

Meeting of:
The Council

Time / Date
7.00 pm,
26th February 2009

Venue
Whitworth Civic Hall,
Market Street,
Whitworth
OL12 8DP

This meeting is being supported by Heather Moore, Committee and Member Services Manager Tel: 01706 252423 Email: heathermoore@rossendalebc.gov.uk

Agenda

ITEM	Lead Member/ Contact Officer
A. BUSINESS MATTERS	
A1. Apologies for Absence	
A2. To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 th December 2008.	Linda Fisher, Executive Director - Business (Monitoring Officer) Tel: (01706) 252447 Email: lindafisher@rossendalebc.gov.uk
A3. Urgent Items of Business To note any items which the Mayor has agreed to add to the Agenda on the grounds of urgency.	
A4. Declarations of Interest <i>Members are advised to contact the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting to seek advice on interest issues if necessary.</i> Members are requested to indicate at this stage, any items on the agenda in which they intend to declare an interest. Members are reminded that, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000 and the Council's Code of Conduct, they must declare the nature of any personal interest and, if the interest is prejudicial, withdraw from the meeting during consideration of the item.	Linda Fisher, Executive Director - Business (Monitoring Officer) Tel: (01706) 252447 Email: lindafisher@rossendalebc.gov.uk
A5. To deal with any outstanding items of business from the last meeting.	

<p>B. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</p> <p>B1. Public Question Time This is an opportunity to speak or ask a question about a matter which the Council may be able to assist with.</p> <p>Please note that for this meeting the Mayor will take any matters not relating to Leisure first and then invite people to speak on the Leisure report.</p> <p>A time limit of 3 minutes applies to each speaker and you are only able to address the meeting once.</p> <p>Please begin by giving your name and address and whether you are speaking as an individual member of the public or as a representative of a group.</p> <p>(Question time normally lasts up to 30 minutes but on this occasion the Mayor has agreed to extend this period to approximately 45 minutes).</p> <p>A copy of the full Procedure for Speaking at the Meeting is available here</p>	<p>Heather Moore, Committee and Member Services Manager Tel: 01706 252423 Email: heathermoore@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p>
<p>C1. Leisure and Recreation After public question time, Members of the Council will debate the Leisure Report and make a decision.</p> <p>Please note that public questions or statements will not be permitted at this stage. They will be taken under Item B1 – Public Question Time</p>	<p>Councillor Swain / Helen Lockwood, Deputy Chief Executive Tel: 01706 252428 Email: helenlockwood@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p>
<p>D. Communications from the Mayor, the Leader or Head of Paid Service To receive any communications from the Mayor, the Leader, or the Head of the Paid Service that they may wish to lay before the Council.</p>	<p>The Mayor Councillor Gill, Councillor Swain and Carolyn Wilkins, Chief Executive Tel: (01706) 252428 Email: carolynwilkins@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p>

<p>E. MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME</p>	
<p>E1. Questions by Members Subject to Council Procedure Rule 10.2, a Member of the Council may put a question to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Leader • A Member of the Cabinet • The Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee • The Member of the Council appointed to a Joint Committee and nominated as Spokesperson for the Joint Committee • The Member of the Council appointed as the Council's representative on an Outside Body 	<p>Heather Moore, Committee and Member Services Manager Tel: 01706 252423 Email: heathermoore@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p>
<p>F. POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK ITEMS</p>	
<p>F1. Update to Medium Term Financial Strategy To consider a report to the Cabinet, on 18th February 2009 seeking an update to the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy</p>	<p>Councillor Essex / Phil Seddon, Head of Finance Tel: 01706 252465 Email: philseddon@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p>
<p>F2. Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2009/10 (Appendix 5 – Budget Book will follow) To consider the report of the Cabinet of 18th February 2009 and to approve the Revenue Budget and level of Council Tax for 2008/9</p>	<p>Councillor Essex / Phil Seddon, Head of Finance Tel: 01706 252465 Email: philseddon@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p>
<p>F3. Capital Programme 2009/10 To consider the recommendations of the Cabinet, on 18th February 2009, in respect of the 2009/10 Capital Programme</p>	<p>Councillor Essex / Phil Seddon, Head of Finance Tel: 01706 252465 Email: philseddon@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p>
<p>F4. Scheme of Members' Allowances 2009/10 To consider the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel and to adopt a Scheme of Members' Allowances for 2009/10.</p>	<p>Councillor Essex / Heather Moore, Committee and Member Services Manager Tel: 01706 252423 Email: heathermoore@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p>

