



STOCKPORT
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

*Summons to the
Council Meeting*

30 March 2017





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Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Stockport on Thursday, 30 March 2017 at six o'clock in the evening.

1. FORMALITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) Minutes

To approve as a correct record and sign the Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 19 January and 23 February 2017. (Pages 13-39)

(ii) Urgent Decisions

To report any urgent action taken under the Constitution since the last meeting of the Council.

(iii) Mayor's Announcements

To receive announcements from the Mayor.

(iv) Declarations of Interest

Councillors and officers to declare any interests which they may have in any of the items on the Summons for the meeting.

2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Public Question Time

To receive any questions from and provide answers to the public in relation to matters relevant to the Council's activities.

(ii) Petitions and Presentations

To receive petitions, and by prior arrangement, receive delegations and presentations from members of the public, community groups or partnership organisations.

No such arrangements have been made for this meeting.

(iii) Joint Authorities

(a) Section 41 Spokespersons

The following councillors to answer questions (if any) on the business of the joint authorities:-

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority	- Councillor Walter Brett
Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority	- Councillor Roy Driver

(b) Greater Manchester Police and Crime Panel

Councillor Alex Ganotis to answer questions (if any) on the business of the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Panel.

(c) Greater Manchester Combined Authority

The following councillors to answer questions (if any) on the business of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee:-

Greater Manchester Combined Authority	- Councillor Alex Ganotis
Transport for Greater Manchester Committee	- Councillor John Taylor

(d) GMCA/AGMA Scrutiny Pool

The following councillors to answer questions (if any) on the business of the GMCA/AGMA Scrutiny Pool:-

Councillors	Iain Roberts
	Yvonne Guariento
	John McGahan

3. LEADER'S REPORT AND EXECUTIVE QUESTION TIME

(i) Executive Business

To receive a report from the Executive Leader and other members of the Executive on the conduct of Executive business since the last Council Meeting.

(ii) Questions

To answer questions and receive comments from Councillors addressed to the Executive Leader or other members of the Executive, in accordance with Council Meeting Procedure Rule 11.

(iii) Minutes

To receive the Minutes of the Executive held on 7 February and 14 March 2017 (pages 41-57) and the record of executive decisions taken since the last Council Meeting, (schedule enclosed, decisions previously circulated) (pages 59-64) and consider any recommendations they contain.

4. SCRUTINY

(i) Scrutiny Business

To receive a report from the Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees on the conduct of Scrutiny business.

(ii) Questions

To answer questions from Councillors addressed to the Scrutiny Chairs, in accordance with Council Meeting Procedure Rule 11.

(iii) Minutes

To receive the Minutes of the following Scrutiny Committees:-

Adult Care Services & Housing – 23 January and 27 February 2017	(Pages 65-70)
Children & Young People – 25 January and 1 March 2017	(Pages 71-78)
Corporate, Resource Management & Governance – 24 January and 28 February 2017	(Pages 79-94)
Environment & Economy – 26 January and 2 March 2017	(Pages 95-108)

5. ORDINARY, AREA AND WARD COMMITTEES

(i) Regulatory Business

To receive a report from the Chairs of the Planning & Highways Regulation; Licensing, Environment & Safety; and Audit Committees on the conduct of their business since the last Council Meeting.

(ii) Questions

To answer questions from Councillors addressed to the Chairs of Ordinary and Area Committees in accordance with Council Meeting Procedure Rule 11.

(iii) Minutes

To receive the minutes of the following Ordinary, Area and Ward Committees:-

Ordinary Committees

Appointments – 6 February 2017	(Pages 125-126)
Audit – 15 March 2017	(Pages 127-130)
Contributors – 26 January 2017	(Pages 131-133)
Employment Appeals – 12 January 2017	(Pages 135-136)
Funding – 28 February 2017	(Pages 137-138)
Health & Wellbeing Board – 22 February 2017	(Pages 139-145)
Licensing, Environment & Safety – 11 January and 15 February 2017	(Pages 147-151)
Licensing, Environment & Safety Sub – 26 January 2017	(Pages 153-158)
Member – 6 February 2017	(Pages 159-161)
Planning & Highways Regulation – 12 January and 16 February 2017	(Pages 163-171)
Standards – 1 December 2016	(Pages 173-175)

Area Committees

Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South – 2 February and 9 March 2017	(Pages 177-195)
Central Stockport – 2 February and 9 March 2017	(Pages 197-212)
Cheadle – 31 January and 7 March 2017	(Pages 213-227)
Heatons & Reddish – 30 January and 6 March 2017	(Pages 229-241)
Marple – 1 February and 8 March 2017	(Pages 243-254)
Stepping Hill – 31 January and 7 March 2017	(Pages 255-272)
Werneth – 30 January and 6 March 2017	(Pages 273-282)

Ward Committee

Brinnington & Reddish Joint – 27 February 2017	(Pages 283-285)
Hazel Grove – 18 January and 15 March 2017	(Pages 287-291)

