

2ND January 2015

Dear Sir or Madam

A Meeting of the **COMMUNITIES AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE** will be held at the **Council Chamber 1**, Parkside on **Wednesday 21st January 2015 at 6:30p.m** at which your attendance is requested.

Yours faithfully

Lynn Aisbett
Chief Executive

A G E N D A

No.	Item
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2.	MINUTES To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee on 12 th November 2014
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
4.	RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES
5.	UPDATE ON DECISIONS The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods to submit an update on decisions from the previous meeting of the committee.
6.	HRA REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSALS The Head of Central Services to submit a report to set the rents of Council dwellings, approve the HRA estimates for 2015-16 and set the working balance for 2015-16.

7.	COUNCIL TENANTS- RENT IN ADVANCE The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods to submit a report to ensure that any prospective tenants receive consistent treatment throughout the sign up process upon the request for rent in advance.
8.	REVISED SECURE TENANCY AGREEMENT The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods to submit a report to present a revised Secure Tenancy Agreement to Members for their consideration.
9.	TENANCY POLICY 2015-2020 The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods to submit a report seeking member's approval of the Tenancy Policy (2015-20).
10.	CLOCKWISE HOUSING RENT PAYMENT ACCOUNT The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods to submit a report seeking Members approval of the new "jam jar" rent accounts being offered by Clockwise credit union and the benefits they can bring to the residents of the Borough.
11.	THE FOX INN, ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods to submit a report asking members to make a decision on whether The Fox Inn pub at Thorpe Satchville should be classified as an Asset of Community Value.
12.	URGENT BUSINESS

To : Councillors

G. BUSH
P.M CHANDLER
M.C.R.GRAHAM MBE
J. ILLINGWORTH (VICE CHAIRMAN)
S. LUMLEY
P.M POSNETT

B. RHODES
M. TWITTEY
D.R. WRIGHT (CHAIRMAN)
L. HORTON

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-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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 pecuniary interest. You also have a personal interest if the issue relates to an interest you must register under paragraph 9 of the Members' Code of Conduct.

You must state that you have a personal and non-pecuniary interest and the nature of your interest. You may stay, take part and vote in the meeting.

PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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 pecuniary 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 Governance Committee.

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS

If you are present at any meeting of the Council and you have a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter to be considered or being considered at the meeting, if the interest is not already registered, you must disclose the interest to the meeting. You must not participate in the discussion or the vote and you must leave the room.

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 pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interest*.

BIAS

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) 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, pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interest will take precedence over bias.

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 paragraphs 13(2) and 13(3) of the Code of Conduct.