

Council Forum

7th November 2013

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 Council Forum meeting held on 26th September 2013. (pages 1-5).
- 5 **Declarations of Interest**
A form is attached (page 6).
- 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**
One Notice of Motion has been submitted:

Blackburn with Darwen Council has the 6th worst male life expectancy and the 11th worst female life expectancy in the country and a major factor in these unacceptable statistics is the excessive consumption of alcohol. It has been calculated that the annual cost to the Borough of excessive consumption is £68million in terms of violent crime, anti-social behaviour and ill health, including 4475 hospital stays last year for alcohol related harm.

There is clear evidence that the amount of alcohol consumed is directly related to how easily accessible it is to customers and it is widely accepted that the most effective way to reduce the harm from alcohol is the introduction of a Minimum Unit Price which would only impact on those outlets that sell alcohol products at excessively cheap prices. In doing this, it would support communities and businesses, including local public houses, who are negatively impacted by sales of excessively cheap alcohol.

Therefore, this Council resolves that Blackburn with Darwen Council will work with other councils and our partners in the health sector to lobby MPs across Lancashire and the government to introduce a Minimum Unit Price of alcohol set immediately at a level of 50pence per unit, This would have a positive impact on public health in the borough and would assist in reducing the burden on our overstretched NHS and related public services whilst not affecting the vast majority of people who drink sensibly.

Proposed by Councillor Brian Taylor

Seconded by Councillor Phil Riley

9 Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Plan (Local Plan Part 2) – Publication Draft

To receive a report containing recommendations relating to the draft Local Plan Part 2 (pages 7-19).

Copies of the “Local Plan Part 2 Site Allocations and Development Management Policies” and associated maps have been placed on deposit in Political Group Rooms.

10 Treasury Management Annual Report 2012-13 and Mid-Year Review for 2013-14

To receive a report advising Members of the Treasury Management Performance for 2012-13 and an update with regard to the position to Date in 2013-14 (pages 20-31).

11 Policy and Corporate Resources Committee

Report of the Chair and Vice Chair of Policy and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee (pages 32-33).

12 Reports of Executive Members with Portfolios

12.1 Leader (pages 34-35).

12.2 Resources (pages 36-37).

12.3 Schools and Education (pages 38-39)

12.4 Health and Adult Social Care (pages 40-42).

12.5 Children’s Services (pages 43-44).

12.6 Environment (pages 45-46)

12.7 Leisure, Culture and Young People (pages 47-49)

12.8 Neighbourhoods Housing and Customer Services (pages 50-51).

12.9 Regeneration (pages 52-53).

13 Draft Year Planner 2014-15

To receive a draft Year Planner for 2014-15 and any amendments ahead of submission of the final version at the meeting of the Policy Council on 5th December 2013 (Pages 54-57).

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

PART 2: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

There are no items to be considered under Part 2.

**Harry Catherall
Chief Executive
30th October 2013**