ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL



Council Offices, Urban Road, Kirkby in Ashfield Nottingham NG17 8DA

Agenda

Council

Date:	Thursday, 29th November, 2018
Time:	7.00 pm
Venue:	Council Chamber, Council Offices, Urban Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield
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COUNCIL Membership

Chairman:	Councillor Glenys Maxwell
Vice-Chairman:	Councillor Tony Brewer

Councillors:

Lee Anderson Chris Baron Amanda Brown Chervl Butler Don Davis **David Griffiths** Tom Hollis John Knight Cathy Mason Keir Morrison Mick Murphy Christine Quinn-Wilcox Kevin Rostance **Robert Sears-Piccavey** Mike Smith Sam Wilson Vacancy

Jim Aspinall Rachel Bissett Tim Brown Christian Chapman Joanne Donnelly Helen Hollis **Jackie James** Rachel Madden Lauren Mitchell Lachlan Morrison Nicolle Ndiweni Paul Roberts Phil Rostance Helen-Ann Smith John Wilmott Jason Zadrozny

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SUMMONS

You are hereby requested to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at the time/place and on the date mentioned above for the purpose of transacting the business set out below.

R. Mitchell Chief Executive

AGENDA

- 1. To receive apologies for absence, if any.
- 2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interests and Non Disclosable Pecuniary/Other Interests.
- **3.** To receive and approve as correct records the minutes of the 9 28 meetings of the Council held on 11th October and 23rd October, 2018.
- 4. To receive any announcements from the Chairman, Leader, Members of the Cabinet and the Head of Paid Service.
- 5. To receive questions from the Public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, if any.
 - 1. From Ms. Natalie Bryan:

To the Portfolio Holder for Environment:

"It has been revealed that during the 'Ashfield Big Spring Clean' that asbestos was dumped in the skip on Babbacombe Way (in Hucknall). Will the portfolio holder now accept responsibility for exposing the public, council workers and contractors to this hazardous, carcinogenic material?"

2. <u>From Ms. Lynda Mcleod on behalf of Butlers Hill Project</u> <u>Community Group, Hucknall:</u>

To Councillor Helen-Ann Smith as the Portfolio Holder responsible for Parks and Open Spaces:

"The proposed banning of dogs from Ashfield sports pitches & parks is a move which will punish responsible dog owners who clean up after their pets. Will the portfolio holder responsible confirm that these proposals will not go any further?"

6. To receive and consider any petitions submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12, if any. (None received for this meeting)

- 7. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2 (viii) to receive reports from the Cabinet in relation to the Council's budget and policy framework, reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for debate and reports from Officers of the Council:
 - a Report on Urgent Key Decision.
 - **b Polling District and Polling Places Review.** 29 64
- 8. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2 (ix), to receive 65 156 recommendations from the Cabinet and the Council's Committees and resolve in accordance with the Council's rules of debate as per the attached schedule.

9. Notices of Motion.

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Motion 1

To consider a notice of motion proposed by Councillor Lachlan Morrison and seconded by Councillor Don Davis, as follows:-

"Breaking Point campaign

This Council notes that many council budgets are now at Breaking Point. Austerity has caused huge damage to communities up and down the UK, with devastating effects on key public services that protect the most defenceless in society – children at risk, disabled adults and vulnerable older people – and the services we all rely on, like clean streets, libraries, and children's centres;

- Tory cuts mean councils have lost 60p out of every £1 that the last Labour Government was spending on local government in 2010;
- Councils had to spend an extra £800m last year to meet the demand on vital services to protect children by over;
- With an aging population and growing demand adult social care faces a gap of £3.5 billion with only 14% of council workers now confident that vulnerable local residents are safe and cared for;
- Government cuts have seen over 500 children's centres and 475 libraries close, potholes are left unfilled, and 80% of councils' workers now say have no confidence in the future of local services;
- Northamptonshire has already gone bust due to Tory incompetence at both national and local level, and more councils are predicted to collapse without immediate emergency funding;
- Councils now face a further funding gap of £7.8 billion by 2025 just to keep services 'standing still' and meeting additional

demand. Even Lord Gary Porter, the Conservative Chair of the Local Government Association, has said 'Councils can no longer be expected to run our vital local services on a shoestring';

This Council condemns Chief Secretary to the Treasury Liz Truss for stating on BBC Newsnight on 1st October 2018 that the government is "not making cuts to local authorities", when all independent assessments of government spending show that this is entirely false; and that this Council further notes that Prime Minister Theresa May has also claimed that "austerity is over" despite planning a further £1.3bn of cuts to council budgets over the next year;

This Council agrees with the aims of the 'Breaking Point' petition signed by Labour councillors across the country, in calling for the Prime Minister and Chancellor to truly end austerity in local government by:

- Using the Budget to reverse next years planned £1.3bn cut to council budgets;
- Immediately investing £2bn in children's services and £2bn in adult social care to stop these vital emergency services from collapsing;
- Pledging to use the Spending Review to restore council funding to 2010 levels over the next four years;

This Council resolves to:

- Support the 'Breaking Point' campaign, recognising the devastating impact that austerity has had on our local community;
- Ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Prime Minister, and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government setting out the funding pressures faced by our local council, and calling on the Government to truly end austerity in local government."

Motion 2

To consider a notice of motion proposed by Councillor Mike Smith and seconded by Councillor David Griffiths, as follows:-

"This council notes

• Though slavery was abolished in the UK in 1833, there are more slaves today than ever before in human history. Figures from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) suggest that there are more than 40 million people in modern slavery across the world, with nearly 25 million held in forced labour.

- There were 3805 victims of modern slavery identified in the UK in 2016. A rising number but still well below the 10,000 and 13,000 potential victims estimated by the Home Office.
- Modern Slavery is happening nationwide. Traffickers and slave masters use whatever means they have at their disposal to coerce, deceive and force individuals into a life of abuse, servitude and inhumane treatment. This can include sexual and criminal exploitation.

This council believes:

- That action needs to be taken to raise awareness of modern slavery and the fact that it is happening all over the UK.
- That the current support for victims is not sufficient and needs to go beyond the 45 days they are currently given by the government.
- That councils have an important role to play in ensuring their contracts and supplies don't contribute to modern day slavery and exploitation.

This council resolves:

• To adopt the Co-operative Party's Charter against Modern Slavery to ensure our procurement practices don't support slavery."

(Charter attached)

10. To answer any questions submitted in writing by Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, if any.

Question 1

Question from Councillor Lee Anderson to the Leader of the Council:

"Could the council leader please advise on what damage, if any has been caused to our war memorials in Sutton and Huthwaite Cemeteries?"

Question 2

Question from Councillor Lee Anderson to the Leader of the Council:

"Could the council leader please advise why there has been an apparent lack of money spent of keeping all our War Memorials in good condition?" Question 3

Question from Councillor Keir Morrison to the Cabinet Member (Outward Focus):

"Given that Cllr. Wilmott was the deputy leader of the council at the time the decision was taken to close Hucknall's public toilets, could he inform the council when new public toilets will be built in Hucknall?"

Question 4

Question from Councillor Don Davis to the Deputy Leader of the Council (Outward Focus):

"It's clear that there's a demand in the Ashfield District to accommodate the travelling community, instead of travellers setting up encampments illegally, does the portfolio holder agree that the council needs to explore options in order to reach a long term sustainable solution for all parties?"

11. To receive a list of minutes and a web link to access Cabinet and 159 - 160 Committee meeting minutes that have been published since the last ordinary meeting of the Council for Members to give notice of their intention to ask a question of a relevant Chairman under Procedure Rule 13.2.