

## **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, 15 February 2018 to deal with the matters set out on the agenda.

John Henderson  
Chief Executive  
7 February 2018

## **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**
3. **Confirmation of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 December 2017**  
(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. **Connected Staffordshire - Strategic Plan 2018-2022** (Pages 21 - 42)

Joint report of the Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing outlining the ambitions for what Staffordshire will look like by 2023.

6. **Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/23 and 2018/19 Budget and Council Tax**  
(Pages 43 - 104)

Joint report of the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Finance outlining how the Council will finance its operations over the next five years and recommending a budget to the Council for 2018/19.

**NOTE:** Members are reminded that, under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, if they are two months or more in arrears with their Council Tax it is an offence for them to vote on the budget. Members are also required to disclose at the meeting the fact that this Section applies to them.

7. **Statement of the Leader of the Council** (Pages 105 - 110)

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

8. **Recommendations to Council** (Pages 111 - 120)
9. **Outcomes of Overview and Scrutiny Work May - December 2017** (Pages 121 - 138)
10. **Report of the Chairman of the Staffordshire Police and Crime Panel** (Pages 139 - 142)
11. **Report of the Chairman of the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Authority** (Pages 143 - 146)

## 12. **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

## 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”.

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## **PART TWO**

(All reports in this section are on pink paper)

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

#### **Filming of Meetings**

The Open (public) section of this meeting may be filmed for live or later broadcasting or other use, and, if you are at the meeting, you may be filmed, and are deemed to have agreed to being filmed and to the use of the recording for broadcast and/or other purposes.

#### **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.