

14 February 2023

Dear Councillor,

The next Meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, 22 February 2023 in Council Chamber - Moorlands House, Leek at 6.30 pm.

The Agenda for the Meeting is attached at Appendix 'A'.

Tea and Coffee will be served in the Churnet Room between 6:00pm and 6:25pm.

Yours faithfully,

M Trillo

**Executive Director and Monitoring Officer**

**NOTE**

Members are asked to note that under Section 106 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992, if they are more than two months in arrears with a payment of their Council Tax, they must disclose the fact as soon as practicable after the commencement of any meeting at which discussion takes place on any matters affecting the setting or limitation of the Council Tax and shall not vote on any question with respect to the matter.

Councillors using the Car Park at the rear of the Council Offices are requested to indicate on their car that it is being used by a Councillor whenever they use the Car Park, otherwise they may be challenged by the Council's Car Park Attendant.

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**Prayers will be offered prior to the commencement of the meeting.**

1. Apologies for absence, if any.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting **(Pages 5 - 12)**
3. Urgent items of business, if any (24 hours notice to be provided to the Chairman).
4. Declarations of interest
  1. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
  2. Other Interests
5. Chairman's or Leader's announcements and correspondence, if any.
6. Receipt of petitions, if any.
7. To consider and debate any recommendations from the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Panels and Committees, if any.
  - 7.1 Cabinet - 2023/24 Budget & Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2026/27 **(Pages 13 - 108)**
  - 7.2 Cabinet - Revised Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme **(Pages 109 - 136)**
  - 7.3 Cabinet - Empty Property Strategy Update **(Pages 137 - 196)**
8. Recommendations from meetings in the interim period prior to the Council Meeting, if any.
  - 8.1 Audit and Accounts Committee - Treasury Management Update **(Pages 197 - 204)**
  - 8.2 Audit and Accounts Committee - Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2023/24 **(Pages 205 - 238)**
9. Notices of Motion in accordance with Procedure Rule No. 8, if any.
10. To answer questions asked under Procedure Rule No. 10, if any.

**(At least two clear days notice required, in writing, to the Proper Officer in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.3.)**
11. Revised Political Balance
12. Scrutiny Review **(Pages 239 - 244)**
13. Pay Policy Statement 2023/24 **(Pages 245 - 262)**
14. Setting of the Council Tax 2023/24
15. Exclusion of the Press and Public:  
The Chairman to move:-

*“That, pursuant to Section 100A(2) and (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings whereby it is likely that confidential information as defined in Section 100A (3) of the Act would be disclosed to the public in breach of the obligation of confidence or exempt information as defined in Section 100 I (1) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act would be disclosed to the*

*public by virtue of the Paragraphs indicated.”*

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