

Chief Executive

**THE CIVIC MAYOR, CHAIR OF
COUNCIL BUSINESS AND ALL
MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

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Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend an **ORDINARY MEETING** of the Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council to be held on **Tuesday, 8th December, 2015 at 5.00 pm** in the Jubilee Hall, Dukinfield Town Hall, when the undermentioned business is to be transacted.

Yours faithfully,



**Steven Pleasant
Chief Executive**

Item No.	AGENDA	Page No
1.	CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	
	The Civic Mayor to make any appropriate announcements.	
	At this juncture the Civic Mayor will retire from the Chair and the Chair of Council Business shall assume the Chair for the remaining business.	
2.	MINUTES	1 - 6
	That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of Council held on 29 September 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair of Council Business (or other person presiding) (Minutes attached).	
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	To receive any declarations of interest from Members of the Council.	
4.	COMMUNICATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS	
	To receive any announcements or communications from the Chair of Council Business, the Executive Leader, Members of the Executive Cabinet or the Chief Executive.	
5.	EXECUTIVE LEADER'S EMERGENCY BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT	
	The Chair of Council Business to invite the Executive Leader, Councillor Kieran Quinn, to give his keynote address and the implications of the Comprehensive Spending Review, following which the Leader of the Opposition Group will be entitled to respond with a final right of reply reserved for the Executive Leader	
6.	COUNCIL BIG CONVERSATION	
	To consider any questions submitted by Members of the public in accordance with Standing Orders 31.12 and 31.13.	
7.	MEETING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET	7 - 10
	To receive the minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Cabinet held on 21 October 2015.	
8.	MEETING OF THE SENIOR STAFFING PANEL	11 - 14
	To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Senior Staffing Panel held on 16 November 2015 and to agree the following recommendations:	
	That Peter Timmins, Interim Assistant Director (Finance) be appointed as the Section 151 Officer from 23 November 2015 for 6 to 12 months to enable the recruitment and successful appointment of a Section 151 Officer.	
9.	MEETING OF DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES WORKING GROUP	15 - 16
	To receive the minutes of the Meeting of the Democratic Processes Working Group held on 26 October 2015.	

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- 10. EXECUTIVE MEMBER PORTFOLIOS** 17 - 22
- To consider the attached report of the Executive Leader/Executive Director (Governance and Resources).
- 11. MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL BODIES**
- To consider any changes to the membership of Council bodies.
- 12. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION - PROCUREMENT STANDING ORDER** 23 - 42
- To consider the attached report of the Executive Director (Governance and Resources).
- 13. NOTICES OF MOTION**
- (a) To consider the following motion in the name of Councillor L. Travis**
- That this Council notes that on 4 November 2015, the Department of Health confirmed that it would be reducing its spending on public health grants to local authorities by £200 million this financial year.*
- This is part of the further £3 billion of spending cuts to the current financial year announced by the Government in June this year, and follows a consultation in which Tameside Council, AGMA, and national health and social care leaders all appealed against the cut, pointing out the short sightedness of cutting cost effective interventions with clear long term benefits to health and prosperity.*
- The decision to reduce funding for public health has come as a big disappointment, and confirmation of 6.2% in year reduction so far through the financial year is badly planned, ill-timed and potentially life-threatening.*
- For Tameside this cut means an in-year reduction in funding for preventive services of approximately £1M, and will inevitably result in greater demand for health and social care services in the future.*
- NHS commissioned services including Health Visiting and School Nursing will inevitably be hit by these cuts.*
- These cuts are surprising given the Government's commitment to the NHS Five Year Forward View, which has prevention as a key element. Drawing back on prevention locally risks jeopardising the realisation of the vision and benefits of the local health and social care programme Care Together. Our aim to achieve sustainable reductions in health inequalities and improvement in life expectancy will be compromised. Rebalancing investment and activity within a sustainable and cost effective model of collaborative working will be slowed down.*
- This Council firmly believes that it is more important than ever that the distribution of available resources reflects the assessed needs of areas – which means their levels of deprivation - and their ability to raise resources. Unfortunately, the latest announcement follows the same approach as those of the past four years, and will mean that the greatest impact of the cuts will be on the most deprived authorities, such as Tameside.*

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Given the recent announcement, Tameside Council is extremely concerned about how the Public Health grant will be treated in any future allocation formula.

This Council therefore calls upon the Government to:-

- (i) Abandon its short-sighted and contradictory approach to cuts in public health funding, when in actual fact it should invest more in prevention and health improvement, with allocations based upon need; and
- (ii) honour its previous commitments to public health funding as set out in the local government finance settlement in March 2015.

(b) To consider the following motion in the name of Councillor B. Holland

That this Council recalls the 2010 pledge by the Prime Minister, David Cameron MP, to lead the 'Greenest Government Ever'.

This Council is therefore surprised by the proposals put forward by the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) to further cut the feed in tariff (FIT) payable for electricity generated by Solar Photovoltaic (PV) cells.

The DECC is proposing to reduce the rate paid per kilowatt hour of electricity exported to the grid by up to 98%. This will increase the return period for those who choose to invest in solar PV to a point where installation will become financially unviable for many.

Research by the Solar Trade Association has found that, of the 35,000 jobs in the UK solar industry, 27,000 will be under threat as a result of the reduced deployment of solar energy following these cuts. Their research also found that, as costs continue to fall, the government is predicted to be able to phase out subsidies altogether by 2020 and these cuts will set that date back by reducing demand in the short term.

This Council believes that:

- Solar power is a sustainable form of energy generation that should form part of the UK's energy generation mix.
- The solar power industry is an industry that the government should support if it is serious about moving to a low carbon economy.
- Cuts to feed in tariffs could kill off an industry that is still in its infancy.

Council therefore resolves to:

- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Amber Rudd MP, setting out our opposition to the FIT cuts.
- Ask the Chief Executive to write to our three local MPs to notify them of our position and call on them to lobby the government to protect the solar industry.

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(c) To consider the following motion in the name of Councillor Buckley

That this Council believes that the heritage of the nine towns of Tameside should be cherished and nurtured, and, where possible, strengthened.

We recognise that Tameside is strongest when it is a borough of nine towns coming together with their individual identities, building on the history of each town.

Granted a Royal Charter in 1414, Ashton-under-Lyne also bares evidence of activity in the area predating the Middle Ages. It is noted with sadness, therefore, that the new bus station in Ashton-under-Lyne should lose the name of the town and be called Tameside Interchange.

In order to preserve the heritage of the town, prevent confusion to visitors and to keep Ashton-under-Lyne on the map, this Council resolves to write to the Chief Executive of Transport for Greater Manchester and state that the Council's considered view is that the new bus station in the town should be called 'Ashton-under-Lyne Bus Interchange'.

14. QUESTIONS

To answer questions (if any) asked under Standing Order 17.2, for which due notice has been given by a Member of the Council.

15. URGENT ITEMS

To consider any other items which the Chair of Council Business (or other person presiding) is of the opinion shall be dealt with as a matter of urgency.