



Rushcliffe
Borough Council

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Date: Wednesday, 21 September 2022

To all Members of the Council

Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday, 29 September 2022 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford to consider the following items of business.

This meeting will be accessible and open to the public via the live stream on YouTube and viewed via the link: <https://www.youtube.com/user/RushcliffeBC>
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As this meeting includes an item subject to Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (Item 13 - Update on former Officers' Mess RAF Syerston, Flintham), members of the public in attendance at the meeting will be asked to leave but can re-join the meeting after the debate on Item 13 has concluded. For viewers of the Council's You Tube channel, the livestream will be stopped for the discussion of Item 13. The remainder of the meeting will be livestreamed after the debate on Item 13 has concluded.

Yours sincerely

Gemma Dennis
Monitoring Officer

AGENDA

Moment of Reflection

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 July 2022 (Pages 1 - 18)

To receive as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 7 July 2022.

4. Mayor's Announcements

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5. Leader's Announcements

6. Chief Executive's Announcements

7. Citizens' Questions

To answer questions submitted by Citizens on the Council or its services.

8. Business from the last Council meeting

To receive Notice of Motion submitted under Standing Order No.12

UNICEF's Child friendly status is relevant to Communities and Cities alike. It emphasises that consultation is vital to developing our communities, including where children and young people can:

- Have a say about decisions that affect them
- Express their views freely and are encouraged and supported to do that
- Access good health, education, transport, and other services
- Feel safe, prioritised, and protected from discrimination and harm
- Enjoy public spaces and meet other children and young people freely.

This Council resolves to investigate UNICEF's Child Friendly City programme to allow Rushcliffe to become a recognised Child Friendly Community and to show that Rushcliffe is a place where children feel safe, are heard, cared-for, and able to flourish.

Councillor R Jones

9. East Midlands Devolution Deal (Pages 19 - 36)

The report of the Chief Executive is attached.

10. Upper Saxondale Community Governance Review (Pages 37 - 60)

The report of the Chief Executive is attached.

11. Approval of the Scrutiny Annual Reports 2021/22 (Pages 61 - 102)

The report of the Director – Finance and Corporate Services is attached.

12. Exclusion of Public

To move "That under Regulation 21(1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely

disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972”.

13. Update on former Officers' Mess RAF Syerston, Flintham (Pages 103 - 114)

The report of the Director – Development and Economic Growth is attached.

14. Notices of Motion

To receive Notices of Motion submitted under Standing Order No.12

- a) Improving the energy efficiency of homes is vital to help the residents of Rushcliffe who are in the middle of an economic crisis. We call on central government to facilitate a simpler, less chaotic, and less bureaucratic system of aiding local government to deliver home energy improvement schemes to those most in need:
1. End the bidding system for all relevant schemes that takes up valuable officer time and resources when it could be better spent making the changes needed to ease the economic disparity and suffering, we are seeing.
 2. Stop funding schemes on an annual basis and move to much longer time frames which will encourage local business and much needed skills to develop in this sector whilst also facilitating larger scale delivery of projects.

Councillor J Walker

- b) Recognising that hedges have a positive effect for both wildlife and the amenity of residents, and play a vital role in carbon reduction, this Council adopts a strategic aim to protect hedges within the Borough and to increase our hedgerow network by 40% by 2050 as recommended by the Climate Change Committee*.

To further this strategic aim, Council will:

1. Ask scrutiny to oversee, by March 2023, a review of the legal and policy framework for the protection and enhancement of hedges including use of planning conditions
2. Ask the Local Development Framework group to look at strengthening policies to protect hedges and create new hedges in the next version of the local plan
3. Develop an action plan to establish a baseline and set out an ambitious route to achieve the target of 40% increase in the hedgerow network as soon as possible
4. Further promote best practice advice for the management and maintenance of hedge rows in our own operations and with the public, partners, and landowners, including promoting National Hedgerow Week in October 2022.

*The Climate Change Committee is an independent, statutory body established under the Climate Change Act 2008.

Councillor L Way

15. Questions from Councillors

To answer questions submitted by Councillors under Standing Order No. 11(2)

Membership

Chairman: Councillor T Combellack

Vice-Chairman: Councillor D Mason

Councillors: R Adair, S Bailey, B Bansal, M Barney, K Beardsall, N Begum, A Brennan, B Buschman, R Butler, N Clarke, J Cottee, G Dickman, A Edyvean, M Gaunt, P Gowland, B Gray, L Healy, L Howitt, R Inglis, Mrs C Jeffreys, R Jones, R Mallender, S Mallender, G Moore, J Murray, A Phillips, V Price, F Purdue-Horan, S J Robinson, K Shaw, D Simms, J Stockwood, Mrs M Stockwood, C Thomas, R Upton, D Viridi, J Walker, R Walker, L Way, G Wheeler, J Wheeler and G Williams

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