

Council Forum

27th July 2017

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 Annual Council meeting held on 18th May 2017.

5 **Declarations of Interest**

A form is attached.

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 under Procedure Rule 12 as follows:

NJC PAY TO COUNCILS

This Council calls upon the government to end the unfair policy of pay restraint for public sector workers – if the government can find £1bn to “encourage “ the DUP to support the Conservative Party in Parliament, it can find the money to pay a decent wage to public sector workers who, on a daily basis, work to provide the vital front line services that the country depends on.

In particular, this Council sympathises with the background to the NJC pay claim for 2018, submitted by UNISON, GMB and Unite on behalf of council and school workers. This Council also welcomes the joint review of the NJC pay spine to remedy the turbulence caused by bottom-loaded pay settlements. This Council however is increasingly concerned regarding the impact of the drastic ongoing cuts to local government funding and the tough choices on services that are being left for local councils to make and therefore calls on the Government to provide the additional funding for this pay rise.

The Council fully supports the national bargaining arrangements and considers provision of funds to facilitate meaningful and fair negotiations is a reasonable expectation following years of real time cuts in public sector pay.

The Government needs to take responsibility and fully fund increases in pay; it should not put the burden on public sector employers such as local authorities whose funding has been cut to the bone.

- This Council therefore resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the LGA to make urgent representations to Government to provide adequate funding for the NJC pay negotiations and pay spine review and notify us of their action in this regard.
- Write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor calling for an end to further public sector pay cuts and request proper funding for public services.

Proposer: Cllr Jim Shorrocks

Seconder: Cllr Ron Whittle

9 Policy and Corporate Resources Committee

Report of the Chair and Vice Chair of Policy and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

10 Standards Committee Report

To inform the Council of the findings of a Hearing Panel held on 6th July 2017.

11 Reports of Executive Members with Portfolios

- 11.1 Leader.
- 11.2 Health and Adult Social Care.
- 11.3 Children's Services.
- 11.4 Environment.

- 11.5 Leisure, Culture and Young People.
- 11.6 Neighbourhoods Housing and Customer Services.
- 11.7 Resources.
- 11.8 Schools and Education.
- 11.9 Regeneration.

12 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
19th July 2017