

BOROUGH OF CHESTERFIELD

You are summoned to attend a Meeting of the **Council** of the **Borough of Chesterfield** to be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on **Wednesday, 24 February 2021** at **5.00 pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

This meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams software, for which members of the Council and others in attendance will receive an invitation. Members of the public will be able to access Part 1 (Public Information) of the meeting online by following the link [here](#).

Part 1 – (Public Information)

1. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 16 December, 2020 and 10 February, 2021 (Pages 7 - 22)
2. Mayor's Communications
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Declarations of Members' and Officers' Interests relating to items on the Agenda.
5. Public Questions to the Council

To receive a question from a member of the public in accordance with Standing Order No. 12.

Question submitted by Max Kerley:

“Demolition of Council Houses - Rufford Close, Chesterfield

At the Council meeting on 26 February 2020 in response to my question on the above topic, Cllr Gilby informed me that a full technical/geological investigation had been undertaken to establish what created the conditions that necessitated the demolition of the brand new houses on Rufford Close. It subsequently emerged that the Council had received the report of this investigation in September 2019.

On 6 March 2020, I requested a copy of the report under the Freedom of Information Act. This request was refused by the Council on the grounds that the report was being used by the Council to engage in negotiation and possible mediation with contractors who had been involved in building the houses on Rufford Close and that the Council might use the report in legal

proceedings. The refusal of the Council to release this report is now the subject of an appeal to the Information Commissioner.

At the Council meeting on 16 December 2020 I asked the Council the following question? Based on the technical/geological report has the Council engaged in negotiations with the contractor(s) involved and reached mediation? If not, has the Council initiated legal proceedings?

Cllr Gilby refused to answer this question and also refused to answer my follow up question which was when can we expect the Council to engage in negotiations with contractors or initiate legal proceedings.

In the absence of any answer let alone a satisfactory answer I am forced to return to the question. Given that this sad affair has so far cost the taxpayers of Chesterfield about £1 million and that the Council has had the technical/geological report now for 17 months surely this is a long enough period of time for the residents of Chesterfield to be able to expect that the Council has now formulated a plan of action. Therefore, I ask yet again by what date can we expect the Council to engage in negotiations with contractors or by what date can we expect the Council to initiate legal proceedings?"

6. Petitions to Council

To receive petitions submitted under Standing Order No. 13

7. Questions to the Leader

To receive questions submitted to the Leader under Standing Order No.14

8. Annual Audit Letter 2019/2020 (Pages 23 - 36)

9. Local Government Act 1972 - Exclusion of the Public

To move "That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act".

Part 2 (Non-Public Information)

10. Treasury Management Strategy 2021/22 (Pages 37 - 66)

11. General Fund Capital Programme 2021/22 (Pages 67 - 78)

12. Local Government Act 1972 - Re-admission of the Public

To move “That after the consideration of items containing exempt information the public be re-admitted to the meeting”.

Part 1 (Public Information)

13. HRA Housing Capital Programme 2021/22 (Pages 79 - 104)

14. HRA Budget 2021/22 - 2025/26 (Pages 105 - 114)

15. 2021/22 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan (Pages 115 - 146)

16. Council Tax for 2021/22 (Pages 147 - 154)

17. Approval of the Annual Council Plan Delivery Plan (Pages 155 - 176)

18. Local Government Boundary Commission – Council Size submission (Pages 177 - 210)

19. Civic Arrangements 2021/22 (Pages 211 - 216)

20. Senior Pay Policy (Pages 217 - 240)

21. Minutes of Committee Meetings (Pages 241 - 242)

To receive for information the Minutes of Meetings of the following Committees:

Appeals and Regulatory Committee
Employment and General Committee
Licensing Committee
Planning Committee
Standards and Audit Committee

22. To receive the Minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet of 15 December, 2020, 12 January, 2021, 2 February, 2021 and 9 February, 2021 (Pages 243 - 268)

23. To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Cabinet and Employment and General Committee of 12 January, 2021 (Pages 269 - 272)

24. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the meetings of the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum of 19 November, 2020 and 17 December, 2020 (Pages 273 - 298)

25. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the meeting of the Community, Customer and Organisational Scrutiny Committee of 26 November, 2020 (Pages 299 - 306)
26. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the meeting of the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee of 3 December, 2020 (Pages 307 - 310)
27. Questions under Standing Order No. 19

To receive questions from Councillors in accordance with Standing Order No.19.

Question submitted by Councillor Fordham:

“To ask if the Council has plans regarding its links and relationship with the city of Yangquan in Shanxi Province, China, in the light of the planned review of the friendship cooperation between us (signed 2016 to last from 2017-2021). And to ask that this review takes into consideration the issue of human rights abuse and in particular the treatment of the Uyghur which includes forced re-education, forced labour, forced sterilisation and imprisonment. And to ask that this also includes consideration of the authoritarian repression of democracy in Hong Kong with the arrest of activists, secret trials, and crushing of political dissent?”

Question submitted by Councillor Fordham:

“To ask if representations could be made to the Polish Embassy regretting the creation of LGBT-free zones and towns in Poland and to make clear our support for inclusion and diversity of all communities, and to share with the Chesterfield Polish Society?”

28. Notice of Motion Under Standing Order No. 21

To consider the motion submitted by Councillor Fordham in accordance with Standing Order No. 21:

Chesterfield Bus and Coach Services

This Council:

1. Notes and understands that the Pandemic has caused disruption and subsequent adjustment to many local and regional services
2. Regrets that much of the specific information for individual bus stops across the Borough and at Chesterfield Coach Station have

been removed and not replaced and that responsibility for commissioning lies with DCC.

3. Understands that the coach station information centre has limited access under Covid-19, that most service information has gone on-line only and this has led to increased passenger frustration.
4. Understands that there is growing concern over the Bus Transport nationally in the context of Covid-19 and hears the Government urging people to avoid closed space public transport, whilst requiring buses and services to continue running.
5. Notes that the Climate Change Action Plan recommendation 15 “Raise with DCC and neighbouring districts options regarding local bus service regulation” reports “No progress to date”.

The council therefore commits to:

- a. Encourage and enable residents across the Borough to feed in their experience of service issues, so problems can be identified and addressed
- b. Establish a Transport Partnership with DCC and neighbouring authorities to identify and resolve longer term issues with bus and coach services including addressing the commissioning of specific services.
- c. Work with DCC and all bus and coach companies that serve the Borough to map and detail quite simply what bus and coach stops where and when and make this immediately available at each appropriate stop.
- d. To make information on which services go to and from the Borough available on the CBC website and to enable on-line signposting to correct and up-to-date coach and bus services.

By order of the Council,



Chief Executive

Chief Executive's Unit,
Town Hall,
Chesterfield

16 February 2021