

Council Forum

26th January 2012

AGENDA

PART 1: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PUBLIC

- 1 Chief Executive to read the notice convening the meeting**
- 2 Prayers by the Mayor's Chaplain**
- 3 Apologies for Absence**
- 4 Minutes**
To receive and confirm the minutes of the Policy Council meeting on 1st December 2011 (pages 1-4).
- 5 Declarations of Interest**
A form is attached (page 5).
- 6 Mayoral Communications**
- 7 Council Forum**
To consider questions from members of the public received under Procedure Rule 10.
- 8 To consider motions submitted under Procedure Rule 12**
The following Notices of Motion have been submitted:

MOTION 1

*This Council resolves to amend the Call-In procedures as follows:
Constitution Part 4 Section 5 Paragraph 14 (b) amend this section to read:*

(b) That notice will bear the date on which it is published and will specify that the decision will come into force, and may then be implemented, unless the decision is called in for scrutiny by 9 a.m. on the fourth working date following the publication of a decision on Friday.

It authorises the Chief Executive to make any other changes to the Constitution in consequence of this amendment.

Proposed by
Councillor David Foster

Seconded by
Councillor Roy Davies

MOTION 2

This Council notes and welcomes the UK-wide campaign to end 'legal loan sharking'. This Council believes that the lack of access to affordable credit is socially and economically damaging. Unaffordable credit is causing a myriad of unwanted effects such as poorer diets, colder homes, rent, council tax and utility arrears as well as depression and poor health. Unaffordable credit is extracting wealth from the most deprived communities.

This Council believes it is the responsibility of all levels of Government to try to ensure affordable credit for all and therefore pledges to use best practice to promote financial literacy and affordable lending. This will help to ensure that wealth stays in the local economy. We also pledge to continue to promote credit unions in our Borough, - community based organisations offering access to affordable credit and promoting saving.

This Council calls on the Government to introduce caps on the total lending rates that can be charged for providing credit, - and to give local authorities the powers to veto licences for high street credit agencies where they could have negative economic or social impacts on communities.

Proposed by
Councillor Brian Taylor

Seconded by
Councillor Dave Smith

9 Interim Planning Policy

To receive a report from the Executive Member for Regeneration seeking approval of an interim planning policy for Whalley Range and Victoria Street. The Interim Planning Policy and associated documents have been placed on deposit in Political Group Rooms. (pages 6~15).

10 Article 4 Direction - Houses of Multiple Occupation

To receive a report from the Chair of Planning and Highways Committee seeking approval to the making of an Article 4 Direction to control the change of use of a family dwelling to a House in Multiple Occupancy (HMO). (pages 16~28).

11 Policy and Corporate Resources Committee

Report of the Chair and Vice Chair of Policy and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee (pages 29-31).

12 Reports of Executive Members with Portfolios

- 12.1 Leader (pages 32-34).
- 12.2 Neighbourhoods and Customer Services (pages 35-37)
- 12.3 Adult Social Care (pages 38-39).
- 12.4 Children's Services (pages 40-43).
- 12.5 Regeneration (pages 44 -45).
- 12.6 Leisure and Culture (pages 46-47).
- 12.7 Housing (pages 48-49).
- 12.8 Resources (pages 50-51).
- 12.9 Environmental Improvement and Sustainability (pages 52-53).

13 Standards Committee

Report of the Chair of the Standards Committee (page 54)

14 To consider any questions received from Members under Procedure Rule 11

15 a) To receive any questions submitted regarding the functions of the Police Authority

Any questions will be answered by Councillor M Doherty as this Council's representative on the Police Authority.

b) To note the report from the Chair of the Police Authority (pages 55-59).

PART 2: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

There are no items to be considered under Part 2.

Graham Burgess
Chief Executive
18th January 2012