

COUNCIL MEETING 19TH APRIL 2006

AGENDA

PART I

Open to Press and Public

1. **PRAYERS**

To be said by the Reverend John Cox of Chaddesley Corbett and Stone.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, to invite Members to declare the existence and nature of any personal or personal and prejudicial interests in the following agenda items. Members should indicate the action they will be taking when the item is considered.

Members are also invited to make any declaration in relation to Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

(See guidance note on front cover)

4. **MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1st March 2006. (Attached)

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

In accordance with the Council's Scheme for Public Speaking at Meetings of Full Council, to allow members of the public to present petitions, ask questions, or make statements, details of which have been received by 9am, Thursday 13th April 2006. (See front cover for contact details.)

6. **PETITION - ICE RINK**

To receive a petition, signed by 103 residents, asking for a local ice rink.

In accordance with Standing Order C12, to consider referring the petition to the next appropriate meeting of the Community and Leisure Policy and Scrutiny Panel.

7. **QUESTIONS**

To receive questions submitted in accordance with Standing Order A5 by Members of the Council and the replies of the Leader of the Council, or appropriate Cabinet Member.

(Please note that, with the agreement of Group Leaders, the deadline for the receipt of questions has been brought forward to 9am Thursday, 13th April 2006 in view of the Easter break.)

8. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive a list of functions attended by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman since the previous meeting of the Council (attached) and such verbal communications as the Chairman of the Council may desire to put before the Council, which are not already included within the agenda.

9. **LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORT**

To receive announcements and any matters for report from the Leader of the Council. (Verbal report)

10. **POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK – MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE A DECISION BY COUNCIL**

a) **Recommendation from the Ethics and Standards Committee – 6th March 2006** (Attached)

- Publicity of Members' Activities in their Role as District Councillors

b) **Recommendation from the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee – 8th March 2006** (Attached)

- Responding to Government's and Other Public Bodies' Consultation Papers

c) **Recommendations from the Cabinet – 30th March 2006** (Attached)

- Draft Air Quality Strategy
- Wyre Forest District Council Private Sector Housing Policy 2006

Copies of the reports and associated documents, referred to in the above section, have been circulated electronically to Members and posted on the Council's website under "Know Your Councillor – Meetings Diary". Public inspection copies are available on request. (See front cover for contact details)

11. MOTIONS SUBMITTED UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. D1 (1)

To consider a motion received from Councillor J A Shaw, in accordance with Standing Order No. D1(1), asking the Council to support the Sustainable Communities Bill. (Attached)

(Owing to the Easter break, this agenda is being issued before the noon 10th April 2006 deadline for the receipt of motions. Any more motions received by the due time will follow separately.)

12. URGENT MOTIONS SUBMITTED UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. D1 (7)

To consider any motions in the order in which they have been received which, by reason of special circumstances, should be considered as a matter of urgency, in accordance with Standing Order No. D1(7).

13. HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION AND HOUSING ENFORCEMENT POLICY

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment which proposes the introduction of policies, in relation to houses in multiple occupation (HMOs) and housing enforcement. The report also seeks an addition to the Scheme of Delegation to Officers regarding the Housing Act 2004 and related legislation. (Attached)

Copies of the appendices to the above report have been circulated electronically to Members and have been posted on the Council's website under "Know Your Councillor – Meetings Diary". Public inspection copies are available on request. (See front cover for contact details)

14. DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION DAY - POSSIBLE STRIKE ACTION

In view of the possibility of a strike by UNISON members on 4th May 2006, the day of the District Council Elections, which would affect the availability of some polling stations:

The Council is asked to DECIDE:

- "(1) Throughout the Council area, whole polling districts be identified as 'polling places', to allow the Returning Officer the discretion to choose suitable alternative premises as polling stations should existing ones not be available as a result of strike action, and
- (2) in certain exceptional circumstances where no such alternatives exist within a polling district or electoral area (ward), the Returning Officer be authorised to use premises which are partly or wholly outside such areas."

15. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

If necessary, to consider passing the following resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of an item containing “exempt” information:

“DECISION:

Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of “exempt information” as defined in the relevant paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.”

PART 2

Not Open to Press and Public

There are no items scheduled for this part of the agenda.

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
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