

Agenda

Council

Date: **Monday, 12th February, 2024**

Time: **7.00 pm**

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

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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 27 November 2023. 7 - 14
4. To receive any announcements from the Chairman, Leader, Members of the Cabinet and the Head of Paid Service.
5. To undertake any presentations of awards and/or certificates by the Chairman.
6. To receive questions from the Public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, if any.

1. From Hannah Denny:

Question to Jason Zadrozny, Leader of the Council -

“As you will be aware national legislation came into force on 31st December 2023 regarding XL bullies.

From 31 December 2023 it became against the law to:

- * Sell an XL Bully dog*
- * Abandon an XL Bully dog*
- * Give away an XL Bully dog*
- * Breed from an XL Bully dog*
- * Have an XL Bully in public without a lead and muzzle*

Hundreds of dogs in shelters have been euthanised already due to the non rehoming law, hundreds and hundreds more are reportedly being abandoned in the streets by their owners who are either struggling with all the new legislation’s, or having exempted their dog, being given eviction notices from their homes due to having a banned breed.

From February 1st 2024, it will be a criminal offence to own an XL Bully dog unless it is covered by public liability insurance, microchipped, neutered and has a Certificate of Exemption. If the owners are unable to achieve every one of these in just a few weeks, they by law must arrange for their pet to be euthanised.

Cost.
Insurance - £25 (dogs trust)
Microchipping - around £20
Neutering - up to £400
Government exemption -£92.40

This totals up to over £500, which many people simply cannot afford. To put this in context, The average monthly food budget in the UK is £194 per person.

Under the Government's compensation scheme, owners of XL Bully dogs who elect to have their dogs euthanised are then entitled to claim £200 towards these costs.

Locally vets for pets in Ashfield have now confirmed they will euthanise healthy dogs - while this is a national issue, it's happening here in Ashfield!

Many people in Ashfield strongly disagree with Healthy animals being put down unnecessarily through no fault of their own.

Could you outline your position on this? Also what stance and actions Ashfield District Council intend to take to support these dogs and their owners."

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

- 8. 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 Principal Select Committee for debate and reports from Officers of the Council:-**
 - a Pay Policy Statement 2024 - 2025.** 15 - 28
 - b Electoral Registration and Election Matters.** To Follow
 - c Annual Select Committee Report 2023/24.** 29 - 54

- 9. 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.** 55 - 130

- 10. Updates from Members of the Cabinet on their Portfolio Activity.**

11. **Notices of Motion.**
(None received for this meeting)

12. **To answer any questions submitted in writing by Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, if any.**
(None received for this meeting)

13. **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.** 131 - 132