

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, 23 May 2019 to deal with the matters set out on the agenda.

John Henderson
Chief Executive
15 May 2019

AGENDA

(Note: The meeting will begin with prayers)

PART ONE

General Housekeeping and Declaring an Interest

1. **Election of the Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year**
2. **Apologies for absence (if any)**
3. **Declarations of Interest under Standing Order 16**
4. **Confirmation of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 March 2019** (Pages 5 - 16)
5. **Election of the Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year**
6. **Chairman's Correspondence**

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

7. **Statement of the Leader of the Council** (Pages 17 - 22)

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. **Notices of Motion** (Pages 23 - 24)

(a) Mr Winnington to move the following motion:

“That this Council:

- i. Continues to express concerns on the impact of HS2 on Staffordshire, especially given the acceleration of phase 2a to Crewe.
- ii. Welcomes the efforts the council has made to mitigate the impact of Phase 1 on the county and its communities and our commitment to build on the experience gained to reduce the impact of Phase 2a.
- iii. Continues to ensure Staffordshire's voice is heard in terms of mitigation on the environment and meaningful compensation for affected residents.
- iv. Engages with Government, HS2 Ltd, district and borough councils and neighbouring authorities to gain maximum economic benefits from HS2, building on the partnership of Midlands Connect to deliver better connectivity for all Staffordshire.
- v. Proposes the Leader should write to Government to request that all enabling works on Phase 1 for HS2 in Staffordshire should be paused until the Notice to Proceed to main works contractors has been approved. As required by the Department of Transport, Notice to Proceed should not be given until management capability, affordability of contracts and robustness of revised

business case have all been proven. We see no reason why Staffordshire should suffer significant disruption and long-term environmental destruction until detailed design and cost has been approved. We also ask that HS2 Ltd significantly improves the effectiveness of its community engagement with those impacted by the line on Phases 1, 2a and 2b.”

(b) Mr Atkins to move the following motion:

“That this Council notes that Staffordshire County Council does not currently have a formalised policy relating to Parental Leave for elected Members as there is at present no legal right to Parental Leave for those elected to public office.

It is proposed that this Council should adopt a Parental Leave Policy for elected Members on a new addition to their family. This council resolves to set up a working group to consider the attached policy proposals on Parental Leave.”

9. **Annual Report on the Staffordshire Local Community Fund 2018** (Pages 25 - 34)

Report of the Director of Corporate Services

10. **Committee Membership (to be circulated at the meeting)**

To consider the appointment of the members to Committees on the nomination of Group Leaders.

11. **Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees and Panels (to be circulated at the meeting)**

12. **Appointment of members to Outside Bodies 2018/19 (to be circulated at the meeting)**

13. **Report of the Chairman of the Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel** (Pages 35 - 38)

14. **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

15. **Petitions**

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

16. **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)

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