

Meeting of: The Council

Time: 6.30pm Date 14th December 2011

Venue: Council Chamber, The Business Centre, Futures Park, Bacup. OL13 0BB



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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 meeting held on 8 th November 2011.	
A3.	Urgent Items of Business To note any items which the Chair 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.	Stuart Sugarman, Director of Business. Tel: (01706) 252447 Email: stUARTSUGARMAN@rossendalebc.gov.uk
A5.	To deal with any outstanding items of business from the last meeting.	
B.	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	
B1.	Public Question Time This is an opportunity to ask a question about a matter which the Council may be able to assist with. A time limit of 3 minutes applies for each question and you are only able to address the meeting once. Please begin by giving your name and state whether you are speaking as an individual member of the public or as a representative of a group. (Question time normally lasts up to 30 minutes).	Carolyn Sharples, Committee and Member Services Manager Tel: 01706 252422 Email: carolynsharples@rossendalebc.gov.uk
C.	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.	The Mayor, Councillor Sandiford, The Leader, Councillor A.Barnes and Helen Lockwood, Chief Executive Tel: (01706) 252428 Email: helenlockwood@rossendalebc.gov.uk

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D.	MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME	
D1.	<p>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>Carolyn Sharples, Committee and Member Services Manager Tel: 01706 252422 Email: carolynsharples@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p>
E.	ORDINARY BUSINESS	
E1.	<p>Rawtenstall Town Centre (SPD) To consider the Rawtenstall Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document Report.</p>	<p>Councillor MacNae/Stuart Sugarman, Director of Business Tel: (01706) 252447 Email: stuartsugarman@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p>
E2.	<p>Notice of Motion: To consider the following written notice of motion submitted by Councillors Essex and Cheetham: <i>"This Council requests that the Mayor send a Loyal Address on behalf of the residents of the Borough of Rossendale to Her Majesty The Queen upon the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Furthermore, this Council asks the Leader of the Council to bring a list of suggestions to the next Full Council Meeting which will enable the Diamond Jubilee to be celebrated in Rossendale."</i></p>	<p>Councillor Essex Councillor Cheetham</p>
E3.	<p>Notice of Motion: To consider the following written notice of motion submitted by Councillors Gledhill and Essex: <i>"This Council accepts the Coalition Government's proposal to freeze Council Tax for the year 2012/2013 thus meaning that the Borough of Rossendale will have not increased its council tax for three consecutive years."</i></p>	<p>Councillor Gledhill Councillor Essex</p>
E4.	<p>Notice of Motion: To consider the following written notice of motion submitted by Councillors D.Smith and Gledhill: <i>"This Council wishes to record its thanks to the hard work and dedication of all public workers in Rossendale. However, it condemns the action of trade union bosses for instructing their members to strike on 30th November and threaten further industrial action. This action will weaken the local economy and threaten local jobs. We publically call upon the trade unions to engage with the Coalition Government in further negotiations on the issue of the growing cost of public service pensions."</i></p>	<p>Councillor D.Smith Councillor Gledhill</p>
E5.	<p>Notice of Motion: To consider the following written notice of motion submitted by Councillors Robertson and Lamb: <i>"This council notes and welcomes the UK wide campaign to end 'Legal loan sharking'</i></p>	<p>Councillor Robertson Councillor Lamb</p>

	<p><i>This council believes that the lack of access to affordable credit is socially and economically damaging. Unaffordable credit is causing many unwanted effects such as poorer diets, colder homes, rent, council tax and utility arrears, depression and poor health.</i></p> <p><i>This council believes that it is the responsibility of all levels of government to try to ensure affordable credit for all, and therefore pledges to use best practice to promote financial literacy and affordable lending. This will help to ensure that wealth stays in the local economy. We also pledge to promote the credit unions in Rossendale, community based organisations offering access to affordable credit and promoting savings.</i></p> <p><i>The council calls on the government to introduce caps on the total lending rates that can be charged for providing credit.</i></p> <p><i>Recent research by the Debt Advice Foundation has found that 41% of those struggling with debt claim that their problems are the result of high interest 'payday lending' Of the people using this kind of credit 25% said they needed the money to buy food or other essentials."</i></p>	
E6.	<p>Urgent Decisions To note any urgent key decisions that have been taken by the Cabinet since the last meeting of the Council.</p>	Councillor Marriott/ Stuart Sugarman, Director of Business. Tel: (01706) 252447 Email: stUARTSUGARMAN@rossendalebc.gov.uk
E7.	<p>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET AND OTHER COMMITTEES</p>	
E7a.	<p>Recommendation of Governance Working Group Constitution Review</p>	Councillor Marriott/Stuart Sugarman Director of Business Tel: (01706) 252447 Email: stUARTSUGARMAN@rossendalebc.gov.uk

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Chief Executive**

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