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Date: Wednesday, 28 February 2024

To all Members of the Council

Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday, 7 March 2024 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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Yours sincerely



Gemma Dennis
Monitoring Officer

AGENDA

Moment of Reflection

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest

[Link to further information in the Council's Constitution](#)

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2023 (Pages 1 - 16)

To receive as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 7 December 2023.

4. Mayor's Announcements
5. Leader's Announcements
6. Chief Executive's Announcements

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7. Citizens' Questions

[To answer questions submitted by Citizens on the Council or its services.](#)

8. 2024/25 Budget and Financial Strategy (Pages 17 - 164)

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

9. Council Tax Resolution 2024/25 (Pages 165 - 174)

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

10. Amendments to the Constitution (Pages 175 - 188)

The report of the Monitoring Officer is attached.

11. Notices of Motion

[To receive Notices of Motion](#)

a) **Councillor Calvert**

Violence against women and girls (VAWG) remains far too high in our society.
In Rushcliffe we are determined to change this.

This Council is a signatory to the Nottinghamshire Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy which has been developed in a multi-agency approach.

This Council will:

- report progress on the implementation of the Action Plan of the Strategy back to the Corporate Overview Group within the 2024/25 municipal year; and
- seek re-accreditation (as an employer) as a White Ribbon UK organisation within the same timeframe.

b) **Councillor Chewings**

Rushcliffe Borough Council recognises with grave concern the challenging circumstances local authorities have faced as a direct consequence of reductions in council funding from central government since 2010. The Council further acknowledges the issuance of Section 114 notices by Northamptonshire County Council, Croydon Council, Slough Borough Council, Nottingham City Council, Thurrock Council, and Birmingham City Council, alongside warnings from numerous councils regarding their increasingly unsustainable budget shortfalls. In response to these financial pressures,

Rushcliffe Borough Council has had to raise taxes and implement budget reductions.

Accordingly, Rushcliffe Borough Council resolves to:

1. Formally communicate with Government to assert the necessity for adequate funding to local councils, ensuring the provision of services to our communities.
2. Advocate for the establishment of multi-year funding settlements, enabling local authorities to effectively plan for the future with greater certainty and stability.

12. Questions from Councillors

[To answer questions submitted by Councillors](#)

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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