

**NON-CONFIDENTIAL
BOROUGH OF TAMWORTH**



COUNCIL

11th December 2023

Tuesday, 12th December, 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 - 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 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 Huw Loxton, will ask the Acting Leader of the Council, Councillor T Jay, the following question:-

Since declaring a climate emergency in 2019 what have the council been doing to encourage people to use more sustainable modes of transport and encourage cycling and walking and reduce over reliance on the motor vehicle?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 1

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor J Wadrup will ask the Portfolio Holder for Operations & Finance, Councillor T Jay, the following question:-

Considering the recent Section 114 notices served at Local Authorities. Can you assure members and the residents of Tamworth that you have carried out regular and robust pay audits to minimise the risk of a financial deficit due to any potential Equal Pay liability?

This is one element of risk to Local Authorities, and we need to ensure this doesn't impact on budgets and putting the council dire straits. Can you clarify when the last Equal Pay audit was carried out, please?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 2

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor G Coates will ask the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Finance, Councillor Thomas Jay, the following question:-

Residents come across many green and blue bins either dumped or left abandoned, all contaminated with rubbish, who at Tamworth Borough Council should be contacted to deal with this growing issue?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 3

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor G Coates will ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning, Councillor S Smith, the following question:-

Can the council confirm or deny that the council has ran out of money to undertake housing repairs on a council property, one resident has

contacted me and said an employee of the Council told them there is no money till after April 2024?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 4

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor S Daniels will ask the Acting Leader of the Council, Councillor T Jay, the following question:-

Bolehall residents are increasingly concerned that it is unsafe to walk, use a wheelchair or mobility scooter or manoeuvre a push char along Blythe Street without having to go into the middle of the road- so dangerous is the parking by the Royal Mail Delivery Office with pavements often completely covered by cars.

Will the leader of the council support my fellow councillors and I in bringing this dangerous situation to an end?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 5

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor C Adams will ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing & Planning, Councillor S smith, the following question:-

As the council is aware of the problems at Glenfield Sheltered housing, included the heating system, could you please make sure that it is a priority of the council to fix the issues there?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 6

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor C Adams will ask the Acting Leader of the Council, Councillor T Jay, the following question:-, the following question:-

When the plans changed to demolished and rebuild the former Peel café, why did the plans not go back to the planning committee?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 7

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor C Dean will ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning, Councillor S Smith, the following question:-

Could the leader please advise me who has the responsibility for protecting the natural habitats within our borough? Cllr Daniels and myself are dealing with a major issue in the Bolehall ward where a resident has been allowed to cut down a great many trees and lay a hardcore road surface on what is considered to be 'Common Land.' Would the trees in question have been covered by the Tree Preservation List from 1967. I understand there is a TPO listed online for Bolehall and Kettlebrook.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 8

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor C Dean will ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning, Councillor S Smith, the following question:-

Can the leader tell me what duty of care we have to our elderly residents in the High Rise flats. I have a gentleman who has a medical condition that means he needs constant temperature in his environment, but between our contractors and Octopus energy who are his suppliers he has been without heating for a considerable time, having to resort to using fan heaters, which will be having an effect on his budget.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 9

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor L Wood will ask the Portfolio Holder for Entertainment and Leisure, Councillor A Cooper, the following question:-

I've had a resident approach me with concerns of tree branches growing onto their roof, and onto the cables that run from a telegraph pole to multiple homes nearby. There is also a potential issue of the solar panels on the library being affected because of the trees. Can I ask whose responsibility it is when it comes to tree maintenance in St. Editha's churchyard?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 10

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor L Wood will ask the Acting Leader of the Council, Councillor T Jay, the following question:-

Is there an update on the roof over the Middle Entry, and have considerations now been taken when it comes to the businesses that will be affected by its' eventual removal?