

## COUNCIL MEETING

Venue: **Town Hall, Moorgate Street, Rotherham. S60 2TH**      Date: **Wednesday, 10th December, 2014**  
Time: **2.00 p.m.**

## A G E N D A

1. Council Minutes (Pages 1 - 22)
2. Communications
3. Questions from the Public
4. Cabinet Minutes (Pages 23 - 66)  
**Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 – Delegation of Powers (Minute No. C77) (Pages 84C-86C)**  
**Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham (BDR) Waste Private Finance Initiative (PFI) – Delegations in Respect of Operational Matters (Minute No. C81) (Page 88C)**  
**Rent Collection and Arrears Recovery Policy (Minute No. C88) (Pages 94C-95C)**  
**Revision to Standing Orders – Quorum for Cabinet (Minute No. C90) (Page 96C)**  
**Scrutiny Review of Standing Orders and Cabinet Response (Minute No. C95) (Pages 104C-107C)**
5. Delegated Powers (Pages 67 - 127)
  - Children and Education Services – Pages 4F – 20F (Section F)
  - Environment – Pages 21G- 23G (Section G)
  - Adult Social Care and Health – Pages 9H- 30H (Section H)
  - Business Growth and Regeneration – Pages 10I-12I (Section I)
  - Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods – Pages 30J-40J (Section J)
  - Adult Social Care and Health and Children and Education Services – Pages 1L-5L (Section L)

6. Audit Committee (Pages 128 - 133)
7. Licensing Board (Pages 134 - 141)
8. Licensing Board Sub-Committee (Pages 142 - 145)
9. Health and Wellbeing Board (Pages 146 - 164)
10. Planning Board (Pages 165 - 173)
11. Staffing Committee (Pages 174 - 175)  
**Market Supplement Arrangements in relation to the Appointment of the Interim Director of Children's Services (Minute No. U8) (Page 4U)**
12. Questions to Cabinet Members and Chairmen
13. Questions to Spokespersons
14. Membership Arrangements 2014/15

To confirm revisions to:-

Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority:-

- For Councillor N. Hamilton to replace Councillor Foden on the Transport Committee.
- For Councillor Sangster to be included on the Audit Committee.

Improving Places Select Commission:-

- For Councillor C. Vines to replace Councillor Finne.

Planning Board

- For Councillor Whelbourn to be the named substitute for Wentworth South.

Health Select Commission:-

- For Councillor Watson to be included on the membership and for him to replace Councillor Wyatt as Chairman.

Self Regulation Select Commission:-

- For Councillor Wyatt to be included on the membership and for him to replace Councillor Watson as Vice-Chairman.

Standards Committee:-

- For Councillor Roddison to be added to the membership of the Standards Committee.

Police and Crime Panel:-

- For Councillor Sangster to replace Councillor Sharman on the membership of the Police and Crime Panel.

#### 15. Motion - Committee Form of Governance

UKIP Councillors recognises that the Cabinet System of Governance creates a democratic deficit in local government, with key decisions made by very few elected members.

And especially with the reduction in numbers of Cabinet posts recently announced.

We believe that this will allow less democracy in decision making and with the portfolio members taking on further responsibilities without the appropriate skills this will lead to detrimental decisions being made.

An in light of the events and revelations of the past months which is now know that Cabinet Members were part of the problem with recognising child sexual exploitation in Rotherham Council.

We put forward our motion to change the Council's form of governance in accordance with Section 9K and 9KC of the Local Government Act 2000 to a committee form of governance as provided in Section 9B (1) (b). This new form of governance will come into force from the Council's 2015 AGM.

Proposer:- Councillor C. Vines

Seconder:- Councillor M. Vines

#### 16. Motion - Standards Committee

UKIP believes in openness and transparency and above all fairness and full accountability.

We believe that the present arrangement of the Standards Committee is fundamentally flawed and puts the Monitoring Officer and the Legal Department of the Council in an unattainable position.

It is like putting a fox in charge of the chickens and telling it which one be killed with the farmer holding a gun to its head.

With the fox being the Monitoring Officer, the chicken being the accused and the farmer the ruling party.

Over the years the Standards Committee has and still is a toothless waste of time in its present situation and should be disbanded.

We put forward our motion to change the Council's un-transparent Standards Committee from its present form where the Monitoring Officer is responsible for making the decision of who goes before it or who does not, this is unfair and unacceptable for the Council's own Legal Department to be judge and jury.

We believe this Committee should be made up of five Independent Members and four Elected Members; one from each Party and Independent.

All cases go to the Committee to be decided on whether a full hearing is required or not.

The Council's Monitoring Officer or Legal Representative should only be involved in giving legal advice and guidance.

This new method of governance of the Committee should come into force at the Council's 2015 Annual Meeting to give time to set it up.

Proposer:- Councillor C. Vines

Seconder:- Councillor Reynolds

17. Motion - SHOUT (Social Housing Under Threat)

That this Council:-

- (a) Supports the launch of the SHOUT (Social Housing Under Threat) campaign on 18 June 2014.
- (b) Agrees with SHOUT that building social housing - social rented homes - is at the core of tackling the housing crisis nationally and locally in Rotherham and that social rented housing meets needs that other tenures cannot address.
- (c) Notes under the Coalition Government the funding of social housing has become increasingly marginalised with the latest prospectus for bidders from the Homes and Communities Agency stating that 'social rent provision will only be supported in very limited circumstances.'
- (d) Welcomes the proposal to build 125 new affordable homes by the Council and Housing Associations over the next 3 years and to acquire a further 63 new homes. However, this provision only makes a small contribution towards meeting the identified housing need and is significantly less than the amount of social housing lost each year through the Right to Buy scheme.
- (e) Regrets that social housing faces great challenges in meeting the needs of those affected by welfare cuts and rule changes over the last three years, including the damaging "bedroom tax", and increased pressure from the escalating number of Council homes lost through the Right to

Buy scheme.

- (f) Resolves to support the work of the SHOUT campaign and take a lead in affirming the positive value and purpose of social rented housing.

Proposer:- Councillor Godfrey

Secunder:- Councillor Ellis

- 18. To determine any item which the Mayor is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

**J. COLLINS,**  
Director of Legal and Democratic Services.