

Would you please note that a Group Meeting will be held at 1.00 p.m. in the Civic Office.

Agenda

To all Members of the

# COUNCIL

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

Venue: Council Chamber, Civic Office, Waterdale, Doncaster

Date: Thursday, 25th July, 2019

Time: 2.00 pm

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Chief Executive

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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 Annual Council Meeting held on 17th May, 2019. 1 22
- 5. Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 6th June, 2019. 23 26
- 6. To receive any announcements from the Chair of Council, the Mayor, Members of the Cabinet or the Head of Paid Service.
- 7. Questions from the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13:-
  - (a) Question from Mr. C. J. Nowak to the Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones:-

"I have recently been assured by a DMBC official that the Public Space Protection Order for the town centre is still in effect and being upheld when required by PCSO's, town centre ambassadors, neighbourhood enforcement officers and the police.

This being the case why do I see the same people begging, on a daily basis, on St. Sepulchre Gate, High Street, Baxtergate and the market place car park?"

- (b) Question from Mr. N Carbutt, on behalf of the Fire Brigade Union, to the Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones:-
  - "South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue have released a draft Integrated Risk Management Plan in which their preferred proposal to remove 84 firefighting posts is outlined. How and when has the fire Authority consulted with this Council and does this Council intend to respond formally?"
- (c) Question from Mr. M. Nicholls to the Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones:-

"SYFR have indicated a potential 4 million pound funding shortfall and propose to cut 84 firefighters from the current establishment of 594. Should this issue be referred to Doncaster scrutiny board for further examination of the issues and the effects on Doncaster's Communities?"

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

## For Decision

- Appointment of the Section 151 Officer.
   Youth Justice Plan 2019/20.
   Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19.
   Publication (Regulation 19) of the Doncaster Local Plan 2015-2035.
   105 534
- 12. To consider the following Motion, written notice of which has been given by Councillor John Healy and Seconded by Councillor Lani-Mae Ball, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.1:-

"This Council is aware that public services have suffered severe cuts since austerity began in 2010 and that South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (SYFRA) will have had a real term reduction in the grant support that it receives from Government of 50% between 2010 and 2020.

Fire stations have been closed, downgraded or merged causing longer travel distances and therefore increased attendance times.

South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue are predicting a £3.8 million shortfall on previous revenue grants and state that future funding remains unclear beyond 2020/21.

This Council believes the cuts have simply gone too far. Public and firefighter lives are now at risk. Nationally, fire deaths are on the increase and within South Yorkshire, primary and secondary fires have increased from 5,841 in 2016 to 7,330 in 2018.

The blame for the situation SYFRA finds itself in must be placed firmly at the feet of the architects of those cuts, the Conservative Government. However, we believe that SYFRA must use all the flexibility at its disposal to resist further damaging cuts to the Fire and Rescue Service.

The tragedy of Grenfell Tower and the recent terrorist attacks must serve as a stark warning to us all about the risks our communities face and the perils of being ill-equipped and understaffed during potential emergencies.

Therefore, the immediate protection of our communities, infrastructure and businesses must be a priority for us all, whilst we build for a future Labour Government. National agreements must be utilised to ensure that as many South Yorkshire firefighters as possible are immediately available whilst we continue to lobby Government over our concerns.

This Council applauds the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) for their dignified and determined campaign to protect this vital public service and for playing their part in lobbying for a fairer funding settlement for South Yorkshire.

### We request that:-

- A lobbying strategy is developed and implemented with the aim of securing a fairer funding formula for South Yorkshire residents from this Tory government.
- The Fire Authority continues to re-examine its expenditure of its reserves to protect the Fire Service in full consultation with the FBU, the public and others.

We also request the Mayor to write to the Police and Fire Minister, Nick Hurd MP and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Phillip Hammond MP stating that not only should austerity measures cease but there should be a reversal of previous cuts made to South Yorkshire Fire Service, the safety of Doncaster residents and property is at risk."

13. To consider the following Motion, written notice of which has been given by Councillor Rachael Blake and Seconded by Councillor Andrea Robinson, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.1:-

"This Council notes that over a million older people in England are struggling with unmet care needs and believes that in light of an ageing population we need bold changes to deliver a long term funding solution for social care.

Doncaster Council believes that it is fundamentally unfair that in order to access basic care, many older people face catastrophic costs that can run into hundreds of thousands of pounds, wipe out a lifetime of savings, and force families to sell their homes.

This Council also believes that England's care system needs major reform to provide a long-term sustainable funding solution and to make care free at the point of use.

The Council therefore supports Independent Age's call for the introduction of free personal care for all older people in England, alongside a new social care contribution to fully fund the policy on a sustainable basis.

This Council calls on the Government to take the necessary steps to implement this policy as swiftly as possible to end the care crisis and properly support older people in Doncaster.

Doncaster Council also calls on our local MP's to support the campaign for free personal care, and to speak up in favour of the policy in the House of Commons and through their wider engagements."

- 14. 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 Chairs of Committees.

## For Information

- 15. To receive the minutes of the following Joint Authorities.
- 535 624
- A. Sheffield City Region Combined Authority held on 25th March, 2019.
- B. Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership Board held on 4th March, 2019.
- C. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority held on 11th February and 8th April, 2019.
- D. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority Local Pension Board held on 18th April, 2019.
- E. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority held on 14th March, 2019.
- F. South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel held on 4th February and 1st April, 2019.
- G. Team Doncaster Strategic Partnership held on 15th January, 26th February and 16th April, 2019.