



# COUNCIL

1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Tuesday, 28th February, 2023, 6.10 pm in Town Hall, Market Street, Tamworth

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## SUPPLEMENT – ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

Further to the Agenda and Papers for the above meeting, previously circulated, please find attached the following further corrected documentation:

### Agenda No. Item

5. **Question Time:** (Pages 3 - 6)
- (i) To answer questions from members of the public pursuant to Procedure Rule No. 10.
  - (ii) To answer questions from members of the Council pursuant to Procedure Rule No. 11

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'A' followed by a long horizontal line that tapers to a point on the right.

**Chief Executive**

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To Councillors: M J Greatorex, J Harper, D Cook, M Bailey, D Box, R Claymore,  
T Clements, M Cook, C Cooke, A Cooper, S Daniels, S Doyle, A Farrell,  
S Goodall, T Jay, J Jones, R Kingstone, D Maycock, J Oates, S People,

B Price, R Pritchard, R Rogers, S Smith, M Summers, P Thurgood,  
P Turner, J Wade and J Wadrup.

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## **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 1**

**Under Procedure Rule No 10 Charlie-Rose Taylor Castanheira, of Tamworth will ask the Portfolio Holder for Engagement, Civic Pride and Pride in Place, Councillor Tina Clements, the following question:-**

As we are about 2 weeks from International Women's Day, what are Tamworth Borough Council doing to support this event more widely for women in Tamworth?

## **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO.1**

**Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor John Harper will ask the Leader of The Council, Councillor Jeremy Oates, the following question:-**

I have several issues in my Bolehall ward that include deteriorating road surfaces and overgrown trees. Will the leader meet with me and representatives of Staffordshire County Council with a view of building a plan to address these long-standing issues on behalf of Bolehall residents?

## **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 2**

**Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Chris Cooke will ask the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Entertainment and Leisure, Councillor Robert Pritchard, the following question:-**

The castle has seen a number of litter bins vandalised and burnt by mindless vandals. What is the authority doing to address this matter.

## **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 3**

**Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Chris Cooke will ask the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Entertainment and Leisure, Councillor Robert Pritchard, the following question:-**

On behalf of a resident who has contacted me, could the leader tell us why the works are going on at the assembly rooms for the access?

## **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 4**

**Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Dan Maycock will ask the Leader of the Council Councillor J Oates, the following question:-**

"Would the leader agree with me, that it is imperative that, Tamworth residents take part in the consultation on the future of inpatient mental health services in Southeast Staffordshire, which effects the future of the George Bryan Centre?"

## **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO.5**

**Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Sam Smith will ask the Leader Councillor J Oates , the following question:-**

Tamworth Library on Corporation Street is currently undergoing a major refurbishment. During these works, the library services, as well as opening hours, have been maintained at the temporary Albert Street location. The last month, I have twice used both printing and computer facilities at Albert Road, and found the equipment, services and friendliness of staff to be outstanding. Tamworth Library, Corporation St is scheduled to reopen at the end of spring. Would the Leader agree with me that the County Councils refurbishment of Tamworth Library is fantastic news for Tamworth.

## **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO.6**

Question has been withdrawn.

## **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 7**

**Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor D Cook will ask the Portfolio Holder for Voluntary Sector, Town Centre, Evening Economy and Community Safety , Councillor M Summers, the following question:-**

"The Leader of the Council created the cabinet position, Voluntary Sector, Town Centre, Evening Economy and Community Safety in December 2021. I recall it well as i was handed this new Cabinet position at the time. I held it for around 33 days, removing Christmas and New Year I probably held it less than 2 weeks before i resigned on Principle.

You replaced me in January 2022 Cllr Summers, my question is simple - Given that key elements of the Portfolio position taken from the Constitution are

- Evening Economy
- Town centre relationships (working in partnership with Cllr Clements)

Can you confirm what has been actioned, investigated, reviewed or planned in regards the health of the town centre economy over that past 13 months? Other than FHSF or Gungate which are both my legacy?

## **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 8**

**Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor D Cook will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor J Oates, the following question:-**

"Councillor Oates will of course be aware that Tamworth Borough Councils Monitoring Officer has for the last 10 months been pushing for the Council review and potentially adopt the new LGA Code of Conduct for Councillors. Something the

Audit and Governance committee has found on its agenda a few times over the last year.

Within the consultation from the LGA is the following statement

**General principles of councillor conduct**

**Everyone in public office at all levels; all who serve the public or deliver public services, including ministers, civil servants, councillors and local authority officers; should uphold the Seven Principles of Public Life, also known as the Nolan Principles** I assume the Council Leader supports this upgrade of the Code of Conduct, otherwise I fail to see why officers would be continuing with this agenda. I could be wrong!

In that case can the Leader of the Council remind this Chamber of the Seven Principles, AKA the Nolan Principles. And can the Council Leader state his belief in holding all councillors to these Principle's?

## **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO.9**

**Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor M Cook will ask the Leader of the Council Councillor J Oates, the following question:-**

At the Joint Budget Scrutiny meeting a few weeks ago, I asked Cllr Robert Pritchard to confirm which play areas were due to be refurbished as part of the budget proposals, which we are due to discuss this evening. Cllr Pritchard responded that he was unable to confirm this due to an officer being off sick.

Following that meeting I emailed him on the 4th February and the 13th February asking the same question. After receiving no reply, I emailed yourself on the 16th, which you replied to on the morning of the 17th saying you'd find out. I chased again on 23rd February and you again replied quickly to confirm you were still waiting for Cllr Pritchard to confirm. Can you please therefore confirm to me which play areas are due to be upgraded as part of the budget proposals.

## **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 10**

**Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor J Harper will ask the Leader, Councillor J Oates, the following question:-**

Unauthorised parking in Market Street, George Street, Colehill and St Editha's Square has become a major issue in the town centre with some motorists brazenly using the pedestrianised areas as a 'free car park' without hinderance or any fear of repercussions. Would the leader consider discussing this with the relevant county councillor with a view to finding a solution to this unacceptable practice?

