

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 9 DECEMBER 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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A G E N D A

- 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 30 SEPTEMBER 2014 (VOLUME 42 PART 3 MINUTE BOOK).
- 4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.
- 5 REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL ON CABINET DECISIONS FROM THE MEETINGS HELD 7 OCTOBER AND 4 NOVEMBER 2014 AND CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS (GREY ENCLOSURE).
- 6 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND HEALTH (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE (GREEN ENCLOSURE).
- 7 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF ECONOMIC GROWTH, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE (BUFF ENCLOSURE).
- 8 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF STRATEGIC (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE (BLUE ENCLOSURE).
- 9 THE CHAIRMEN INDICATED BELOW TO MOVE THAT THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES (VOLUME 42 PART 3 MINUTE BOOK) BE RECEIVED AND, WHERE NECESSARY, APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

	Committee	2014	Pages	Chairman
(a)	Audit	8 October	57 - 58	R. C. Mosson
(b)	Planning	13 October	59 - 60	Mrs H. E. Fisher
(c)	Planning	3 November	61 - 64	Mrs H. E. Fisher
(d)	Regulatory and Licensing	20 November	65 - 67	B. W. Derrick
(e)	Planning	24 November	68 -69	Mrs H. E. Fisher

10 GREATER BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (GREY ENCLOSURE)

- (a) To note the content of the attached Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 October 2014.
- (b) To approve the Terms of Reference and Call-In document attached.
- (c) To agree that Councillor Pullen be the required Alternate Member.

11 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

To agree the following changes to Committees:

- (a) Councillor Mrs Bacon to fill the vacancy on Planning Committee
- (b) Councillor Leytham to fill the vacancy on Audit Committee
- (c) Councillor Leytham to fill the vacancy on Economic Growth, Environment and Development (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee
- (d) Councillor White to replace Councillor Leytham on Strategic (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee.
- (e) Councillors Mrs Eagland and Pullen to replace Councillors Mrs Arnold and White on Planning Committee
- (f) Councillor Leytham to be appointed as Vice Chairman of Audit Committee

12 NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA DESIGNATIONS

To agree that the Parish of Hammerwich, the Fradley Ward of the Fradley and Streethay Parish and that part of the Whittington Ward which falls within Fradley and Streethay Parish be designated as Neighbourhood Areas for the purposes of preparing Neighbourhood Plans under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). The report can be accessed through the District Council website by selecting the following link: - <http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/997/cabinet>

13 QUESTIONS

To answer any questions under Procedure Rule 10.2.

14 NOTICE OF MOTION

(a) 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.

(b) Councillors Norman and Mrs Woodward have submitted the following Notice of Motion:

Members are concerned about the findings of the recent Peer Review on the state of Lichfield District Council and notes that the report concluded that "Overview and Scrutiny is currently trying to do too much for the resource available". Members therefore urge the Cabinet to ensure that Overview and Scrutiny is properly resourced in the 2015/2016 budget so that all members of the Council can play their part in helping the Cabinet improve the quality of its management.

15 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

- 16 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL ON CABINET DECISIONS FROM THE MEETINGS HELD ON 7 OCTOBER AND 4 NOVEMBER 2014 (PINK ENCLOSURE)
- 17 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND HEALTH (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE (PINK ENCLOSURE).
- 18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF LEISURE PARKS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE (PINK ENCLOSURE).