



COUNCIL

18th September 2023

Tuesday, 19th September, 2023, 6.10 pm in Town Hall, Market Street, Tamworth

SUPPLEMENT – ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

Further to the Agenda and Papers for the above meeting, previously circulated, please find attached the following further information, which was not available when the agenda was issued:

Agenda No. Item

5. **Question Time:** (Pages 3 - 8)
- (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 stylized initials and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Chief Executive

To Councillors: J Harper, D Maycock, P Turner, T Jay, C Adams, C Bain, B Clarke, L Clarke, G Coates, C Dean, L Wood, D Cook, M Bailey, R Claymore, T Clements, A Cooper, S Daniels, S Doyle, J Jones, R Kingstone,

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

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 1

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Mr Simon Goodall of Tamworth will ask the Portfolio Holder for Entertainment & Leisure, Councillor Andrew Cooper, the following question:-

“Our region has a rich canal heritage; Tamworth is boundaried and bisected by the Coventry Canal with the Fazeley Canal just a stones throw away. As you all know, canals are a growing part of the leisure sector both on and off water and provide important safe transport links as well as important ecological benefits contributing to the Council’s green agenda. Can the Portfolio Holder commit the Council to supporting the Canal and River Trust in any way possible to provide support in light of future cuts to the grants provided by government?”

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 2

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Mr Simon Goodall of Tamworth will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor Paul Turner, the following question:-

“The school uniform swap stall that was led by Cllr Clements was clearly so helpful for many families in this time of tighter finances. Does the leader believe a motion should be brought to Council to write to all local schools encouraging these ridiculous uniform policies of having to have logo branded clothing articles that causes undue strain on Tamworth families to be relaxed?”

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 3

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Mr Dennis Powick of Tamworth will ask the Portfolio Holder for Entertainment & Leisure, Councillor Andrew Cooper, the following question:-

"Will Councillor Martin Summers please indicate within his portfolio responsibility for Tamworth Borough Council Cemeteries what contact does the Tamworth Borough Council have with the Commonwealth War Grave Commission on a formal or informal basis?"

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 4

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Mr Dennis Powick of Tamworth will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor Paul Turner, the following question:-

Will The Leader be able to share any information with me, within his wide-ranging portfolio responsibilities, especially in respect to what Tamworth Borough Council intend to do in supporting Tamworth’s rate paying residents who do not have, or

cannot afford, internet access for their future banking requirements. This is an obvious worry within a slowly diminishing extremely important service sector based within the town centre.

I sincerely hope the foresaid Council have taken into account the major banking concerns residents have within their own well published Town Centre Development Plan amid the continued town centre bank closures.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 1

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Jeremy Oates will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor Paul Turner, the following question:-

Following the government that an additional 104 school buildings (bringing the total to 154) are being forced to close as they are constructed of aerated concrete known as RAAC, will the Leader of the Council take immediate action and proceed with the works planned for middle entry to remove the structures containing this material (which were identified at the start of the year) including sourcing the funding required to remove this danger from the town centre streets without any more delays?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 2

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Robert Pritchard will ask the Portfolio Holder Environmental Health & Community Partnerships, Councillor Martin Summers, the following question:-

In the current Council by-election, the opposition are campaigning to reopen a Tamworth Police Station. Could the portfolio holder please confirm that Tamworth Police Station did not close, it merely moved to a new location on Marlborough Way.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 3

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Gareth Coates will ask the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Health & Community Partnerships, Councillor Martin Summers, the following question:-

Last year Tamworth Council along with 42 other councils didn't issue one Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for fly-tipping, there were 1453 incidents and 1120 of enforcement actions in Tamworth. Not one of these lead to a Fixed Penalty notice,

could the Council please explain why not one FPN was issued and how they are looking at dealing with fly-tipping in the future?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 4

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Gareth Coates will ask the Portfolio Holder for Entertainment & Leisure, Councillor Andrew Cooper, the following question:-

There is a piece of grass that runs from 112 Comberford Road to number 124, a few years ago the tree were removed for health and safety reasons. The reason was, there were Conker trees planted here and kids were going into the busy road to get them, the residents were told the trees would be replaced. Are they any updates on when the new trees are likely to be planted?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 5

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Robert Pritchard will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor Paul Turner, the following question:-

When the Arkall Farm development (now called Arkall Green) was at a planning stage I campaigned against it and argued how North Tamworth cannot sustain further development.

This authority took the matter to the Planning Inspector and we secured a partial victory with a Grampian Agreement and a "Monitor and Manage" approach to the development.

I am shocked to see that an application has been made to Lichfield District Council to allow the developer to change or remove the vital "Monitor and Manage" condition.

Can the Leader of the Council confirm what the authority is doing to ensure that this vital planning protection is not removed.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 6

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Lee Wood will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor Paul Turner, the following question:-

Following on from a recent FOI request revealing that RAAC has been found in the buildings linked to the FHSF project, has the Council investigated the possibility of adjacent buildings having the same material?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 7

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Daniel Cook will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor Paul Turner, the following question:-

Can the Leader of the Council confirm he believes there is still a point of operating Scrutiny committees at Tamworth Borough Council?

Does the controlling Group take them seriously?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 8

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Daniel Cook will ask the Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Operations and Finance, Councillor Thomas Jay, the following question:-

Given recent news that Birmingham City Council has served a section 114 notice, and that Stoke are not far behind. Noting as well that Woking and Thurrock are in the same dire place.

Does he believe that the process of setting the 2024/25 MTFS is business as usual, i.e. trim bits here, remove bits there, set income targets we never fully meet etc... or is it time for a much more radical approach to secure the long term financial viability of TBC?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 9

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Craig Adams will ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing & Planning, Councillor Samuel Smith, the following question:-

How long on average does it take for a council house that has a problem to be fully resolved - what is the average in the Belgrave ward?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 10

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Carol Dean will ask the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Health & Community Partnerships, Councillor Martin Summers, the following question:-

Can the portfolio holder please confirm to me what responsibility the Borough Council has with regard to local green spaces.ie: general maintenance around our estates with paths, roads, gullies and drains, tress and hedgerows. Can he explain the dividing line between County and Borough responsibility and the responsibilities undertaken by Street Scene?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 11

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Rosey Claymore will ask the Portfolio Holder for Town Centre & Commercial Property, Councillor Paul Thompson, the following question:-

I had the pleasure of visiting "The We Love Tamworth" event over the weekend of 9th and 10th September.

A fantastic event showcasing our town and what we have to offer. You can imagine how extremely concerned and disappointed I was to see three of the public toilets were out of order. Can you explain why these facilities were out of service, when it was known they would be out of order, and why appropriate measures were not taken to ensure the facilities were in working order for such an important event?

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