

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL SUMMONS

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Rotherham will be held at Bailey House, Bailey Suite, Rotherham, on Wednesday, 28th July, 2010 at 2.00 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. To submit for approval the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 21st May, 2010 - Pages 1A to 11A (Section A)
2. To consider any communication received by the Mayor or the Chief Executive and to pass a resolution or resolutions thereon.
3. To consider any questions from the Public.
4. To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Standards Committee - Pages 1B to 7B (Section B)
5. To receive a report from the Leader and to consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Cabinet - Pages 1C to 29C (Section C) including the following recommendations to Council:-
 - Audit Committee Annual Report 2009/10 (Minute No. C15) (Page 10C)
 - Children and Young People's Plan 2010-2013 (Minute No. C19) (Pages 13C – 14C)
 - Capital and Asset Management Strategies, Plans and Programmes 2010/11 - £1.5 million Capital Investment Block (Minute No. C20) (Pages 14C -15C)
 - Revenue Account Outturn 2009/10 (Minute No. C21) (Pages 15C -16C)
 - Corporate Plan (Minute No. C29) (Page 22C)
6. To consider the following reports of meetings of Cabinet Members:-
 - Children and Young People – Pages 1D to 29D (Section D)
 - Community Development and Engagement – Pages 1E to 8E (Section E)
 - Cultural Services and Sport – Pages 1F to 24F (Section F)

Economic Development, Planning and Transportation – Pages 1G to 27G (Section G)

Health and Social Care – Pages 1H to 25H (Section H)

Housing and Neighbourhoods – Pages 1J to 22J (Section J)

Resources – Pages 1K to 20K (Section K)

Streetpride– Pages 1L to 3L (Section L)

Economic Development, Planning and Transportation and Streetpride – Pages 1M to 11M (Section M)

Deputy Leader – Pages 1N to 2N (Section N)

7. To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Audit Committee - Pages 1P to 10P (Section P)
8. To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Licensing Board - Pages 1Q to 6Q (Section Q)
9. To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Planning Board - Pages 1T to 64T (Section T)
10. To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Leader and Deputy Leader - Page 1U - 7U (Section U)
11. To put questions, if any, to Cabinet Members and Chairmen (or their representatives) under Standing Order No. 7(1) and 7(3).
12. To put questions, if any, to the designated Members on the discharge of functions of the South Yorkshire Police Authority, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority and South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, in accordance with Standing Order No. 7(5).
13. Audit Committee Annual Report 2009/10 - report herewith (Pages 1 - 15)
14. Scrutiny Annual Report - Chairman of the Performance and Scrutiny Overview Committee to report
15. Cabinet Member Portfolios - Leader to report

16. Parish Review - Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) (Pages 16 - 19)

17. VAT Increase

To consider the adoption of the following motion :-

This Council notes:

That the increase in VAT from 17.5% to 20% announced in the Government's June Budget will fall hardest on those least able to afford it.

That the increase in VAT will lead to higher prices for goods and services; will have a disproportionate impact on pensioners and other low income groups; and will have a severe impact on businesses, charities and community groups in Rotherham.

That the effect of the increase in VAT, when taken with other measures in the Budget, will be unfair to pensioners, who have not had a compensatory increase in other benefits and allowances.

That the way the VAT increase will affect pensioners and other low income groups runs counter to the Government's Coalition Agreement statement on 20 May 2010 that it would "ensure that fairness is at the heart of those decisions so that all those most in need are protected."

That the Institute of Fiscal Studies has stated the VAT increase was not "unavoidable," as the Chancellor of the Exchequer said in his Budget speech.

This Council resolves:

To write directly to the Chancellor of the Exchequer raising concerns about the impact of the proposed VAT increase on pensioners, other vulnerable groups and businesses in Rotherham.

To call on the Members of Parliament representing the Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham to stand up for its pensioners, businesses and wider community, to voice their opposition to this unfair increase in VAT and to vote against it in Parliament.

Mover: Councillor Roger Stone Seconded: Councillor Terry Sharman

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

T. C. MUMFORD

Assistant Chief Executive, Legal and Democratic Services

19th July, 2010