

COUNCIL AGENDA

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 am on Thursday, 14 October 2010 to deal with the matters set out on the agenda.

Nick Bell
Chief Executive
6 October 2010

AGENDA

(Note: The meeting will begin with prayers)

Part One

General Housekeeping and declaring an Interest

1. **Apologies for absence (if any)**
2. **Declarations of Interest under Standing Order 16.5**
3. **Confirmation of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 July 2010 (Pages 3 - 14)**
4. **Chairman's Correspondence**

The Chairman will mention a range of recent items of news which may be of interest to Members
5. **Leader's Statement (Pages 15 - 24)**

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
6. **Petition Regarding the Closure of Burntwood Household Waste Recycling Centre (Pages 25 - 28)**
7. **Electoral Review of Staffordshire (Pages 29 - 40)**

Report of the Chief Executive
8. **Report of the Audit Committee (Pages 41 - 52)**
9. **Proposed Changes to the Constitution (Pages 53 - 58)**

Report of the Director of Law and Democracy
10. **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 non-Scrutiny 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.
11. **Notices of Motion**

Mr. P .E. B. Atkins to move the following motion:-

“Staffordshire County Council recognises that there is a need for fundamental reform of the relationship between central and local government if we are to reduce public spending, tackle entrenched social, economic and environmental problems and rebuild trust in democratic accountability. The council supports the Local Government Association’s detailed proposals for Place-based Budgets which would bring together different streams of public spending into a single

budget at the local level. It believes that this proposal would: save public money; cut waste and bureaucracy; allow for better decisions to be made transparently and accountably; and increase local communities control over spending in their area. It recommends that the Government begins the process of reform immediately by implementing Place-based Budgets throughout England and Wales as part of the 2010 Spending Review.”

12. **Report of the Chairman of the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Authority** (Pages 59 - 62)

13. **Petitions**

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

14. **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”.

PART TWO

(All reports in this section are on pink paper)

Nil