

LICHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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To : **Members of the Lichfield District Council**

In accordance with Paragraph 4(2) of Part 1 of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972, you are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the Lichfield District Council which will be held in the Council Chamber, District Council House, Frog Lane, Lichfield, on **TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2014 at 6.00 pm.**

Prayers will be said by The Very Reverend Archimandrite S. Piers.

Access to the Council Chamber is either via the Members' Entrance or the main door to the vestibule.



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AGENDA

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (if any).
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.
- 3 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 8 JULY 2014 (VOLUME 42 PART 2 MINUTE BOOK).
- 4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.
- 5 REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL ON CABINET DECISIONS FROM THE MEETINGS HELD 15 JULY AND 9 SEPTEMBER 2014 AND CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS (GREY ENCLOSURE).
- 6 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF LEISURE PARKS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE (YELLOW ENCLOSURE). **(to follow)**
- 7 REPORT OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF STRATEGIC (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE (BLUE ENCLOSURE). **(to follow)**
- 8 REPORT OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF ECONOMIC GROWTH, ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE (BUFF ENCLOSURE). **(to follow)**

- 9 THE CHAIRMEN/VICE CHAIRMAN INDICATED BELOW TO MOVE THAT THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES (VOLUME 42 PART 2 MINUTE BOOK) BE RECEIVED AND, WHERE NECESSARY, APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

	Committee	2014	Pages	Chairman/Vice-Chairman
(a)	Planning	30 June	17-19	Mrs H. E. Fisher
(b)	Audit	1 July	20	R. C. Mosson
(c)	Planning	21 July	28-31	D. Smedley
(d)	Employment	24 July	32	J. J. R. Powell
(e)	Planning	11 August	33-34	Mrs H. E. Fisher
(f)	Planning	1 September	35-40	Mrs H. E. Fisher

10 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To agree to the appointment of Councillor Leytham as the substitute Member on the Staffordshire Police and Crime Panel in the event that Councillor Greatorex cannot attend a meeting.

11 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2013/2014

The Council is asked to approve the Statement of Accounts for 2013/2014 (see document attached).

12 QUESTIONS

To answer any questions under Procedure Rule 10.2.

13 NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillors Mynott and Norman have submitted the following Notice of Motion:

Council notes the recent debate in Parliament on the Bedroom Tax. MPs have now acknowledged the disastrous consequences of what is called the "Spare Room Subsidy" but is better and more widely known as the Bedroom Tax.

Proposed changes to the regulations which would recognise the lack of smaller properties for tenants to move to and ensure that when tenants have significantly adapted property or need a second bedroom for medical reasons, they do not face a housing benefit penalty. Existing tenants who are 'under-occupying' and signed leases prior to April 2013 would not, under these new proposals have their housing benefit cut unless they have been made at least one reasonable offer to alternative social rented accommodation with the correct number of bedrooms.

The Private Members Bill received cross-party support with 306 voting in support and 231 against.

These proposed changes to the policy have been supported by a number of organisations including Shelter, The Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Crisis, Oxfam and the Disability Benefits Consortium.

This Council has now reconsidered its position and supports the provisions of the Private Members' Bill so that tenants in Lichfield District will no longer have to suffer the worst impacts of this iniquitous legislation.

14 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: That as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, which would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3, 4 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.

EXEMPT ITEMS NOT ISSUED TO PUBLIC AND PRESS

15 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL ON CABINET DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2014 (PINK ENCLOSURE)

16 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF LEISURE PARKS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE (PINK ENCLOSURE) **(to follow)**

17 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF STRATEGIC (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE (PINK ENCLOSURE) **(to follow)**

18 ASSET STRATEGY REVIEW

To consider the attached reports submitted to Cabinet on 9 September 2014 and Strategic (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee on 23 September 2014 and the recommendations made by Cabinet. (The views of Strategic (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee will be forwarded after their meeting).