

To: **The Worshipful the Mayor of the Borough of Wyre
and all Members of the Council**

BOROUGH OF WYRE

Civic Centre,
Poulton-le-Fylde

8 October, 2014

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Wyre Borough Council to be held at the Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde on **Thursday 16 October 2014** commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Yours sincerely,



G Payne
Chief Executive

Prior to the start of the meeting the Mayor will invite the Mayor's Chaplain, Mr Tom Birch, to say prayers.

COUNCIL AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings held on 4 September 2014 (pages 1 - 9).

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest from any Member or Officer on any item on this Agenda.

All Members are asked to submit any declarations in writing by 9.30 am on Wednesday 15 October 2014, if possible.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive any announcements from the Mayor, Leader, Deputy Leader, Members of the Cabinet, a Chairman of a Committee or the Chief Executive.

5. PRESENTATION

None

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS OR PETITIONS

To receive any questions, statements or petitions from any Member of the public under Council Procedure Rule 9.

Any questions received prior to the specified deadline of noon on Friday, 10 October, 2014 will be published and circulated separately.

7. QUESTIONS "ON NOTICE" FROM COUNCILLORS

Any questions from Members of the Council to the Mayor, a Member of the Cabinet or a Chairman of a Committee under Council Procedure Rule 12.1.

Any questions received by the specified deadline of noon on Friday, 10 October, 2014 will be published and circulated separately.

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

To receive reports from the Leader and Cabinet Members. (In accordance with Procedure Rule 11.3 Councillors will be able to ask questions or make comments).

- (a) Leader of the Council (Councillor Gibson) (pages 10 - 11)
- (b) Resources Portfolio Holder (Councillor A. Vincent) (pages 12 - 13)
- (c) Street Scene Portfolio Holder (Councillor V. Taylor) (pages 14 - 15)
- (d) Economy Portfolio Holder (Councillor Murphy) (pages 16 - 18)
- (e) Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder (Councillor Berry) (page 19)
- (f) Leisure & Culture Portfolio Holder (Councillor Bowen) (pages 20 - 22)

9. LOCALISED COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT

Report of the Resources Portfolio Holder (Cllr A Vincent) and the Corporate Director of Resources, attached (pages 23 - 27)

10. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES 2014/15

Report of the Leader of the Council (Cllr Gibson) and the Chief Executive, attached (pages 28 - 30)

11. ETHICAL STANDARDS: APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT PERSON

Report of the Chairman of the Standards Committee (Cllr B. Birch) and the Monitoring Officer, attached (pages 31 - 35)

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notices of Motion have been received under Procedure Rule 15.

1. The “bedroom tax” and the “Affordable Homes Bill”

Proposed by Cllr Beavers, seconded by Cllr Martin and also signed by Cllrs E Anderton, M Anderton, Smith and E Stephenson.

“Wyre Borough Council believe that the government’s Single Persons Discount commonly referred to as the ‘Bedroom Tax’ is an unnecessary burden on hard-working families and is having devastating consequences on those affected by its implementation in Wyre.

This Council supports the ‘Affordable Homes Bill’ currently passing through Parliament, and welcomes it as a first step towards the abolition of the ‘Bedroom Tax’. Council notes with concern, however that Members of Parliament for Wyre Eric Ollerenshaw, Ben Wallace and Paul Maynard all voted against it during the second reading.

This Council registers its opposition to the Single Persons Discount ‘Bedroom Tax’ and resolves to call on the Secretary of State for the Department of Works and Pensions, Rt Hon Ian Duncan Smith MP, and all Wyre MPs, to support the Affordable Homes Bill as a first step towards its abolition.”

2. A Local Plan for Wyre

Proposed by Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr B Stephenson and also signed by Cllr E Stephenson and Cllr Treece-Birch.

“The current lack of a Local Plan is leaving our borough wide open to planning applications which potentially fail to meet the needs of our community but rather seem to meet the profit margins of developers.

This Council asks all members to support the Local Plan timetable and ensure adequate resources be made available if required.

Failure to deliver according to the timetable will potentially mean we fall short in delivering the best outcomes for our residents, that is we could fail to deliver the right homes in the right places.”

If you have any enquiries on this agenda, please contact Roy Saunders, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, tel: 01253 887481, email: roy.saunders@wyre.gov.uk