

Agenda

Council

Date: **Thursday, 7th July, 2022**

Time: **7.00 pm**

Venue: **Council Chamber, Council Offices, Urban Road,
Kirkby-in-Ashfield**

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COUNCIL

Membership

Chairman: Councillor David Walters

Vice-Chairman: Councillor Dale Grounds

Councillors:

John Baird
Kier Barsby
Jim Blagden
Christian Chapman
Samantha Deakin
Arnie Hankin
David Hennigan
Trevor Locke
Sarah Madigan
Andy Meakin
Keir Morrison
Matthew Relf
Phil Rostance
John Smallridge
Lee Waters
Daniel Williamson
Jason Zadrozny

Chris Baron
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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.



Theresa Hodgkinson
Chief Executive

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1. To receive apologies for absence, if any.
2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interests and/or Non-Registrable Interests.
3. To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26 May 2022. 7 - 16
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.
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 Proposed Amendments to the Capital Programme for 2022/23. 17 - 20
 - b Review of Polling Places. 21 - 50
8. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2 (ix), to receive 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. 51 - 100
9. Updates from Members of the Cabinet on their Portfolio Activity.

10. Notices of Motion.

Motion 1

To consider a notice of motion proposed by Councillor Jason Zadrozny and seconded by Councillor Christian Chapman, as follows:-

“Ashfield District Council notes that:

- *Prices are continuing to rise at their fastest rate for 40 years with food costs, particularly for bread, cereal and meat, climbing. UK inflation, the rate at which prices rise, edged up to 9.1% in the 12 months to May, from 9% in April according to the Office for National Statistics. (ONS)*
- *On 1 April 2022, Ofgem increased the energy price cap by 54 per cent. In light of the increased energy price cap, the average standard tariff energy bill will increase by £693 per year. The average pre-pay meter energy bill will increase by £708 per year (Ofgem, 2022)*
- *On 6 April 2022, the Government increased National Insurance by 1.25 percentage points, which is projected to cost the average Ashfield family an additional £108 per year.*
- *The Government has suspended the pensions ‘triple lock’ for 2022/3, meaning that Ashfield’s 24,919 pensioners (ONS) will see a rise of 3.1 per cent this year (instead of 8.3 per cent under the triple lock formula). This year, this will cost an Ashfield resident on the full new state pension an average of £487, and for an Ashfield resident on the full basic state pension an average of £373 (TUC, 2022)*
- *The number of pupils known to be eligible for and claiming free school meals in the Ashfield District is 17,987 – which is 28.2% of all pupils. This is the highest figure since records began. Thousands of Ashfield families face destitution and hunger as their earnings are just over the threshold for free school meals.*
- *According to the Trussell Trust, food banks in the food charity network provided more than 2.1 million emergency food parcels between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022. Of these, 832,000 were for children. This represents an 81% increase compared to the same period five years ago.*

This Council therefore declares a ‘Cost of Living Emergency’ and asks the District’s 2 MPs to urgently lobby the Government to:

- *Reduce the standard rate of VAT from 20 per cent to 17.5 per cent, saving the average Ashfield household a further £600 this year.*

- *Re-introduce the pensions triple lock to support Ashfield's pensioners.*
- *Re-introduce the £20 Universal Credit uplift immediately."*

Motion 2

To consider a notice of motion proposed by Councillor David Hennigan and seconded by Councillor Jim Blagden, as follows:-

"Ashfield District Council would like to acknowledge the work of the time limited Covid Response and Recovery Panel / COVID-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel. The time limited panel was set up in response to the challenges faced by the COVID-19 pandemic. The panel has been praised for leading the Council's response to an unprecedented pandemic.

Highlights of the panel's achievements include:

- *Successfully campaigning for an asymptomatic testing centre in Sutton-in-Ashfield.*
- *Successfully campaigning for a vaccination centre in Hucknall.*
- *Ensuring business support during successive lockdowns – helping dozens of businesses with grant applications throughout the Ashfield District.*
- *Working with partners including the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Clinical Commissioning Group, The Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Trust, Nottingham University Hospital's NHS Trust, Nottinghamshire Police and the voluntary sector to deliver a ground-breaking communication's strategy.*
- *Led on the formation of the COVID information officer team – working with them to support businesses across Ashfield.*
- *Installing hand sanitisers in all Council-run car parks.*
- *Worked with the Council to ensure that we not only maintained all bin collection services but enhanced them – the only Council in the UK to do this.*
- *Worked with schools to get 4 benches commissioned to commemorate our key workers during the pandemic. These will be located in Hucknall, Kirkby, Selston and Sutton-in-Ashfield.*

This Council would like to put on record thanks to all members of Ashfield District Council who played a part in the success of the committee and the staff in Committee Services for facilitating its success and the dozens of people, retailers and health professionals from across the community who gave evidence to assist the panel in its work.

This Council notes that the pandemic is not over and will always remain alert to the challenges faced by public health issues like this. This Council pledges to ensure that public health and fighting health inequalities will continue to be central to everything Ashfield District Council does.”

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

(None received for this meeting)

- 12. To receive a list of minutes and a web link to access Cabinet and 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.**

(None received for this meeting)

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