

# Council

Agenda and Reports  
for consideration on

**Tuesday, 20th July 2010**

in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Chorley

At 6.30 pm



## **PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS/SPEAKING AT COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- Questions should be submitted to the Democratic Services Section by midday, two working days prior to each Council meeting to allow time to prepare appropriate responses and investigate the issue if necessary (12 Noon on the Friday prior to the meeting).
- A maximum period of 3 minutes will be allowed for a question from a member of the public on an item on the agenda. A maximum period of 30 minutes to be allocated for public questions if necessary at each ordinary Council meeting, excluding the Annual Meeting.
- The question to be answered by the Executive Member with responsibility for the service area or whoever is most appropriate.
- On receiving a reply the member of the public will be allowed to ask one supplementary question.
- Members of the public will be able to stay for the rest of the meeting should they so wish but will not be able to speak on any other agenda item upon using their allocated 3 minutes.

9 July 2010

Dear Councillor

## **COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 20TH JULY 2010**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Chorley Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Chorley on Tuesday, 20th July 2010 commencing at 6.30 pm for the following purposes.

### **AGENDA**

1. **Apologies for absence**

2. **Minutes of Annual Council Meeting (Pages 1 - 12)**

To confirm as a correct record the enclosed minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 18 May 2010.

3. **Declarations of Any Interests**

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda. If the interest arises **only** as result of your membership of another public body or one to which you have been appointed by the Council then you only need to declare it if you intend to speak.

If the personal interest is a prejudicial interest, you must withdraw from the meeting. Normally you should leave the room before the business starts to be discussed. You do, however, have the same right to speak as a member of the public and may remain in the room to enable you to exercise that right and then leave immediately. In either case you must not seek to improperly influence a decision on the matter.

4. **Mayoral Announcements**

5. **Public Questions**

Members of the public who have requested the opportunity to ask question(s) on any item(s) on the agenda will be asked to put their question(s) to the Council. Members of the public will be allowed to ask one supplementary question within their allocated 3 minutes.

6. **Executive Cabinet**

a) **Revenue and Capital Outturn for 2009/10 (Pages 13 - 34)**

To consider the enclosed report of the Executive Cabinet.

- b) General Report (Pages 35 - 38)

To consider the enclosed general report of the meeting held on 3 June 2010.

7. **Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Task and Finish Groups**

- a) Scrutiny Reporting Back: Annual Report on Overview and Scrutiny Activity in 2009/10 (Pages 39 - 44)

Report enclosed.

- b) General Report (Pages 45 - 46)

To consider the enclosed general report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 1 June 2010.

8. **Audit Committee (Pages 47 - 50)**

To consider the enclosed general report of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 30 June 2010.

9. **Chorley Council's Annual Report for 2009/10**

To receive and consider the enclosed report of the Director of Partnerships, Planning and Policy, with the accompanying attached Annual Report for 2009/10.

10. **Officers' Code of Conduct (Pages 51 - 52)**

To consider the enclosed report of the Director of Transformation.

11. **Appointments to Committees**

To agree the following change to the membership of the Development Control Committee:

Councillor Alan Cullens to replace Councillor Mike Devaney.

12. **Questions Asked under Council Procedure Rule 8 (if any)**

13. **To consider any Notices of Motion given in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10**

- a) Notice of Motion - VAT

This council believes that Value Added Tax (VAT) is an unfair and regressive tax which disproportionately affects people on lower incomes. This included pensioners and the unemployed who do not pay income tax or national insurance. Furthermore this council believes that the temporary reduction in VAT to 15% in 2009 was a successful measure in stimulating the economy during the recession. Therefore this council opposes the unfair increase in VAT to 20% announced in the 2010 Budget which will hit the poorest families and pensioners hardest.

Councillor Alistair Bradley  
Councillor Peter Wilson

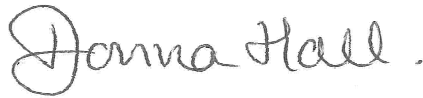
- b) Notice of Motion - Local Democracy and the Planning Process

This council recognises the importance of empowering local people in the decision making process and supports the council's vision outlined in our constitution which commits the council to involving people in their communities. We recognise the importance of this in respect of planning process and the vital role councillors play in representing the views of local residents. Furthermore we believe that too many decisions are taken under delegated powers despite opposition from councillors and local residents. Therefore we call on the council to ensure that all applications are referred to the Development Control Committee where at least one objection from a ward councillor, who is acting following a written request from a constituent or constituents, is received, thus allowing the public to air their views and the application to be given due consideration by democratically elected councillors from all political parties.

Councillor Alistair Bradley  
Councillor Peter Wilson

14. **Any other item(s) the Mayor decides is/are urgent**

Yours sincerely



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