

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 - Civic Office Floor 2, Civic Office,
Waterdale, Doncaster, DN1 3BU**
DATE: Thursday, 26th November, 2015
TIME: 2.00 pm

Jo Miller
Chief Executive

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Issued on: Wednesday, 18 November 2015

Senior Governance Officer
for this meeting:

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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 24th September, 2015.
5. To receive any announcements from the Chair of Council, the Mayor, Members of the Cabinet or the Head of Paid Service.

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

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

(a) Question from Mr. T. Brown, 4 West Grove , Wheatley Hills, Doncaster, DN2 5NB, to the Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones:-

“Dear Mayor Jones,

Given the range of options at your disposal to implement cuts, why did you chose cuts for the most vulnerable first including:-

- Care homes for the elderly;
- People and children with learning disabilities;
- Reducing DMBC's Workforce to less than 1% Black/Asian;

And, do you agree that a Council with a moral compass would've provided vulnerable groups with respite from the cuts, by firstly addressing the 'rewards for failure culture' (referenced by recent inspections) and the 'fat cat salaries' within DMBC especially as you've just approved the recruitment of another £85,000+ Policy and Performance Officer when DMBC's budget and functions have shrunk?”

For Decision

7. Statement of Licensing Policy 2016 - Licensing Act 2003
8. Statement of Licensing Policy 2016 - Gambling Act 2005.
9. Revisions to the Council's Constitution

10. To consider the following Motion, written notice of which has been given by Councillor Rachel Hodson and Seconded by Councillor Rachael Blake, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.1

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“This council calls upon the government to reverse its decision to cut tax credits, which is due to come into effect next year.

This council believes the Chancellor and the Prime Minister need to understand that reducing on average £1,300 a year from almost 20,000 working families here in Doncaster would be disastrous.

This council notes that the campaign to stop the tax credit cuts is gaining momentum. After constant warnings, and a humiliating defeat at the hands of peers in the House of Lords – who voted against the cuts – George Osborne has finally bowed to pressure to change his approach. But a promise to listen falls woefully short of what is needed.

This council believes taking money from our lowest paid families, who get up in the morning and work hard every day is utterly wrong. And, as is commonplace under this government, women in particular are bearing the brunt of their naïve policies. 85 per cent of the government's tax and benefit changes have fallen on women - they are disproportionately represented in low paid sectors such as care, retail and hospitality, and overall 70 per cent of the money saved by the Treasury will come from the pockets of working mothers.

For that reason, this council resolves to write to the Prime Minister, setting out our belief that working poverty is one of the biggest threats to our future well-being as a country, calling on him to reconsider this policy, and urging him to honour his previous promise not to cut the value of child tax credits.

	Number of working families claiming tax credits	Number of families with children claiming tax credits	Number of working families with children claiming tax credits	Number of children in working families receiving tax credits	% of families receiving tax credits	% of children in families receiving tax credits
Don Valley	5,300	6,100	4,300	8,100	51%	57%
Doncaster Central	7,500	8,800	6,100	10,900	64%	68%
Doncaster	7,000	8,400	5,600	10,600	64%	73%

11. To consider the following Motion, written notice of which has been given by Councillor Jane Nightingale and Seconded by Councillor Pat Haith, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.1

“Earlier this year, the Conservative government announced that a compulsory Pay to Stay scheme would be introduced in England, forcing many low income social housing tenants to pay more rent for their homes and increasing the cost of living for thousands of families.

As well as making the current voluntary Pay to Stay scheme mandatory, the government is setting new, lower, income thresholds, so that more tenants are forced to pay higher rent. Families in social housing in Doncaster with two people earning just £15,000 each, will see their household bills go up.

Housing Association landlords will be allowed to retain any additional income raise through the scheme to reinvest in housing stock. However, all additional income raised by local authorities through increased rents will be taken by the exchequer ‘to contribute to deficit reduction’.

This Council believes it is wrong for the Chancellor to introduce a ‘Pay to Stay tax’ on hard working, low income families, in order to pay off the national debt created by wealthy bankers and financial institutions.

The government should not be forcing this additional cost on to people with low incomes who rent properties, to pay for the global crisis created by people who helped to push up house prices faster than wages.

This Council therefore calls on the Chancellor to reverse his plans to introduce a ‘Pay to Stay Tax’ on local authority tenants, and withdraw government policies, including Right to Buy, that will reduce the level of social housing in England.”

12. Questions by Elected Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 15.2 and 15.3

(i) Question 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.

13. Approval of Councillor Absence
14. To receive the Minutes of the following Joint Authorities
 - A. South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel held on 11th September, 2015.
 - B. Sheffield City Region Combined Authority held on 14th September, 2015.
 - C. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority held on 21st September and 19th October, 2015 and Section 41 Briefing Notes for October and November, 2015.
 - D. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority held on 1st October, 2015.

For Information