



## **THE RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

You are hereby summoned to attend an ORDINARY MEETING of the Rugby Borough Council, which will be held at the TOWN HALL, RUGBY, on Thursday 13 December 2018 at 7.00pm.

### **A G E N D A**

#### **PART 1 – PUBLIC BUSINESS**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To approve the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 13 November 2018.
3. Declaration of Interests.  
  
To receive declarations of -  
  
(a) non-pecuniary interests as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors;  
  
(b) pecuniary interests as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors; and  
  
(c) notice under Section 106 Local Government Finance Act 1992 – non-payment of Community Charge or Council Tax.
4. To receive the Mayor's Announcements.
5. Questions pursuant to Standing Order 10.

6. To receive the report of Cabinet which has met since the last meeting of the Council and to pass such resolutions and to make such orders thereon as may be necessary:

**(a) Cabinet – 3 December 2018**

(1) Treasury Management Report 2018/19 – Progress Report – Corporate Resources Portfolio Holder.

(2) Finance and Performance Monitoring 2018/19 – Quarter 2 – Corporate Resources Portfolio Holder.

(3) Local Government Finance Act 1992 – Council Tax on Empty Properties – Corporate Resources Portfolio Holder.

(4) Housing Acquisition Fund – Corporate Resources Portfolio Holder.

(5) Draft Housing Revenue Account Capital and Revenue Budgets 2019/20 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2019-23 – Communities and Homes Portfolio Holder.

(6) Statement of Gambling Policy – Environment and Public Realm Portfolio Holder.

7. Correspondence.

8. Common Seal

To order the affixing of the Common Seal to the various orders, deeds and documents to be made or entered into for carrying into effect the several decisions, matters and things approved by the Council and more particularly set out in the Committees' Reports adopted at this meeting.

9. Motion to Exclude the Public under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972

To consider the following resolution:-

“under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of information defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.”

**PART 2 – EXEMPT INFORMATION**

1. To receive the private report of Cabinet which has met since the last meeting of the Council and to pass such resolutions and to make such orders thereon as may be necessary:

**(a) Cabinet – 3 December 2018**

(1) Acquisition of affordable homes – Corporate Resources Portfolio Holder.

DATED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Nisum". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

**Executive Director**

To: The Mayor and Members of Rugby Borough Council

**QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL**

*A Councillor may ask a Question at the meeting by giving notice in writing of the Question to the Executive Director no later than midday on Friday 7 December 2018. The rules relating to Questions are set out in Standing Order 10 of Part 3a of the Constitution.*

**REPORT OF CABINET**

**3 December 2018**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors Stokes (Chairman), Mrs Crane, Lowe, Mrs Parker and Ms Robbins.

Councillors Douglas, Ms Edwards, Lewis, Mrs O'Rourke and Roodhouse were also in attendance.

**Note:** An electronic version of all Cabinet reports referred to below can be found [here](#).

**1. TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2018/19 – PROGRESS REPORT**

Cabinet considered a report concerning progress on the Council's treasury management activities for 2018/19. The report was circulated as part of the Cabinet agenda and all Members are requested to bring their copies to the meeting.

**Recommendation of Cabinet**

Cabinet decided to recommend to Council that –

- (1) the revised Minimum Revenue Policy for 2018/19 onwards be agreed;
- (2) the revised Operational Boundary and Authorised Limit Treasury Management indicators be approved; and
- (3) the amended Specified and Non Specified Investment List (Appendix A) be approved.

**Recommended that** – the recommendation of Cabinet be approved.

**2. FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING 2018/19 – QUARTER 1**

Cabinet considered a report concerning the Council's position to the end of quarter 1 for 2018/19 with regard to finance and performance. The report was circulated as part of the Cabinet agenda and all Members are requested to bring their copies to the meeting.

### **Recommendation of Cabinet**

Cabinet decided to recommend to Council that -

(1) the following HRA capital budgets be returned to balances:

- Rewiring £235,000,
- Roof Refurbishments Rounds Gardens £283,930 and
- Patterdale Sheltered Scheme Improvements £192,500;

(2) a supplementary General Fund capital budget of £60,000 for 2018/19 be approved for Croop Hill chapel refurbishment, to be funded from external contributions;

(3) a supplementary General Fund revenue budget of £100,000 for 2018/19 only be approved for Economic Development in relation to completion of the Local Plan, to be funded from the Budget Stability Reserve;

(4) a supplementary General Fund revenue budget adjustment of £186,000 be approved for the Hall of Fame to align the income budgets with the income achieved in previous years, to be funded from General Fund Balances; and

(5) performance summary and performance data included in Appendix 4 be considered and noted.

**Recommended that** – the recommendation of Cabinet be approved.

### **3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992 – COUNCIL TAX ON EMPTY PROPERTIES**

Cabinet considered a report concerning proposed amendments to the Council's discount period for council tax on empty properties. The report was circulated as part of the Cabinet agenda and all Members are requested to bring their copies to the meeting.

### **Recommendation of Cabinet**

Cabinet decided to recommend to Council that -

(1) the discount period be removed;

(2) the premium amount be increased and increased in line with legislation for subsequent years; and

(3) the updated Appeals Procedure at Appendix 1 to the report be continued.

**Recommended that** – the recommendation of Cabinet be approved.

**4. HOUSING ACQUISITION FUND**

Cabinet considered a report concerning the creation of a Housing Acquisition Fund. The report was circulated as part of the Cabinet agenda and all Members are requested to bring their copies to the meeting.

**Recommendation of Cabinet**

Cabinet decided to recommend to Council that a supplementary General Fund capital budget of £12,900,000 for the Housing Acquisition Fund be approved for 2019/20 to be met from RTB receipts / Homes England grant and borrowing.

**Recommended that** – the recommendation of Cabinet be approved.

**5. DRAFT HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGETS 2019/20 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2019-23**

Cabinet considered a report concerning the draft Housing Revenue Account Capital and Revenue budgets for 2019/20 and Medium Term Financial Plan for 2019-23. The report was circulated as part of the Cabinet agenda and all Members are requested to bring their copies to the meeting.

**Recommendation of Cabinet**

Cabinet decided to recommend to Council that a reallocation of the 2018/19 budgeted HRA voluntary debt repayment of £5,839,040 to HRA balances be approved to ensure that the Council has earmarked balances to commence potential demolition and rebuild costs at Biart Place (notwithstanding central Government financial support).

**Recommended that** – the recommendation of Cabinet be approved.

**6. STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY**

Cabinet considered a report concerning a review of the Council's Statement of Gambling Policy. The report was circulated as part of the Cabinet agenda and all Members are requested to bring their copies to the meeting.

**Recommendation of Cabinet**

Cabinet decided to recommend to Council that the Gambling Policy, as at Appendix 1 to the report, be adopted with effect from 31 January 2019 for a three-year period.

**Recommended that** – the recommendation of Cabinet be approved.

**COUNCILLOR M STOKES  
CHAIRMAN**