

Extraordinary meeting of: The Council

Monday 18th September 2017 at 6.30pm
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.	<p>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></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Clare Birtwistle, Monitoring Officer 01706 252438 clarebirtwistle@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p>
A3.	<p>Urgent Items of Business To note any items which the Chair has agreed to add to the Agenda on the grounds of urgency.</p>	
B1.	<p>To consider a motion submitted by Councillors Serridge, Hughes, Oakes, Marriott, Robertson, Lamb and Lythgoe:</p> <p>In accordance with Part 4, section 3 of the constitution, we hereby request an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council.</p> <p>The purpose of this request is to discuss and make a resolution on the recent revelation that a member</p>	<p>Councillor Serridge Councillor Hughes Councillor Oakes Councillor Marriott Councillor Robertson Councillor Lamb Councillor Lythgoe</p>

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of the Rossendale Borough Council has conceded that they are guilty of fraudulently receiving Council Tax benefit, which of course is a passported benefit. We seek to reassure our residents that the proper procedure has been followed when dealing with this case, a full explanation as to why the name of the councillor was kept secret, and an assurance that given the nature of Council Tax benefit, all other appropriate government departments and agencies have been fully informed about this fraud and are carrying out any appropriate investigations to ascertain if any other fraud has been committed.

We therefore request that council requires the Monitoring Officer to carry out a full and thorough investigation into the above points and reports back to council as soon as possible.

We request that the meeting is held as soon as possible, in accordance with the constitution.



Stuart Sugarman
Chief Executive

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