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**AGENDA
FOR A
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Dear Councillor,

You are requested to attend a Council Meeting in the **Council Chamber** at the **Town Hall, Burton upon Trent** on **Monday 20th March 2023** at **6.30pm** immediately preceded by prayers.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Executive

To: **All Members of the Council**

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
**To be held on Monday 20th March 2023 at 6.30pm in
the Council Chamber, Town Hall,
Burton upon Trent DE14 2EB**

A G E N D A

	Item	Presenter	Reference	Decision Required
1.	Apologies	Chief Executive	Oral	-
2.	Declarations of Interest	Mayor	Oral	-
3.	To approve as a correct record and sign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the public minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Borough Council held on 20th February 2023 and • the public minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Borough council held on 20th February 2023. 	Mayor	Enclosure No 1 Enclosure No 2	To approve To approve
4.	To receive any announcements from the Mayor, the Leader of the Council or the Proper Officer	Mayor/Leader of the Council/Proper Officer	Oral	To note
5.	To consider any urgent business brought forward to the Council under Rule 12	Mayor	Oral	To approve
6.	Independent Remuneration Panel – Final Report on Member Remuneration – Outcome of Review	Dr Declan Hall – Chairman of the Independent Remuneration Panel	Enclosure No 3	To approve
7.	Monitoring Officer’s Annual Report	Monitoring Officer	Enclosure No 4	To note

8.	Corporate Plan Refresh 2023/24	Leader of the Council	Enclosure No 5	To approve
9.	Annual Reports of Chairmen of Scrutiny Committees: Scrutiny (Community Regeneration) Committee; Scrutiny (Environment, Health and Well Being) Committee; Scrutiny (Value for Money Council Services) Committee	Councillor S McGarry Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd Councillor R Lock	Enclosure No 6 Enclosure No 7 Enclosure No 8	To note To note To note
10.	To consider the following motion of which notice has been given by Councillor D Florence-Jukes: (In accordance with Part 3A s14.10 of the Constitution, the requisite number of signatures have been received for the motion to be resubmitted to Council) This Council notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence against women and girls (VAWG) takes place every day and can have profound long-term effects on survivors and people close to them; • VAWG can take many forms, including, homicide, domestic abuse, sexual violence, child exploitation, sexual harassment, stalking and honour based crimes; • VAWG remains endemic in our society, highlighted most recently by the appalling murders of Sabina Nessa, Zara Aleena, Sarah Everard and sisters, Bibaa Henry and Nicole Smallman. The murders have launched a wave of anger and protests across the country; • According to national crime statistics in the UK, on average, a man kills one woman every three days; • The ONS reported that in 2020, 618,000 women were victims of a 	Councillor D Florence-Jukes	Oral	To debate

sexual assault or an attempted sexual assault by a man;

- A 2021 YouGov national survey on behalf of UN Women UK found that among women aged 18-24, 97 per cent said they had been sexually harassed, while 80 per cent of women of all ages said they had experienced sexual harassment in public places;
- A recent OFSTED review into sexual harassment in schools has found that sexual harassment, including online sexual abuse, has become 'normalised' for children and young people;
- The Government's End-to-End Rape Review found that only 1.6 per cent of rape cases brought to the police result in a charge;
- Two women a week are killed by a current or former partner (this rose to three a week during lockdown), and three women a week take their own lives following domestic abuse;
- One in five women will be raped in their lifetime;
- One in three women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime;
- Most women who survive domestic violence do not receive justice from the criminal justice system.

This Council believes:

- Male violence against women and girls is part of a broader culture of misogyny in society;
- Perpetrators of serious violence usually have a history of inflicting abuse and harassment;
- Crimes against women and girls that are reported are not effectively investigated;
- More focus should be placed on changing men's behaviour than on women taking action to make themselves safer.

This Council calls on:

	<p>The Leader of the Council to write to the Home Secretary and Prime Minister:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calling for an urgent Royal Commission into male violence against women; • Calling for public sexual harassment to be made a crime, as was originally indicated in the Home Office Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) consultation; • To take all necessary action to immediately address the backlog in courts and put in place the funding required so in future the criminal justice system deals with cases promptly to ensure victims get justice and move on with their lives and the rehabilitation of criminals begins sooner; • Increase investment in victims' services including in particular, refuges, mental health services and legal aid support for all victims of male violence. <p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commit to joining other Public Sector bodies, including many Local Authorities, by achieving White Ribbon UK Accreditation; • Stand in solidarity with protesters who oppose violence against women and girls; • Do all we can as a Council and in our communities to champion the rights and entitlements of women and girls and to tackle violence against them. 			
11.	<p>To consider the following motion of which notice has been given by Councillor R G W Grosvenor:</p> <p>Given the new ESBC a place marketing strategy identified a strand as the Green, Blue and Sporting pedigree of the area and where the river was specifically referenced as a Blue Jewel, the council is concerned to note the recent evidence</p>	Councillor R G W Grosvenor	Oral	To debate

	<p>of potential pollution of the river at a brook around the Branston area. This turned the river a muddy orange colour for approximately a four mile distance into and beyond Stapenhill gardens. As such the Council calls on the Environment Agency and other relevant organisations to closely monitor this situation and to urgently carry out testing on all wildlife who use the river to note any Impacts on life. The council would ask that those organisations then publish the results of this to assuage resident concerns.</p>			
12.	To answer any questions from Members asked pursuant to Rule 18	Mayor	Oral	To note
13.	To agree the Member to be elected the thirty first Mayor of the Borough of East Staffordshire at the Annual Council Meeting to be held on 19 th May 2023.	Leader of the Council	Oral	To recommend
14.	To agree the Member to be elected the thirty first Deputy Mayor of the Borough of East Staffordshire at the Annual Council Meeting to be held on 19 th May 2023.	Leader of the Council	Oral	To recommend