

16 February 2011

To : The Mayor and Members of Melton Borough Council

Dear Sir or Madam

You are summoned to a **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** to be held at Scafford Hall, Scafford Road, Melton Mowbray, LE14 4UB on **Thursday 24 February 2011 at 6.30 p.m.**

Yours faithfully

Lynn Aisbett
Chief Executive

AGENDA

Item No.	Item
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2.	MINUTES To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2 February 2011
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Members to declare any interest as appropriate in respect of items to be considered at this meeting
4.	MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS Including an update on the activities of the Young Mayor
5.	LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
6.	QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC The Leader and Chairmen of Policy Committees to answer any questions from the public of which notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 of the Constitution. There are no questions received.

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7.	<p>PETITION : In accordance with Procedure Rule 24.1 and Part 2 of the Petitions Scheme, the Chief Executive shall report the receipt of a petition to the next meeting of the Council where there shall be no debate or comment thereon</p>																				
8.	<p>RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES <u>Licensing and Regulatory Committee : 8 December 2010</u> <u>Minute L27/10 : Sex Entertainment Venues</u> RECOMMENDED that the Council adopt the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Schedule 3 as amended by the Policing and Crime Act 2009. The Council to consider the recommendation in the context of the report that was circulated to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee and is circulated with this agenda.</p>																				
9.	<p>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS (a) The Chairmen of Committees to answer any questions upon items of reports of Committees when those items are being received or under consideration by the Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.1 of the Constitution :-</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="339 920 1425 1323"> <tr> <td>Standards Committee</td> <td>9 December 2010</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Overview, Scrutiny and Audit Committee</td> <td>14 December 2010</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Development Committee</td> <td>16 December 2010</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Special Rural, Economic & Environmental Affairs Committee</td> <td>20 December 2010</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Development Committee</td> <td>13 January 2011</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community & Social Affairs Committee</td> <td>25 January 2011</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Policy, Finance & Administration Committee</td> <td>26 January 2011</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Special Development Committee</td> <td>27 January 2011</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Development Committee</td> <td>3 February 2011</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Overview, Scrutiny and Audit Committee</td> <td>8 February 2011</td> </tr> </table> <p>(b) The Mayor, the Leader and the Chairmen of Committees to answer any questions on any matters in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affect the Borough of which due notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.5</p> <p>(c) Councillor O'Callaghan submitted the following questions on 15 February 2011 :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many cases are currently being dealt with by the standards committee /process at the council? 2. How long has each being going on for? 3. How long do you envisage each taking before resolution? 4. How many of these are using resources external to the council? 5. At what level are these resources eg Barrister, Solicitor? 6. Who decides what resources are allocated? 7. In how many of these cases is the resource being used for the investigation and in how many to support the 'defendant'. 8. What is the criteria for a decision to support a 'defendant'? <p>The Leader to respond</p>	Standards Committee	9 December 2010	Overview, Scrutiny and Audit Committee	14 December 2010	Development Committee	16 December 2010	Special Rural, Economic & Environmental Affairs Committee	20 December 2010	Development Committee	13 January 2011	Community & Social Affairs Committee	25 January 2011	Policy, Finance & Administration Committee	26 January 2011	Special Development Committee	27 January 2011	Development Committee	3 February 2011	Overview, Scrutiny and Audit Committee	8 February 2011
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10.	<p>MOTION ON NOTICE : 'FIT FOR THE FUTURE' RESTRUCTURE : FROM COUNCILLORS O'CALLAGHAN AND DUNGWORTH</p> <p>In accordance with Procedure Rule 11.1, the following motion was received on 14 February 2011 from Councillor O'Callaghan as proposer and Councillor Dungworth as seconder :-</p> <p><i>This Council regrets that so few councillors were involved in the decision taken by the PFA Sub committee on Friday 4th February regarding 'Fit for the Future' - Member Support Options</i></p>
11.	<p>MAYOR OF SOCHACZEW</p> <p>The Mayor to</p> <p>(a) submit a notice from the Town Council in Sochaczew which</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) reports that local government elections had been held in Poland on 5 December 2010 and a new Mayor, Deputies and Chief of the Town Council had been appointed for the 2010-2014 term; (ii) advises that the new Mayor is Mr. Piotr Osiecki and his deputies are Mr. Marek Ferginski and Mr. Dariusz Zawidzki; (iii) advises that new Chief of the Town Council is Ms. Jolanta Gonta and her deputies are Mr. Stanislaw Wachowski and Mr. Marcin Cichocki; (iv) declares their intent of continuing partner collaboration and the development of a close relationship between Melton Mowbray and Sochaczew; (v) wishes the inhabitants of Melton Mowbray all the best in the New Year 2011; <p>(b) request that the Council send a similar message of friendship to the new administration and citizens of Sochaczew</p>
12.	<p>SETTING OF COUNCIL TAXES</p> <p>The Head of Central Services to submit a report the purpose of which is to submit the council tax calculations required under the Local Government Finance Act 1992</p> <p>The Leicestershire County Council figures are subject to approval at their meeting on 23 February 2011</p>

Advice on Members' Interests

COUNCIL MEETINGS - COMMITTEE MINUTES : DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Interests need not be declared at Full Council in relation to Committee Minutes which do not become the subject of debate at Full Council (ie. Minutes referred to solely on a page by page basis when working through the Minutes of each Committee.)

An interest must be declared at Full Council as soon as it becomes apparent that a relevant Committee Minute is to be debated – this applies even if an interest has been declared at Committee and is recorded in the Minutes of that Committee.

PERSONAL AND NON-PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

If the issue being discussed affects you, your family or a close associate more than other people in the area, you have a personal and non-prejudicial interest. You also have a personal and non-prejudicial interest if the issue relates to an interest you must register.

You must state that you have a personal and non-prejudicial interest and the nature of your interest. You may stay, take part and vote in the meeting (*unless the interest is also prejudicial).

PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

If a member of the public, who knows all the relevant facts, would view your personal interest in the issue being discussed to be so great that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest and it affects your or the other person or bodies' financial position or relates to any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration then **you must state that you have a personal and prejudicial interest, the nature of the interest and you must leave the room***. You must not seek improperly to influence a decision on that matter unless you have previously obtained a dispensation from the Authority's Standards Committee.

You may not attend a meeting or stay in the room as either an Observer Councillor or *Ward Councillor or as a member of the public if you have a personal and prejudicial interest*.

BIAS AND PREDETERMINATION

If you have been involved in an issue in such a manner or to such an extent that the public are likely to perceive you to be biased in your judgement of the public interest (bias) or where you have given the impression that you have firmly and fixedly made up your mind on the issue prior to the meeting (predetermination) then you should not take part in the decision-making process; you should leave the room. **You should state that your position in this matter prohibits you from taking part.** You may request permission of the Chair to address the meeting prior to leaving the room. The Chair will need to assess whether you have a useful contribution to make or whether complying with this request would prejudice the proceedings. A Personal and Prejudicial Interest will take precedence over Bias and Predetermination

In each case above, you should make your declaration at the beginning of the meeting or as soon as you are aware of the issue being discussed.*

*There are some exceptions – please refer to the Code of Conduct and Guidance.