

NON-CONFIDENTIAL
BOROUGH OF TAMWORTH



COUNCIL

24th February 2025

Tuesday, 25th February, 2025, 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, appearing to read 'S. C. V.'.

Chief Executive

To Councillors: G Coates, C Bain, C Adams, N Arkney, M Bailey, B Clarke, L Clarke, M Clarke, R Claymore, T Clements, M Couchman, S Daniels, C Dean, S Doyle, D Foster, H Hadley, T Jay, R Kingstone, K Norchi, J Oates, P Pallett, B Price, L Smith, S Smith, N Statham, M Summers, P Turner, J Wadrup, L Wood and A Wells.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 1

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Simon Goodall, will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor C Dean, the following question:-

In definition what is Tamworth Borough Council?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 2

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Simon Goodall, will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor C Dean, the following question:-

Does the Leader agree that the Controlling group should be sweating all the assets of the Town for the betterment of the residents of Tamworth?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 3

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Ron Brown, will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor C Dean, the following question:-

When will our Council realise that the quality of the Live Streaming of our Council Meetings - which last month attracted a mere 17 viewers out of our entire 70,000+ population - is extremely poor and failing to even remotely meet Public Expectations of a quality video service, or if there is already a Plan to address this, will it kindly publish complete details and its timelines?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 4

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Mark Hopkins, will ask the Portfolio Holder for Co-operative Council, Community Partnerships and ASB, Councillor S Daniels, the following question:-

What actions are the Council taking in the next 30 days towards keeping the public as safe as possible in view of the noticeable rise in violent crime in the Borough?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 5

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Mark Hopkins, will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor C Dean, the following question:-

Will the Council Leader please provide a statement on what action can be taken against either Employees or Councillors who issue commitments or permissions which they are not authorised to issue?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 1

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor P Turner will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor C Dean, the following question:-

What explanation does the Leader have for the lack of support and very poor communications between our Local hero Spudman Ben & TBC?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 2

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor S Smith will ask the Leader Councillor C Dean, the following question:-

Last year, Ben Newman—better known as Spudman—was honoured with the Freedom of the Borough award, a recognition reserved for exceptional voluntary, professional, or philanthropic service. Spudman has generously drawn thousands of unique visitors to Tamworth. Is the current controversy over his pitch a reflection of a complete lack of commercial awareness and failure to recognise the valuable asset he and his offerings bring?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 3

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor T Clements will ask the Leader of the Council, the following question:-

Could the leader of the council explain why there are no events planned by the council for International Women's Day on March 8th?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 4

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor S Smith will ask the Portfolio Holder for People Services, Leisure and Engagement, Councillor L Smith the following question:-

Last December at the full council meeting, I asked the Portfolio Holder for People Services, Engagement and Leisure, what steps were being taken to improve communication between Lightspeed, the Council, and distressed residents. We were informed that the Leader and Executive were scheduled to meet with the Managing Director of Lightspeed the following day to agree on future communications. In January, the Chair of the Infrastructure Safety and Growth Scrutiny Committee raised this issue again, and it was noted by Councillor Statham that our MP would be meeting with Lightspeed and that an

update would be provided. Assuming these meetings took place, can you confirm if arrangements have been made to enhance communication, particularly ensuring residents can voice their concerns and that issues raised are swiftly supported and actioned accordingly?

