

To all Members of the

COUNCIL

AGENDA

Notice is given that a Meeting of the Council is to be held
as follows:

VENUE: Council Chamber, Floor 2, Civic Office, Doncaster

DATE: Thursday, 31st July, 2014

TIME: 6.00 p.m.

(Please note the commencement time of the meeting)

Jo Miller
Chief Executive

ITEMS

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To consider the extent, if any, to which the public and press are to be excluded from the meeting.
3. Declarations of Interest, if any.
4. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on 13th June, 2014 (Pages A.1 - A.18 and AA.1 - AA.12).
5. Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 13th June, 2014 (Pages A.1 – A.8).
6. To receive any announcements from the Chair of Council, the Mayor, Members of the Cabinet or the Head of Paid Service.

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Principal Democratic Services Officer
for this meeting

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A. Items where the Public and Press may not be excluded. Page

7. Questions from the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13:-

(a) Question from Mr. D. Wright, 15 Chantry Close, Cantley, Doncaster, DN4 6RX, to the Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones:-

“The Mayor's decision last year to have statements and questions at Cabinet meetings has worked well.

Will the Mayor now consider the following at Cabinet meetings:-

Where a statement/question has been put to the Mayor, after a Cabinet Member has replied, the same member of the public shall have up to two and half minutes to present a right of reply, either at Item 2 of the Cabinet agenda or at the appropriate part of the Cabinet agenda itself?”

(b) Question from Mr. T. McCready B.Sc, 45 Wicklow Road, Intake, Doncaster, DN2 5JZ, to the Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones:-

“Given that question time sessions for members of the public will only be allowed in 4 Council meetings during the Municipal Year 2014/15; will the Mayor agree to change the Doncaster Council Constitution, to allow for questions on the agenda for the annual meeting of the Council and/or the Budget Setting Council meeting for the Municipal Year 2015/16?

At a previous annual meeting, an issue had arisen with a citizen of the Borough. This issue was raised with the previous elected Mayor as a direct communication. With hindsight, it would have been satisfactory for this Council tax payer to have had the opportunity to ask a public question in his ‘hour of need’.”

For Decision

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| 8. | Youth Offending Service Plan 2014/15. | 1 - 56 |
| 9. | Community Safety Strategy. | 57 - 90 |
| 10. | Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2013/14. | 91 - 112 |
| 11. | Nomination of Representatives to the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee. | 113 - 116 |
| 12. | To consider the following Motion, written notice of which has been given by Councillor John McHale and Seconded by Councillor Sue Phillips, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.1:- | |

“In 2010, Doncaster Council was placed in government intervention after a Corporate Governance Inspection was undertaken by the Audit Commission.

However, the recent Corporate Peer Review undertaken by a distinguished team of local government experts, concluded that Doncaster Council is now functioning well, in a manner consistent with that to be expected in other local authorities.

The report comments that:-

- Governance and capacity have improved.
- The organisation is now stable and that a key factor in this new stability is the leadership of Mayor Jones and her Cabinet, supported by the Chief Executive and her officers.
- Overview and Scrutiny is improving, is more closely aligned to strategic priorities and has clearer commitment from elected members.
- According to staff, there has been a “sea change” in the culture, enabling them to do their jobs better.
- Statutory and community partners have reported a step change in the way the Council engages with them, particularly since the 2013 elections.
- The active involvement of Mayor Jones and the Chief Executive is credited with securing a number of significant infrastructure projects and inward investment schemes within the Borough.

This Council supports the conclusions of the peer review and the confirmation that significant improvements have been made at Doncaster Council.

Furthermore, this Council welcomes the written statement, made following the corporate peer review, by Rt. Hon Eric Pickles MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government that:-

‘Given the level of improvement that Doncaster has now achieved, their firm plans for the future, and their readiness to engage with the wider local government sector on improvement, continuing the statutory corporate intervention will add little, if any, value.

Accordingly, I intend to bring the statutory corporate intervention to an early close.’

This Council would also like to place on record its thanks to all who have contributed to the achievement of the improvements made, particularly the lead commissioner Rob Sykes who finished in his role at the end of June.

And this Council is committed to building on the recent success by delivering new jobs and high quality, value for money public services which benefit the people of Doncaster.”

13. Questions by Elected Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 15.2 and 15.3:-

(i) Questions on Notice to the Executive:-

None received for this meeting.

- (ii) Questions without Notice to the Executive and the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, Councillor John Mounsey.

For Information

14. Local Government Association – Peer Review Report. 117 - 138
15. To receive the Minutes of the following Joint Authorities:-
- A. South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel held on 31st January, 31st March and 2nd May 2014.
 - B. South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority held on 6th March, 2014 and the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority held on 22nd April and 2nd June, 2014.
 - C. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority held on 17th February, 31st March, 28th April and 2nd June, 30th June (Annual) and 30th June (Ordinary) 2014 and Section 41 Briefing Notes for March, April and July 2014.
 - D. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority held on 13th February, 20th March, 19th June (Annual) and 19th June (Ordinary) 2014.