



26 November 2024

Dear Councillor,

The next Meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, 4 December 2024 in The Council Chamber, Moorlands House, Stockwell Street, Leek at 6.00 pm.

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

Tea and Coffee will be served in the **Dove Room** between 5.30pm and 5:55pm.

Yours faithfully,

M. Trillo  
**Executive Director & Monitoring Officer**

## **NOTE**

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 Licensing and Regulatory Committee - Street Trading Policy **(Pages 13 - 36)**  
Recommendation  
That the amended Street Trading Policy 2024-2027 be approved.
  - 7.2 Constitution Review Working Party - Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules **(Pages 37 - 52)**  
Recommendation  
That the revised Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules be approved.
  - 7.3 Constitution Review Working Party - Proposed Parental Leave Policy for Councillors **(Pages 53 - 58)**  
Recommendation  
That the Parental Leave Policy for Members be adopted.
  - 7.4 Standards Committee - Annual Report **(Pages 59 - 66)**  
Recommendation  
That the Standards Committee Annual report be noted.
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 67 - 74)**  
Recommendation  
That the current Treasury Management position at the quarter ended 30 September 2024 be noted.

9. Local Government Boundary Review

Recommendation

Further to the resolution of Council on 16 October 2024 the Sub-Committee of Council established to co-ordinate liaison with the Local Government Boundary Commission for England be comprised as follows:

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| Conservative | 3 nominations |
| Independent  | 2 nominations |
| Labour       | 3 nominations |

10. Approval of Dispensation

Recommendation

1. To note the urgent decision taken on 11 November 2024 by the Council's Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council and political group leaders, to approve a dispensation in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 to Councillor D. Shaw from attending meetings of the Council and its constituent bodies due to his ongoing treatment for a medical condition until after the next meeting of Full Council.
2. To approve a further dispensation until the next meeting of the Council when the situation will be reviewed.

11. Notices of Motion in accordance with Procedure Rule No. 8, if any.

11 .1 Cllr L. Malyon

The Chancellor in her budget in one swoop has changed farming as we know it, farmers may be land rich but they are not rich in real terms. Farmers are the backbone of England and we definitely see it here in the Staffordshire Moorlands. In the long term what the Chancellor has done is wipe out farming for the future generations, yes the threshold is £1 million but at today's prices that is not a lot it will also affect the smaller farmer, farms are passed down generation to generation. The agricultural relief is of great concern to the farming community if that has gone then more and more farmers will hit the wall, we are already losing farmers.

If this goes ahead we will see a drastic change in our landscape that is looked after by our farmers 24/7 every day of the year.

We have got write to the government and protest on behalf of our farming community, they have to sit down and talk to the farmers and realise that what has been proposed is wrong and needs changing, without farmers in the future we will have no quality food it will all come from abroad and be substandard to what we have from the British Farmer.

11 .2 Cllr J. Porter

Council notes that:

- The recent 2024 Autumn Budget change to Inheritance Tax relief announced by the Labour Government will introduce a Family Farm Tax and will have a detrimental impact on 1,126 Family Farms across the Staffordshire Moorlands and farmers' ability to pass on their farms to the next generation of farmers.

Council believes that:

- The Labour Government have committed a shameful betrayal and let down farmers by breaking their promise to not introduce a Family Farm Tax.
- The Family Farm Tax will damage the ability of farmers to pass on their farms to their children.
- Labour's Family Farm Tax will threaten food security by forcing the sale of family farms.
- The Labour Government's Family Farm Tax will make British food production harder.
- That the Secretary of State for the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Steve Reed and Keir Starmer promised not to introduce a tax like this.
- Numerous rural and farming organisations such as the National Farmers Union and Country Land and Business Association have warned that countless farms will be harmed, threatening food security and rural areas.
- The comments made by Secretary of State for the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Steve Reed that already struggling farmers will have to 'do more with less'.
- At a time when many farmers in the Staffordshire Moorlands are struggling with soaring costs and energy prices, this sudden tax rise will damage the future of their farms.

Council resolves:

- To request that the Council writes to the Secretary of State for the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to outline the Council's dismay at this decision and calls on the Government to stop the Family Farm Tax.
  - That the Council engages with local farmers and community representatives on what support Council can do to support them.
  - That a list must be published of affected farms.
12. To answer questions asked under Procedure Rule No. 10, if any.
  13. To consider any political group appointments or changes to membership, if any.
  14. 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.”*

15. To consider and debate any recommendations from the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Panels and Committees, if any.
16. To answer questions asked under Procedure Rule No. 10, if any.