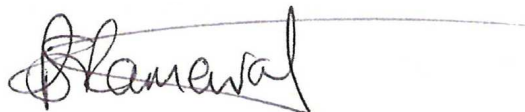


Despatched: 09.12.13

I hereby summon you to attend the meeting of the Sevenoaks District Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks commencing at 7.00 pm on 17 December 2013 to transact the under-mentioned business.



Chief Executive

AGENDA

Apologies for absence

1. **To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 1 October 2013** (Pages 1 - 8)
2. **To receive any declarations of interest not included in the register of interest from Members in respect of items of business included on the agenda for this meeting**
3. **Chairman's Announcements**
4. **To receive any petitions submitted by members of the public.**
5. **Matters considered by the Cabinet and/or other committees:**
 - a) **Amendments to the Constitution relating to the Council's Licensing Function** (Pages 9 - 42)
 - b) **Christmas Parking 2013** (Pages 43 - 62)
 - c) **Climate Local Sevenoaks** (Pages 63 - 76)
6. **To consider the following reports from the Chief Executive or other Directors on matters requiring the attention of Council:**
 - a) **Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2014/15** (Pages 77 - 82)
 - b) **Membership of Standards Committee** (Pages 83 - 84)

7. **To consider any questions by Members under paragraph 19.3 of Part 2 (The Council and District Council Members) of the Constitution, notice of which have been duly given.**
8. **To consider any motions by Members under paragraph 20 of Part 2 (The Council and District Council Members) of the Constitution, notice of which have been duly given.**

1. The following motion has been received from Councillor Walshe:

“Rewiring Public Services

This Council, noting

- that England is now widely recognised to be the country with the most centralised system of government in Europe;
- that devolution has brought decisions about tax and spending, and the quality of public services, closer to voters in Scotland and Wales, while English voters have not gained comparably greater influence over decision-making that affects their taxes and services; and

considers

- that the likely scale of change in how public services are funded and provided makes it democratically unsustainable for those changes to be decided within the existing over-centralised model;
- that services need to be reformed and integrated across local agencies to enable them to prevent problems rather than picking up the pieces;
- that voters should be given back a meaningful say on a wider range of tax and spending decisions, through place-based budgetary arrangements, the abolition of the discredited Barnett formula and the reinstatement of fair financial distribution agreed among English councils, the re-creation of a municipal bond market, and the certainty of multi-year funding settlements for the life of a Parliament;
- that central government should enable that local decision-making by joining up and reducing in size Whitehall departments in order to facilitate local place-based budgets, by reducing Ministers’ powers to intervene in local decisions, and replacing bureaucratic tick-box inspection regimes with local service users champions; and
- that such a new more mature settlement between central and local government should be put beyond future revision by giving formal constitutional protection to local democracy; and

resolves

- to support the Local Government Association’s *Rewiring Public Services* campaign, which embodies these objectives;
- to ask the District’s Members of Parliament to support the *Rewiring Public Services* campaign to improve local voters’ influence over services, tax and spending; and
- to make the council’s position clear to the Secretary of State.”

9. **To receive any questions from members of the public under paragraph 17 of Part 2 (The Council and District Council Members) of the Constitution.**
10. **To receive the report of the Leader of the Council on the work of the Cabinet since the last Council meeting.** (Pages 85 - 86)

EXEMPT ITEMS

(At the time of preparing this agenda there were no exempt items. During any such items which may arise the meeting is likely NOT to be open to the public.)

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