



Wyre Borough Council
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Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Wyre Borough Council to be held at the Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde on **Thursday, 6 December 2018** commencing at 7.00 pm.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Garry Payne".

Garry Payne
Chief Executive

The Mayor will invite the Mayor's Chaplin, Reverend Canon John Hall to say prayers.

COUNCIL AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Confirmation of minutes** (Pages 1 - 6)
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18 October 2018.
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
To receive any declarations of interest from any Member on any item on this agenda.
- 4. Announcements**
To receive any announcements from the Mayor, Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council, Members of the Cabinet, a Chairman of a Committee or the Chief Executive.
- 5. Public questions or statements**
To receive any questions or statements from members of the public under Procedure Rule 9.1.

Any questions or statements received by the specified deadline of noon on Friday 30 November 2018 will be published and circulated separately.

6. Questions "On Notice" from councillors

To receive any questions from Members of the Council to the Mayor, a member of the Cabinet or the Chairman of a Committee under Council Procedure Rule 12.1

Any questions received by the specified deadline of noon on Friday 30 November will be published and circulated separately.

7. Executive reports

To receive reports from Cabinet Members. (In accordance with Procedure Rule 11.3 Councillors will be able to ask questions or make comments).

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| (a) | Leader of the Council (Councillor Henderson) | (Pages 7 - 8) |
| (b) | Resources Portfolio Holder (Councillor A Vincent) | (Pages 9 - 10) |
| (c) | Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder (Councillor Bridge) | (Pages 11 - 14) |
| (d) | Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder (Councillor Michael Vincent) | (Pages 15 - 18) |
| (e) | Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder (Councillor Berry) | (Pages 19 - 22) |
| (f) | Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder (Councillor Bowen) | (Pages 23 - 26) |

8. Appointments to Committees (Pages 27 - 30)

Report of the Leader of the Council (Cllr Henderson) and the Chief Executive.

9. Treasury Management Activity April 2018 - September 2018 (Pages 31 - 44)

Report of the Resources Portfolio Holder (Cllr a Vincent) and the Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer).

10. Joseph Kenyon Foundation: Decision Making and Reporting Structure

(Pages 45 - 50)

Report of the Resources Portfolio Holder (Cllr A Vincent) and the Service Director People and Places.

11. Notices of Motion: Calendar of meetings

1. The following Notice of Motion has been submitted by Councillors Fail, Beavers, Raynor and B Stephenson:

“This Council is concerned that a ‘calendar of meetings’ report has been presented to Full Council for noting rather than voting on. It is also concerned that there has been no thorough impact analysis or public consultation, and that Councillors have not had the opportunity to scrutinise.

To provide a way forward that is acceptable to all, the Council request the following:-

Full Council Meetings

To balance out the loss of a Full Council Meeting, para 11.3 of the Council Procedure Rules in Part 4.01 be amended to state that “A maximum of fifteen minutes will be allocated for questions or comments to and responses by each Member of the Executive (Cabinet).”

To ensure any future meeting changes are dealt with more smoothly, this Council requests that para 2 of the Council Procedure Rules in Part 4.01 the Council be amended in order to clarify the responsibilities, and to make it absolutely clear that the frequency of meetings and the basic content of meetings is an elected member responsibility.

Overview & Scrutiny Meetings

The suggested changes to O& S meetings are not in keeping with para 3.1 of Part 4.05 of the constitution (Ordinary meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be programmed to take place at approximately monthly intervals).

As such, prior to any change of frequency, a formal change of the constitution must be brought before Full Council.

Cabinet Meetings (for information only)

The changes to Cabinet are in keeping with para 1.6 of Part 4.04 of the constitution (The Cabinet will be scheduled to meet at least 8 times per year at times to be agreed by the Leader). Council proposes no action to be taken.”

2. The following Notice of Motion has been submitted by Councillors Gibson, Fail, E Anderton and Beavers:

“That this Council recognises the need for transparency and engagement with both residents and members. The democratic process is important to this Council and the Council will not play fast and loose with democracy.

Currently of the Full Council meetings per year the AGM and the Budget meeting do not facilitate the ability of Non Executive members to question or comment to the Portfolio Holders on their areas of responsibility.

This Council resists any suggestion that the number of Full Council meetings per year be reduced and as such the Council insists that any report proposing to reduce the number of Full Council Meetings be withdrawn immediately.”

12. Calendar of meetings 2019/20

(Pages 51 - 58)

Report of the Leader of the Council (Cllr Henderson) and the Chief Executive.

13. Notice of Motion: Universal Credit

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted by Councillors Beavers, Fail, Shewan and B Stephenson:

“This council expresses its dismay at the manner that Universal Credit has been is being implemented in this country.

This December Universal Credit will go live in Wyre and any new claims or changes to claims will automatically take families off the legacy benefits and place them on Universal Credit.

Universal Credit is not fit for purpose.

The 4 to 6 week wait for claimants to receive their benefits is unacceptable and will impact on the vulnerable and the poor resulting in Wyre children going hungry and residents homes being put at risk.

The idea that all workers are in jobs where they are paid a month in arrears ignores the reality for the 1.5m workers who struggle on zero hours, insecure jobs or forced self-employment. Claimants need to be paid from day one.

'Despite the lip service paid to this issue in the Autumn Budget, the fundamental problem remains essentially unresolved.'

- *Payments going to one named member of a household.*

Many claimants struggle to budget and payments should be paid to the separate claimants within a household and on a fortnightly rather than monthly basis. With the present policy there is a real danger that if the whole benefit goes to one named individual there is no guarantee that the money will be distributed fairly within the household

- *Claimants need to have their rent paid directly to landlords to avoid the unacceptably high levels of arrears and homelessness that have occurred in the areas where UC already exists. Pushing claimants into debt adds to the stress and insecurity for claimants.*

- *An end to benefit sanctions as there is no evidence that sanctioning helps people into work. In fact taking away claimant's ability to feed themselves and their families prevents them from focusing on finding employment as they are too busy trying to survive. The evidence of the harm that sanctions cause is growing – they are an unnecessary cruelty in our benefits system.*

- *Allow all new claimants to apply for Universal credit in jobs centres with the support of trained job centre staff.*

By forcing new claimant to apply on-line causes real problems for many people who don't have either access or the IT skills to cope with the complex online application.

This isn't working and is resulting in more sanctions and more hunger.

• *Abandon the in-work conditionality for part-time or low paid workers – the idea that there are extra hours or higher paid work for the large numbers of these affected workers is simply not the case. This clause of UC places the emphasis on individuals*

Who often want greater number of hours of work- and not on the employers who benefit from short hours and insecurity.

The overall level that is funded need to be urgently increased.

The rate at which some claimants will lose benefit is set at 63p in the pound, which when compared with the top rate of income tax of 45% on incomes over £150,000 a year, demonstrates just how unfair UC is for the lowest income families.

This council notes with concern the impact that the roll-out of universal credit will have on its residents of Wyre and resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Pensions asking her to halt the roll-out of Universal Credit within Wyre until it has resolved the undeniable failures to protect the poorest and most vulnerable members of our district.”

If you have any enquiries on this agenda, please contact Roy Saunders, tel: 01253 887481, email: roy.saunders@wyre.gov.uk