<p>G. ORDINARY BUSINESS</p>	
<p>G1. Appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2009/10 The Council at its meeting on 26th March 2008 agreed a Civic Protocol detailing a procedure for the selection and appointment of the Deputy Mayor, which states that the appointment will be based on length of service.</p> <p>The Selection Committee comprising of the leaders of each political group met in December to consider members who could be eligible for selection.</p> <p>Members are asked to agree that Councillor Trevor Unsworth be nominated as Deputy Mayor in 2009/10 at the Annual Meeting in May.</p>	
<p>G2. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET AND OTHER COMMITTEES</p>	
<p>Recommendation of the Cabinet and the Standards Committee</p> <p>G2a. Pilot for Proposed Joint Working with other Councils – Standards (the report is attached for information and the recommendations of the Cabinet and the Standards Committee will be tabled)</p>	<p>Councillor Essex / Linda Fisher, Executive Director – Business, Tel: 01706 252447 Email: lindafisher@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p>
<p>Recommendation of the Cabinet</p> <p>G2b. Constitution of Lancashire Local – Rossendale (the report is attached for information and the recommendation of the Cabinet will be tabled)</p>	<p>Councillor Essex / Linda Fisher, Executive Director - Business Tel: (01706) 252447 Email: lindafisher@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p>
<p>Recommendation of the Standards Committee</p> <p>G2c. Publication of the Register of Members’ Interests on the Council’s website (the report is attached for information and the recommendation of the Standards Committee will be tabled)</p>	<p>Councillor Essex / Linda Fisher, Executive Director - Business Tel: (01706) 252447 Email: lindafisher@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p>
<p>G3. Amendments to the Constitution To consider amendments to the Constitution (the recommendation of the Standards Committee will be tabled)</p>	<p>Councillor Essex / Linda Fisher, Executive Director - Business Tel: (01706) 252447 Email: lindafisher@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p>
<p>G4. Urgent Decisions The Council is asked to note that no urgent key decisions have been taken by the Cabinet since the last meeting of the Council.</p>	<p>Councillor Essex / Linda Fisher, Executive Director - Business Tel: (01706) 252447 Email: lindafisher@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p>

<p>H. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS To consider passing the appropriate resolution under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business since they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act</p>	
<p>I. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS</p>	
<p>Recommendation of the Cabinet</p> <p>I1. Asset Disposal</p>	<p>Councillor Swain / Phil Seddon, Head of Finance Tel: 01706 252465 Email: philseddon@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p>



Carolyn Wilkins
Chief Executive

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Transport Arrangements

Rossendale Council and Rossendale Transport have teamed up to provide an extension to the County Rider Bus Service for this meeting.

A low floor (fully accessible) double decker bus will be provided to operate a service through the Rossendale Valley to the Council Meeting at Whitworth Civic Hall.

Anyone can use this service with a small charge of a flat fee of £1.00 (return) per person. Usual concessionary fares will apply to valid passholders but please note that Rossendale Rover tickets are not valid.

The vehicle will operate through Haslingden, Rawtenstall, Waterfoot, Bacup and Shawforth and will pick-up at all stops along this route if these are required.

The bus will operate as follows:

HASLINGDEN Manchester Road / Dale Street Bus Stop	17:50
RAWTENSTALL Bacup Road, opposite Bus Station	18:00
WATERFOOT, opposite Royal Hotel	18:05
BACUP Town Centre, Bus Stand C	18:20
Shawforth, Bus Stop opposite Chapel	18:27

If anyone is having genuine difficulty making transport arrangements to attend Council meetings they can contact Democratic Services on 01706 252423 who will be pleased to see if the Council can offer any further assistance.

In addition to this service Rossendale Transport also operates the 464 bus route through the Valley

Rossendale Transport 464 Bus Route

Accrington - Haslingden – Rawtenstall – Waterfoot – Bacup - Whitworth

Accrington Peel Street	17:07	17:27	17:47	17:57
Rising Bridge	17:15	17:35	17:55	18:05
Haslingden, Dale Street	17:24	17:44	18:04	18:14
Rawtenstall, Bacup road	17:36	17:56	18:16	18:26
Waterfoot, opposite Royal Hotel	17:41	18:01	18:21	18:31
Bacup Town Centre	17:55	18:15	18:35	18:45
Shawforth Chapel	18:02	18:22	18:42	18:52
Whitworth, Hall Street	18:09	18:29	18:49	18:59

Rossendale Transport 464 Bus Route

Whitworth – Bacup – Waterfoot – Rawtenstall – Haslingden - Accrington

Whitworth, Hall Street	19:47	20:17	20:47	21:17	21:47	22:17
Shawforth Chapel	19:54	20:24	20:54	21:24	21:54	22:24
Bacup Town Centre	20:03	20:33	21:03	21:33	22:03	22:33
Waterfoot Late Shop	20:13	20:43	21:13	21:43	22:13	22:43
Rawtenstall Bus Station	20:21	20:51	21:21	21:51	22:21	22:51
Haslingden, Health Centre	20:30	21:00	21:30	22:00	22:30	23:00
Baxenden Station	20:35	21:05	21:35		22:35	
Accrington Peel Street	20:45	21:15	21:45		22:45	

This information has been taken from www.rossendalebus.co.uk

Please note that there are stops in between these locations.