

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: Tuesday, 3rd March, 2015
TIME: 2.00 p.m.

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 15th January, 2015 (Pages A.1 - A.20).
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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Senior Governance Officer
for this meeting

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

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

- (a) Question from Mr. R. Morling, 14 Danesway, Scawthorpe, Doncaster DN5 9EA, to Councillor Joe Blackham, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Neighbourhoods:-

"I refer to the Housing Act 2004 and the Provision of Services Regulations 2009, and the European Services Directive 206/123/EC Regulation 18(4), and ask why is the Council not keeping detailed accounts of the licensing schemes as required by law, and why costs are not being limited to the initial administration of the Licenses as current costs are not reasonable and proportionate. I go as further to say that mis-leading information has been supplied. If the council cannot be trusted on the HMO scheme, how can they be trusted on Selective Licensing?"

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

"Webcasting Council Meetings/and other meetings at Doncaster Council.

Many Local Authorities now regularly webcast Council/and other meetings to involve and engage people in local democracy. Webcasting could potentially strengthen the Council's democratic accountability to the local public both directly and via the local media; improve public participation in the political process as well as ensuring greater equality of access to Council information.

Will Mayor Jones agree to commission a report providing information on the potential benefits/costs and the experiences of other authorities who already provide webcasts of meetings. A free trial of webcasting a Council meeting may be possible?"

For Decision

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| 17. | To consider the following Motion, written notice of which has been given by Councillor Fred Gee and Seconded by Councillor Paul Bissett, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.1:- | |

“Everyone should be appalled at the findings in Louise Casey’s report on the prevailing culture at Rotherham MBC, now also Sue Berelowitz the Deputy Children’s Commissioner stating that too many children are ‘slipping through the net’ which has enabled the abusers of children to commit horrific crimes over many years. Other reports have suggested that child sexual exploitation has been rife all over the North of England. Can the Council tell us if there are, or has been similar problems in Doncaster?”

Will the Mayor ease the minds of parents and other responsible adults in Doncaster by setting up, or calling for, an impartial enquiry into how Children’s Services have been carried out in Doncaster over the last 20 years, focussing on; teenage boys and girls under the age of consent; teenage boys and girls in Council care; Council Officer interaction in such cases with SY Police, and latterly the Crime Commissioner’s office?”

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| 18. | Questions by Elected Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 15.2 and 15.3:- |
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(i) Questions on Notice to the Executive:-

- (a) From Councillor Paul Bissett to the Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones:-

“Mayor, at the same time that you and your Cabinet were clearing the way for all Council run residential homes to be transferred to independent providers, or closed, to save money you also approved the purchase of 5 plots of land at Thorne, from the Town Council and private owners, for house building. At what cost?”

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

For Information

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| 19. | Annual Report on Executive Decisions taken under Special Urgency Provisions. | 341 - 344 |
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20. To receive the Minutes of the following Joint Authorities:-
- A. South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel held on 30th January, 2015.
 - B. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority held on 5th January, 2015 and Section 41 Briefing Notes for January and February, 2015.
 - C. Sheffield City Region Combined Authority held on 5th January, 2015.
 - D. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority held on 13th November, 2014 and 15th January, 2015.