



BARROW BOROUGH COUNCIL
TOWN HALL
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Monday 15th March, 2021

To: The Members of Barrow Borough Council

Mr Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

You are hereby summoned to attend a virtual meeting of BARROW BOROUGH COUNCIL to be held on TUESDAY, 23RD MARCH, 2021 COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM for the transaction of the business specified below.

Chief Executive

Business

VIRTUAL MEETING - Link to view Live Stream via YouTube

This meeting will be a virtual meeting and therefore will not take place in physical location following guidelines set out in Section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020.

Note: The Council will be live streaming the meeting on to the Barrow Borough Council YouTube Channel and can be watched live via the below link.

The whole of the meeting will be recorded, except where there are confidential or exempt items.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. URGENT ITEMS

To consider any items of business which the Chair decides should be considered as matters of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972. (Urgent business may only be taken by reason of special circumstances (which will be recorded in the minutes), the Chair of the meeting is of the opinion that the item should be considered as a matter of urgency).

To expedite the business of the meeting, Members are requested to give the Chief Executive adequate notice of any Amendment which they propose to raise.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

To receive declarations by Members and/or co-optees of interests in respect of items on this Agenda and to consider any dispensations.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting).

Members may however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.

4. MINUTES

To confirm the Minutes of the Council's proceedings held on 25 February 2021.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive any announcements from the Chairman, Leader or Head of Paid Service.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Any member of the public who wishes to ask a question, make representations or present a deputation or petition at this meeting should apply to do so by no later than 5pm two working days before the meeting. Information on how to make the application can be obtained by viewing the Council's website www.barrowbc.gov.uk or by contacting the Democratic Services Team at (jwhuck@barrowbc.gov.uk) or by telephone on (07825206525).

(1) Questions and Representations

To receive any questions or representations which have been received from members of the public

(2) Deputations and Petitions

To receive any deputations or petitions which have been received from members of the public.

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION - CONSULTATION RESPONSE

To consider the Council's response to the government consultation. (Appendices 1 and 2 attached).

8. FINANCIAL PLANS AND STRATEGIES 2021-2022

To consider a report from the Executive with regards to Financial Plans and Strategies 2021-2022.

9. ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION STRATEGY AND WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY

To consider the revised Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy and Whistleblowing Policy.

10. REVIEW OF STANDARDS ARRANGEMENTS

To consider the adoption of revised Standards Arrangements.

11. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 2021 - DATES AND TIMES OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN 2021/22

To consider a schedule of meetings for the forthcoming Municipal Year, including a revision to the date for the AGM.

12. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

To consider the annual review of the constitution.

13. (A) TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) Planning
- (2) Executive
- (3) Audit

(B) QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Council has agreed that time be set aside for questions to the Leader of the Council. Standing Order 10.2 and 10.4 set out the procedure for questions to the Leader and the notice period required. The Leader will also take and questions without notice relevant to the reports and minutes detailed on the agenda.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER RULE 11

To consider the following motion moved by Councillor Callister and seconded by Councillor Preston:-

NJC PAY: A FULLY FUNDED, PROPER PAY RISE FOR COUNCIL AND SCHOOL WORKERS

This Council notes:

Local government has endured central government funding cuts of more than 50% since 2010.

Between 2010 and 2020, councils lost 60p out of every £1 they have received from central government.

Over the last year, councils have led the way in efforts against the Covid-19 pandemic, providing a huge range of services and support for our communities. Local government has shown more than ever how indispensable it is.

But the pandemic has led to a massive increase in expenditure and loss of income, and the Government has failed to provide the full amount of promised support.

Local government workers have kept our communities safe through the pandemic, often putting themselves at considerable risk as they work to protect public health, provide quality housing, ensure our children continue to be educated, and look after older and vulnerable people.

Since 2010, the local government workforce has endured years of pay restraint with the majority of pay points losing at least 23 per cent of their value since 2009/10.

At the same time, workers have experienced ever-increasing workloads and persistent job insecurity.

Across the UK, 900,000 jobs have been lost in local government since June 2010 – a reduction of more than 30 per cent. Local government has arguably been hit by more severe job losses than any other part of the public sector.

The funding gap caused by Covid-19 will make local government employment even more precarious.

There has been a disproportionate impact on women, with women making up more than three-quarters of the local government workforce.

Recent research shows that if the Government were to fully fund the unions' 2021 pay claim, around half of the money would be recouped thanks to increased tax revenue, reduced expenditure on benefits, and increased consumer spending in the local economy.

This Council believes:

Our workers are public service super-heroes. They keep our communities clean and safe, look after those in need and keep our towns and cities running.

Without the professionalism and dedication of our staff, the council services our residents rely on would not be deliverable.

Local government workers deserve a proper real-terms pay increase. The Government needs to take responsibility and fully fund this increase; it should not put the burden on local authorities whose funding been cut to the bone and who have not been offered adequate support through the Covid-19 pandemic.

This Council resolves to:

Support the pay claim submitted by GMB, Unison and Unite on behalf of council and school workers, for a substantial increase with a minimum of 10 per cent uplift in April 2021.

Call on the Local Government Association to make urgent representations to central government to fund the NJC pay claim.

Write to the Chancellor and Secretary of State to call for a pay increase for local government workers to be funded with new money from central government.

Meet with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and consider practical ways in which the council can support the campaign.

Encourage all local government workers to join a union.