

To Members of the Council

Cllr. Iain Hewson (Chairman)
Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr. Shabbir Aslam
Cllr. Shane Blackwell
Cllr. Lee Breckon JP
Cllr. Nick Brown
Cllr. Nick Chapman
Cllr. David Clements
Cllr. Adrian Clifford
Cllr. Stuart Coar
Cllr. Sharon Coe
Cllr. Roy Denney
Cllr. Alex DeWinter
Cllr. David Findlay
Cllr. Janet Forey

Cllr. David Freer
Cllr. Deanne Freer
Cllr. Chris Frost
Cllr. Nigel Grundy
Cllr. Paul Hartshorn
Cllr. Mark Jackson
Cllr. Trevor Matthews
Cllr. Sam Maxwell
Cllr. Christine Merrill
Cllr. Phil Moitt
Cllr. Mat Mortel
Cllr. Antony Moseley
Cllr. Michael O'Hare

Cllr. Les Phillimore
Cllr. Louise Richardson
Cllr. Terry Richardson
Cllr. Tracey Shepherd
Cllr. Mike Shirley
Cllr. Ben Taylor
Cllr. Kirsteen Thomson
Cllr. Bev Welsh
Cllr. Geoff Welsh
Cllr. Jane Wolfe
Cllr. Maggie Wright

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** will be held in the Council Chamber - Council Offices, Narborough on **TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2022** at **5.30 p.m.** for the transaction of the following business and your attendance is requested.

On behalf of people in the district, elected Members and staff, we at Blaby District Council extend our sincere condolences to His Majesty King Charles III and the Royal Family following the death of Queen Elizabeth II on 8 September 2022. As a mark of respect, during the mourning period, the flag in the grounds of the Council offices will fly at half-mast.

Yours faithfully



Louisa Horton
Monitoring Officer



AGENDA

SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION

To receive apologies for absence, disclosures of interest from Councillors, and Minutes of the previous Council meeting.

1. Apologies for absence
2. Disclosures of Interests from Members

To receive disclosures of interests from Members (i.e. the existence and the nature of those interests in respect of items on this agenda).

3. Minutes (Pages 7 - 16)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2022 (enclosed).

SECTION 2 - STANDARD COUNCIL BUSINESS

To receive announcements from the Chairman and the Statement of the Leader of the Council.

Any reports for consideration listed under this section will be moved in one block without discussion, unless any Member present requests otherwise.

4. Chairman's Announcements
5. Leader's Statement
6. Position Statement on the Council's response to the Cost of Living Crisis from Cllr. Terry Richardson - Leader of the Council
7. Approval of Absence (Local Government Act 1972, Section 85(1)) (Pages 17 - 20)

To consider the report of the Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer (enclosed).
8. Amendments to Appointments to Committees and Seat Allocations (Pages 21 - 24)

To consider the report of the Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer (enclosed).

SECTION 3 - PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

To consider any presentations from Council Officer's or an external body/partner agency.

9. Community First Responders

To receive a presentation from the Community First Responders.

10. Youth Council Priorities 2022/23

To receive a presentation from the Youth Council.

SECTION 4 - QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

To receive questions to Councillors submitted by members of the public and to receive any petitions submitted in accordance with the Council's petitions scheme.

11. Public Speaking Protocol

Requests received by the Protocol deadline to be reported by the Monitoring Officer with details of the Agenda Item to which they relate. (Such persons entitled to use the Protocol attend for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business of the meeting and the time allocated to each person is a maximum of three minutes unless extended at the discretion of the Chairman).

SECTION 5 - MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

To receive any questions submitted by Councillors.

12. Questions from Members

Any Members wishing to submit questions must do so to the Monitoring Officer no later than 5 working days before the meeting.

The Monitoring Officer will report if any questions have been submitted.

SECTION 6 - REPORTS FOR DECISIONS

To consider any reports submitted for consideration by Council.

13. Recommendations of the Cabinet Executive: Quarter 1 Capital Programme Review 2021/22 (Pages 25 - 30)

To consider the report of the Cabinet Executive (enclosed).

14. Recommendations of the Cabinet Executive: Strategic Property Investment for Regeneration (Pages 31 - 36)

To consider the report of the Cabinet Executive (enclosed).

15. Recommendations of the Cabinet Executive: Review of Minimum Revenue Provision Policy (Pages 37 - 46)

To consider the report of the Cabinet Executive (enclosed).

16. Public Spaces Protection Order Renewal - Dogs (Pages 47 - 54)

To consider the report of the Environmental Services Manager (enclosed)

17. Cosby Neighbourhood Plan - response to Examiner's proposed modifications (Pages 55 - 100)

To consider the report of the Development Strategy Manager (enclosed).

SECTION 7 - MOTIONS/ DEBATES/CONSULTATIONS & MEMBERS' FEEDBACK

To consider Motions submitted by Councillors, take part in a debate or receive Member feedback from attendance at national briefings, key training initiatives or work on any Outside Bodies.

18. Motion under Council Rules of Procedure

Cllr. Sam Maxwell to move the following motion, seconded by Cllr. Nick Brown:

1. That this Council notes:

- (a) That the Bank of England officially forecasts an CPI inflation rate of 13% in the fourth quarter of this year; this being based on a rise in fuel cap of 75% in October. That would increase the typical annual household fuel bill from just under £2,000 to around £3,500, three times higher than a year earlier.
- (b) That the Office for National Statistics reported the real value of workers take home pay dropped by 3% in June.
- (c) That price rises of this scale will adversely affect all residents, but will be especially devastating to those on already low income and with limited savings.
- (d) That many residents of the District:
 - are now finding it very hard to meet their domestic fuel bills;
 - are finding a rise in the price of ordinary commodities from food to household products;
 - are facing record high fuel costs at the petrol stations with no alternative options;
 - will be receiving lower wages in real terms for the foreseeable future, including many working in the public sector;
 - are seeing an increased use of food banks and other emergency support

2. That this Council recognises the enormous pressures that the cost of living crisis and inflationary pressures place on demand for services and the council's finances, specifically;

(a) Availability of emergency housing for families made homeless

(b) Increased costs of delivering services and the capital programme

(c) Shortfalls in budgeted income due to falling demand and a contracting local economy

(d) Council Tax arrears and other income shortfalls

3. That this Council requests:

(a) The Cabinet bring forward an urgent report to Council on proposals to address and mitigate the impact of the cost of living crisis on Blaby's residents.

(b) That Council works with public and third sector, including charities and voluntary organisations, to seek to establish 'warm banks' during the winter to protect vulnerable residents unable to heat their homes.

(c) That additional funding is made available to the Hardship Reserve to address the increase in households in emergency situations.

(d) That increased resources are made available to provide support and advice on money matters, wellbeing and mental health.

(e) The leadership of the Council lobby Government and local members of parliament to seek significant additional financial support beyond what has already been announced for households over this winter.

(f) The Council support the LGA in any efforts to increase central government support for local government finances to address budget pressures caused by the hike in inflation and greater demands on services.

SECTION 8 - EXEMPT REPORTS

There are no reports for consideration under this Section.