

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, 25th September, 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 Council Meeting held on 31st July, 2014 (Pages A.1 - A.21).
5. 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.**

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

- (a) Question from Mr D. Morgan, 18 Stone Cross Drive, Sprotbrough, Doncaster, DN5 7QH, to the Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones:-

“Staff morale at Council Care Homes is suffering due to the Council’s decision to close its homes. Disclosures made to myself and the latest CQC report into Rose House reflect this predictable trend.

Anxiety about the unresolved review process means staff are taking sick leave, to be replaced by relief workers. This treatment of loyal staff is disgraceful and undermines guarantees made by Cabinet Members on 25th June.

When will the Council stop treating major stakeholders with utter contempt? When will staff, residents and families become central to the decision-making process when not just jobs, but lives are being risked?”

- (b) Question from Mrs C. L. Blackham, Rose Cottage, Back Lane, Stainforth, Doncaster, DN7 5BA, to the Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones:-

“What is your justification for destroying and dismantling ‘our’ Superb quality Care Homes and SEC Centres, taking into account the overwhelming public opposition?”

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

“On a grey grim Saturday September 13th, the good to soft straight mile turf of Doncaster Racecourse witnessed the fall of a 7 year old gelding that had made a substantial profit (£1.3 million) for its owner. Only 1 mile into the race, the horse pulled up with injury.

The horse had only just passed the 3 furlong marker before an ambulance trailer was called to the scene. Startled onlookers, including young children, became aware of the decision to bolt the horse from the crack of a gun. Black screens shielded the events but the trauma on this stretch of the straight mile was evident. Can the Council identify a problem with the racecourse and could further falls diminish the enthusiasm of the public for this sport of kings?”

- (d) Question from Ms L. M. Hubbard, 76 Apley Road, Hyde Park, Doncaster, DN1 2AY, to the Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones:-

“The serious economists know that investment is the key. No need to speak of cuts to pay off ‘deficits’ when the debt was more than this after WW2 and Government invested in transport, housing and the Health Service! That raised exports and standards of living, and got the country out of recession. Why not now.

How are you going to make the household rates and services more fair for all the people of this community. So far the burdens have fallen hardest on the elderly, most vulnerable and jobless. Are you (and also Ed Milliband?) putting enough pressure on Westminster to lift this austerity policy, which favours the Banks and big business?"

**For Decision**

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| 7.  | Decision on the Progress of the Sites and Policies Development Plan Document.   | 1 - 8   |
| 8.  | A Year of Improvement – Making a Positive Difference to the Quality and Effectiveness of Children’s Services in Doncaster.  | 9 - 56  |
| 9.  | Nomination of Representatives to the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority’s Audit Committee.  | 57 - 60 |
| 10. | Independent Remuneration Panel Appointments.  | 61 - 64 |
| 11. | Appointment of an Independent Member to the Audit Committee.  | 65 - 67 |
| 12. | To consider the following Motion, written notice of which has been given by the Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones and Seconded by Councillor Paul Bissett, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.1:- |         |

“That this Council:-

- a) Notes the truly harrowing extent and nature of child sexual exploitation in Rotherham described in the report by Professor Alexis Jay OBE, expresses its deepest sorrow to all those who have suffered, and hopes that all of those responsible for these heinous crimes are met with the full force of the law;
- b) Believes that all of those who are known to have failed children, including people elected to public office, must take responsibility for failures of this scale;
- c) Welcomes the belated decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner Shaun Wright to resign from his position as it is important that local people are able to retain confidence in both the office of Police and Crime Commissioner and the individual who holds that office;
- d) Notes the current inability of any agency or public group to remove the post holder from office and calls on the Government to rectify this unacceptable position and, indeed, looks to the future sustainability and need for all Police and Crime Commissioners;
- e) Requests that the independently chaired Doncaster Safeguarding Children’s Board undertakes an assessment of the recommendations contained in Professor Jay’s report and benchmarks practice in Doncaster against all of the recommendations contained in the report, identifying any additional improvements that should be made by all agencies involved in keeping children safe; and

f) Confirms that this assessment will be reported within approximately two months to the Cabinet, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and the independently chaired Doncaster Safeguarding Children's Board."

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. To receive the Minutes of the following Joint Authorities:-

- A. South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel held on 30th July, 2014.
- B. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority held on 28th July, 2014 and Section 41 Briefing Notes for August and September, 2014.
- C. Sheffield City Region Combined Authority held on 14th July and 26th August, 2014.
- D. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority held on 8th and 24th July, 2014.