



Council Budget Meeting

Town Hall
Wallasey

13 February 2015

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at **6.15 pm on Tuesday, 24 February 2015** in the Council Chamber, within the Town Hall, Wallasey, to take into consideration and determine upon the following subjects :

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AGENDA

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / RESTRICTIONS ON VOTING

Members of the Council are asked to consider whether they have any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest, in connection with any matter to be debated or determined at this meeting and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of such interest.

2. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive the Mayor's announcements and any apologies for absence.

3. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 26)

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting(s) of the Council held on 8 and 15 December, 2014.

4. PETITIONS

To receive petitions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 21.

5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

- (i). Standing Order 12(1) relates to 'Motions and Amendments' and provides that:

"A motion or amendment shall relate to a recommendation of a committee submitted in accordance with Standing Order 5.2(i), or to a matter referred to in Standing Orders 7 and 8. It shall not be discussed unless it has been proposed and seconded.

The terms of any amendment or notice of motion shall not be varied except with the agreement of the Council."

- (ii). Standing Order 12(9) relates to 'Amendments' and provides that:

"Subject to Standing Order 7(5) an amendment to a motion or recommendation of the Cabinet or of a Committee shall be relevant to the motion or recommendation under consideration and shall be either

- (a) to refer or refer back a subject of debate for consideration or reconsideration as the case may be;
- (b) to leave out words;
- (c) to leave out words and insert or add others;
- (d) to insert or add words.

as long as the effect of any amendment is not to negate the motion or recommendation."

- (iii). Standing Order 12(10) relates to 'Amendments to be dealt with in order' and provides that:

"Only one amendment may be moved and discussed at a time".

For the purposes of the Budget Debate, Council is requested to suspend:

- (a) Standing Order 12(1) insofar as it relates to amendments;
- (b) Standing Order 12(9); and
- (c) Standing Order 12(10).

6. COUNCIL BUDGET (Pages 27 - 240)

The Budget Debate will only consider:

- (i). the Cabinet's Budget Recommendations/Minutes, which shall include any additional paragraphs / recommendations (e.g. those relating to precepts), together with any other recommendation(s) / minute(s) from the Cabinet meeting held on 10 February 2015 (and / or any other relevant Cabinet meeting) that require approval by the Council; and

- (ii). any Alternative Budget Proposal(s) or Amendment(s) to the Cabinet's Budget Recommendations / Minutes referred to at (i) above must be duly lodged with the Head of Legal & Member Services on or before **12.00 noon on Friday, 20 February 2015**.
- (iii). Budget Debate shall be conducted in accordance with the Budget Debate Process set out at Annex 1 (**pages 27 – 30**).

The minutes of the Cabinet (Budget Meeting) held on 10 February, 2015 are attached (**pages 31 – 58**) together with the following reports / documents:

- A. Revenue Budget 2015/18, Council Tax Levels 2015/16 and Council Tax for 2015/16 (Pages 59 - 106)**
[Cabinet minute 136 refers]
- B. Schools Budget 2015/16 (Pages 107 - 122)**
[Cabinet minute 145 refers]
- C. Capital Programme and Financing 2015/18 (Pages 123 – 147)**
[Cabinet minute 137 refers]
- D. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2015/16 (Pages 149 - 228)**
[Cabinet minute 138 refers]
- E. Carbon Budget (Pages 229 - 240)**
[Cabinet minute 147 refers]

7. FURTHER MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL (Pages 241 - 246)

To consider any recommendations of the Leader, Cabinet, Cabinet Member and Committees which require the approval of the Council. The relevant minutes are attached; copies of the related reports can be provided for Council members on request.

- A. Employment and Appointments Panel – 6 February, 2015 (Page 241)**
Minute 15 - Appointment of Chief Executive, Head of Paid Service (and Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer)
- B. Cabinet – 15 January, 2015 (Page 243)**
Minute 125 - Capital Monitoring 2014/15 Month 8
- C. Cabinet – 10 February, 2015 (Page 245)**
Minute 149 - Proposed Changes to the Fees Charged for Adaptation Delivered Funded by Disabled Facility Grant

8. VACANCIES

To receive nominations, in accordance with Standing Order 25(6), in respect of any proposed changes in the membership of committees, and to approve nominations for appointments to outside organisations.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To consider any other items of business that the Mayor accepts as being urgent.

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Head of Legal and Member Services