



Rushcliffe
Borough Council

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Date: Wednesday, 5 July 2023

To all Members of the Council

Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday, 13 July 2023 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford to consider the following items of business.

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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 25 May 2023 (Pages 1 - 10)

To receive as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 25 May 2023.

4. Mayor's Announcements
5. Leader's Announcements
6. Chief Executive's Announcements
7. Citizens' Questions

To answer questions submitted by Citizens on the Council or its

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services.

8. Petitions

9. Business from the last Council meeting

Notices of Motion

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

Council recognises the importance of soil health in food production, combatting climate change, storing carbon, regulating water flow and quality, and as the basis for biodiversity. However, soil in Rushcliffe as elsewhere is under multiple threats* including the ever-expanding built environment, flooding, contamination, industrial farming methods, and climate change.

Council will:

- Seek to strengthen policies that protect soil in the next round of the Local Plan, (in line with current National Planning Policy) including measures to minimise impermeable surfaces in development Council will also call on the government to strengthen protection for soil in future planning policy and legislation.
- Review Rushcliffe's own operations with determination to further improve soil health on the Council's own land and land it manages in line with our Environmental Policy and planning policies and guidance.
- Where possible include soil health improvement as one of the criteria used to evaluate bids when distributing relevant external grants to Rushcliffe's businesses and community groups.
- Within resource constraints, e.g. using social media and Rushcliffe Reports, engage and educate residents to promote small scale improvements in soil health in residential gardens e.g. using organic and permaculture techniques. Council will include nitrogen fixing plants in future free plant schemes.

* See reference material

CPRE 2018, Back to the land: rethinking our approach to soil

https://www.cpre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/CPRE_FF3_Soil_26Nov_web.pdf

Environment Agency 2019, The state of the environment: soil

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/805926/State_of_the_environment_soil_report.pdf

Questions from Councillors

To answer a question submitted by Councillor Sue Mallender under Standing Order No.11(2)

In the spring, I received my "Rushcliffe Gardener" magazine and although there are some messages about climate change and the free tree scheme etc., I was disappointed to see suggestions to residents in the seasonal jobs section, which are not supportive of the Council's environmental policies, such as using weedkiller, artificial fertiliser, and frequent mowing, instead of no mow. Why were these suggestions allowed to be printed?

10. Ratcliffe on Soar Local Development Order (Pages 11 - 448)

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

11. Revisions to the Council's Constitution (Pages 449 - 478)

The report of the Monitoring Officer is attached.

12. LGA Debate Not Hate Campaign (Pages 479 - 482)

The report of the Monitoring Officer is attached.

13. Notices of Motion

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

- a) Rushcliffe Borough Council acknowledges that Care experienced people face significant barriers that can impact them throughout their lives.

Despite the resilience of many care experienced people, society too often does not take their needs into account. Care experienced people often face discrimination and stigma across housing, health, education, relationships, employment and in the criminal justice system.

Care experienced people often face a postcode lottery of support. As corporate parents, councillors have a collective responsibility for providing the best possible care and safeguarding for the children who are looked after by us as an authority. All corporate parents should commit to acting as mentors, hearing the voices of looked after children and care experienced people and to consider their needs in any aspect of council work. Councillors should be champions of care experienced people and challenge the negative attitudes and prejudice that exists in all aspects of society.

The Public Sector Equality Duty requires public bodies, such as councils, to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment,

and victimisation of people with protected characteristics. Rushcliffe Borough Council acknowledges that Children entering the care system are often split from their siblings and placed outside their home Local Authority Area. That they don't choose to enter the care system, that they don't choose to be split up from their siblings and don't choose to be placed outside their local area.

The Council therefore resolves to:

- Re-affirm our responsibilities as a corporate parent to children and care experienced people
- Undertake a review of the impact of the Council's Care Leaver Offer and identify potential improvements/developments to improve the quality of life of Care Experienced People
- Agree to include people with care experience as a category within our Equalities Impact Assessment Process, and treat them as if they had a Protected Characteristic
- Include people with care experience in general engagement exercises and discussions on new policy so they have opportunities to shape and influence what we do
- Call on our partners to adopt the corporate parenting principles and to treat care experienced people as if they had a protected characteristic.

Councillor Gowland

- b) We propose that Rushcliffe Borough Council commits to implementing a comprehensive feasibility study into kerbside glass collection program for the residents of Rushcliffe Borough. This motion aims to promote environmental sustainability, reduce landfill waste, and encourage responsible waste management practices.

Rushcliffe Borough Council resolves to:

Evaluate the practical needs, expenses, and potential effects of introducing kerbside glass collection in Rushcliffe. This will be undertaken by a feasibility study overseen by the relevant Scrutiny group. The feasibility study has a target to present its findings to Cabinet by December 2023 for a decision to be made in time for the 2024/2025 budget.

The feasibility study in its entirety will be shared with the full council on being completed.

Councillor Chewings

14. Questions from Councillors

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

Membership

Chair: Councillor D Mason

Vice-Chair: Councillor A Brown

Councillors: M Barney, J Billin, T Birch, R Bird, A Brennan, R Butler, S Calvert, J Chaplain, K Chewings, N Clarke, T Combellack, J Cottee, S Dellar, A Edyvean, S Ellis, G Fletcher, M Gaunt, E Georgiou, P Gowland, C Grocock, R Inglis, R Mallender, S Mallender, P Matthews, H Om, H Parekh, A Phillips, L Plant, D Polenta, N Regan, D Simms, D Soloman, C Thomas, R Upton, D Viridi, J Walker, R Walker, L Way, T Wells, G Wheeler, J Wheeler and G Williams

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