



BARROW BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN HALL
DUKE STREET
BARROW-IN-FURNESS

Monday, 28th November, 2022

To: The Members of Barrow Borough Council

Madam Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of BARROW BOROUGH COUNCIL to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER at the TOWN HALL, BARROW on TUESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 2022 COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM for the transaction of the business specified below.

Monitoring Officer

Business

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. URGENT ITEMS

To deal with 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), and if the Chair of the meeting is of the opinion that the item should be considered as a matter of urgency).

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).

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.

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 18th October, 2022.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive any announcements from the Chair, 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. REDESIGNATION OF INTERIM HEAD OF PAID SERVICE AND APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER AND ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER

To update the Interim Head of Paid Service designation and the appointment of Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer for the period from 31 December 2022 to 31 March 2023

8. (A) TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES AS CONTAINED IN MINUTE VOLUME AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS (WHERE NOT ALREADY DETERMINED ON THE AGENDA):-

- (1) Planning (25th October and 15th November, 2022)
- (2) Licensing Regulatory (3rd November, 2022)
- (3) Executive (9th November, 2022)
- (4) Audit and Governance (20th October, 2022)
- (5) Overview and Scrutiny (2nd November, 2022)

(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 any questions without notice relevant to the reports and minutes detailed on the agenda.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER RULE 11

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

This Council is deeply aware of the pressure facing residents and businesses across Barrow in Furness due to the cost of living crisis. Households, schools, health services and businesses are faced with successive and unaffordable price rises in fuel and energy and removal of additional benefit support, with the resultant increases in costs and prices across the board. The Council notes the energy policy announced 8th September, and further notes that the 'typical home' will still be paying more than twice as much this winter for energy compared to last winter. In rural areas the Council notes the increases in fuel costs further impact the costs incurred by residents, farmers and all businesses in travelling to shops, health centres, markets and customers. The Council notes the impact of all these additional costs combined with real terms pay cuts and the steady removal of support for families under pressure.

The Council urges central government further to support our residents, businesses and services;

1. To take immediate action to freeze the price cap at April's rate, stop further increases in the price of fuel, including solid fuel, LPG and fuel oil as well as electricity and gas prices, and to tax energy firm's profits.
2. To immediately reduce VAT, including VAT on energy bills.
3. To bring back the supplement to Universal Credit.
4. To implement for immediate financial help/relief for small businesses to prevent imminent closures and job losses.

The Council calls for a local Cost of Living Emergency Summit building on the work of, for example, the Cumbria Poverty Working Group, with stakeholders, including Citizens Advice, Food Banks, Local Trades Unions, town and parish councils and Chambers of Commerce and local MPs to explore how more local help can be provided for those struggling with the cost of living.