



Tuesday, 3 October 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, 11 October 2023 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Foster Avenue, Beeston NG9 1AB, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Should you require advice on declaring an interest in any item on the agenda, please contact the Monitoring Officer at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

To Councillors:

D Bagshaw	A Kingdon
S A Bagshaw	H Land
P J Bales	D L MacRae
L A Ball BEM	R D MacRae
R E Bofinger	G Marshall
M Brown	J W McGrath
R Bullock	W Mee
G Bunn	J M Owen
B C Carr	P J Owen
C Carr	S Paterson
S J Carr	D D Pringle
A Cooper	M Radulovic MBE
H L Crosby	H E Skinner
T A Cullen	P A Smith
S Dannheimer	V C Smith
H J Faccio	A W G A Stockwell
R S Falvey	C M Tideswell
K Harlow	D K Watts
G S Hills	S Webb
S P Jeremiah	E Williamson
S Kerry	E Winfield
H G Khaled MBE	K Woodhead

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies and to be notified of the attendance of substitutes.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest in any item on the agenda.

3. MINUTES

(Pages 7 - 20)

The Committee is asked to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2023.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive announcements from the Mayor.

5. LEADER'S REPORT

To receive a report from the Leader and to receive questions and answers on the report should there be any.

6. MOTIONS

The Following notice of motion has been submitted by Councillor R D MacRae:

The intimidation and abuse of Councillors, in person or otherwise, undermines democracy; preventing elected Members from representing the communities they serve, deterring individuals from standing for election, and undermining public life in democratic processes.

This Council notes that increasing levels of toxicity in public and political discourse is having a detrimental impact of local democracy and that prevention, support and responses to abuse and intimidation of local politicians must improve to ensure Councillors feel safe and able to continue representing their residents.

This Council therefore commits to challenge the normalisation of abuse against Councillors and officers and

uphold exemplary standards of public and political debate in all it does. The Council further agrees to sign up to the LGA's Debate Not Hate campaign. The campaign aims to raise public awareness of the role of Councillors in local communities, encourage healthy debate and improve the response to and support those in public life facing abuse and intimidation.

In addition, this Council resolves to:

- Write to the local Member of Parliament to ask them to support the campaign
- Write to the Government to ask them to work with the LGA to develop and implement a plan to address abuse and intimidation of politicians
- Ensure the Council has a clear reporting mechanism which Councillors can use to monitor and record incidents of harassment and abuse of Councillors and Officers
- Regularly review the support available to Councillors in relation to abuse and intimidation and Councillor safety
- Work with the local Police to ensure there is a clear and joined-up mechanism for reporting threats and other concerns about the safety of Councillors and their families and discuss the need to take a preventative approach that accounts for the specific risks that Councillors face, as they do with other high-risk individuals, like MPs
- Take a zero-tolerance approach to abuse of Councillors and Officers.

7. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

(Pages 21 - 36)

Following consideration by the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee, Council is asked to consider amendments to the Local Joint Consultative Committee, Policy Overview Working Group and the Events, Arts, Culture and Heritage Working Group and in addition to provide a provision in the Constitution to allow for urgent items to be considered at full Council meetings.

8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To receive questions from members of the public.

9. PORTFOLIO HOLDER REPORTS

9.1 Report of the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Personnel Policy (Pages 37 - 42)

9.2 Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Asset Management (Pages 43 - 46)

9.3 Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing (Pages 47 - 50)

9.4 Report of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Health (Pages 51 - 56)

9.5 Report of the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change (Pages 57 - 60)

9.6 Report of the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety (Pages 61 - 66)

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

To receive reports from the Committees and receive questions and answers on the reports.

11. REPORT ON SCRUTINY MATTERS

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will give a report to full Council and answer questions on Scrutiny matters.

12. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

To receive petitions submitted to the Council.

13. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

The Local Government Act 1972 states that when a Councillor fails to attend any meeting for six consecutive months from the date of their last attendance, then, subject to certain exceptions, they cease to be a Member of the authority, unless the Council accepts a reason for the failure to attend before the six months expires. Councillor S A Bagshaw is currently unable to attend Council meetings and in the circumstances, it is put before Members to consider a dispensation under Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the period of six months from 11 October 2023 before which forfeiture applies.

Council is asked to CONSIDER a dispensation for Councillor S A Bagshaw for a period of six months from the date of this meeting and RESOLVE accordingly.

14. BROXTOWE INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

Councillors B C Carr and S J Carr have advised that they have ceased representing the Liberal Democrat Group, whilst Councillors D L MacRae, R D MacRae and E Williamson have advised that they have ceased representing the Council as Independent Members. All five Members intend to sit as representatives of the Broxtowe Independent Group. There will be an effect on the composition of committees of the Council for the purposes of proportionality. This will be considered during a further item on the agenda.

15. RECOGNITION OF POLITICAL LEADERS

The Council is requested to note the Members chosen as Leader and Deputy Leader of the Broxtowe Independent Group and the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group.

16. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

To make appointments to committees and working groups.

17. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

To receive questions from Members.

18. MEMBERS' SPEECHES ON WARD ISSUES

To receive Members' speeches on ward issues.

19. QUESTIONS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive questions from Members on Outside Bodies.