flaherty  
Chief Executive  
4 October 2023

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## **Agenda**

(Note: The meeting will begin with prayers)

### **Part One**

**General Housekeeping and Declaring an Interest** (Pages 1 - 4)

1. **Apologies for absence (if any)**

2. **Declarations of Interest under Standing Order 16**

3. **Confirmation of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 July 2023** (Pages 5 - 20)

4. **Chairman's Correspondence**

The Chairman will mention a range of recent items of news which may be of interest to Members

5. **Petition: Staffordshire County Council decision to take away valuable sports pitches and building** (Pages 21 - 22)

In accordance with the County Councils' petitions scheme, to consider the petition: Staffordshire County Council decision to take away valuable sports pitches and building.

6. **Statement of the Leader of the Council** (Pages 23 - 32)

The Leader will inform the Council about his work and his plans for the Council, and will give an overview of decisions taken by the Cabinet (and Portfolio Holders) since the previous meeting of the Council

7. **Recommendations to the Council**

a) Proposed addition to the Scheme of delegation in relation to the Handling of S53 Applications under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (Pages 33 - 36)

b) Potential Appointment of Independent Members to the Audit and Standards Committee / Review of the Audit and Standards Committee Terms of Reference (Pages 37 - 54)

c) Electoral Review of Staffordshire County Council: Draft Recommendations (Pages 55 - 72)

## 8. **Questions**

Questions to be asked by Members of the County Council of the Leader of the Council, a Cabinet Member, or a Chairman of a Committee. The question will be answered by the relevant Member and the Member asking the question may then ask a follow up question which will also be answered

## 9. **Petitions**

An opportunity for Members to present and speak on petitions submitted by their constituents

## 10. **Exclusion of the Public**

The Chairman of the Council will move the following motion so that the County Council can consider confidential business in private:

“That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972 indicated below”.

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### **Part Two**

(All reports in this section are on pink paper)

## **Notes for Members of the Press and Public**

### **Filming of Meetings**

Staffordshire County Council is defined as a Data Controller under the Data Protection Act 2018. The County Council has agreed that public meetings should be the subject of live web transmission 'webcasting'. Fixed cameras are located within meeting room for this purpose.

The webcast will be live on the County Council's website and recorded for subsequent play-back for 12 months. The recording will also be uploaded to YouTube. By entering the meeting room and using the seats around the meeting tables you are deemed to be consenting to being filmed and to the

possible use of those images and sound recordings for the purpose of webcasting.

If you have privacy concerns about the webcast or do not wish to have your image captured, then please contact Member and Democratic Services.

### **Recording by Press and Public**

Recording (including by the use of social media) by the Press and Public is permitted from the public seating area provided it does not, in the opinion of the chairman, disrupt the meeting.