6. MOTIONS – NOTICE OF WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN UNDER COUNCIL MEETING PROCEDURE RULE 12

(i) Schools Education Funding

This Council meeting notes:

- with approval that in March 2016 the Government announced a review and consultation(s) on school funding reform;
- that the average per-pupil school funding received from the Government varies considerably;
- the Institute for Fiscal Studies report of December 2016 indicated that schools were predicted to see cost increases of around 8% by 2019/20;
- schools in England are facing the first real-terms cuts to their funding in a generation;
- that schools in England are already facing significant additional costs which the Government does not intend to pay for, including the removal of the Education Support Grant later this year;
- that there is subsequently the need to move toward a more transparent system of Schools funding allocation.

This Council meeting believes that:

- investment in education is investment in the future of our nation;
- investment in education is essential to provide all our young people with the chance to succeed;
- the formula proposals presented in the National Fairer Funding Formula (NFFF) Stage 2 Consultation fall short of what was expected, lock in historical inequalities and will not deliver fairness as promised;
- the national Government should make funds available for national Government policy initiatives in schools;
- the basic level of funding allocated to all schools must be adequate for the school for both operational costs and the sufficient provision of staffing;
- additional needs funding should be, as the name suggests, additional- and therefore should be targeted at Additional Education Needs (AEN) factors, and not come at the expense of the basic entitlement funding which is imperative to achieving a fair, balanced and equitable funding formula;
- schools funding should follow a formula which combines need-based assessment with lump sum funding per pupil, to ensure all schools can function with appropriate pupil-teacher ratios and meet a defined set of costs- this should be provided in accordance with 75% pupil funding and additional needs factors of 14% (deprivation 8%, prior attainment 5% and EAL 1%);
- pupils of similar characteristics should attract similar levels of funding wherever they are in the country (allowing for the area cost adjustment);
- while the Stage 2 consultation is about finding a fair funding methodology and not about the quantum of funding available, Stockport schools have been making cuts for many years now and have reached the limit of where further cuts can be identified;
- the outcome of the fair funding for school's consultation should be fair.

This Council meeting further resolves ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Education asking her to:

- ensure the budget for Schools is kept in line with inflation from the year 2015;
- ensure the Government's policy commitments to the apprenticeship levy, national living wage and pension contributions in schools are fully funded by national Government;
- commission a comprehensive review of education funding covering ages 0-19;
- publish the methodology used to calculate the costs of running a school.

Moved by: Councillor Dean Fitzpatrick
 Seconded by: Councillor Elise Wilson

(ii) Dignity in Social Care

This Council notes the valuable contributions made by care workers and partners in enabling, caring for and improving the lives of the most vulnerable people in Stockport.

This Council supports in principle the provisions of Unison's ethical care charters for the commissioning of home care and residential care services (<https://www.unison.org.uk/content/uploads/2013/11/On-line-Catalogue220142.pdf>) and is fully committed to developing an ethical care charter for Stockport which incorporates the principles of the UNISON ethical care charters.

This Council has been working with a range of partners to enact these principles at the earliest practicable opportunity, recognising that some aspects of the charter may require additional funding.

This Council however notes that funding levels in relation to social care have placed significant pressures upon the care sector over recent years, and despite welcome additional resources, a situation of chronic underfunding in social care remains, and a permanent solution to the funding of social care is needed.

This Council acknowledges the Government policy to ensure that all business rates can be retained by Local Authorities by 2020.

This Council however notes with concern the lack of a proposal for an appropriate redistribution mechanism to redress inequities between Local Authorities nationwide.

This Council further notes Government indications that additional monies which come to Local Authorities through business rate retention are likely to come with additional responsibilities, requiring additional Council expenditure.

This Council therefore supports a proposal that Government allow Local Authorities to use additional revenues raised through the Business Rate Retention Scheme, as additional earmarked funding for Adult Social Care via a new social care grant, instead of for funding areas of additional responsibility.

This Council welcomes UNISON's Care Workers for Change campaign initiative and looks forward to an expanded union membership base playing a key role in the public-facing campaign to increase central government funding for social care and in improved employee relations in the sector.

This Council believes that effective workplace union organisation has a key role to play in improving the care sector as:

- organised staff will have more confidence to speak out and share best practice;
- unions can assist in better monitoring of employment standards in care and through providing high-quality staff training – often free of charge to the employer;
- unionised staff will be better able to share their stories publicly - increasing the effectiveness of campaign work for more central government funding for care.

This Council undertakes to encourage care providers that we currently commission, and those we commission in future to:

1. Respect the right of care staff to organise a union in their workplace and do nothing to undermine the reasonable efforts of staff to organise a union.
2. Allow access to accredited union representatives and officials for membership recruitment

activity. Provider organisations should engage positively with union requests for access to staff and, where necessary, agree arrangements that do not disrupt service delivery.

3. Pursue a partnership approach to employment relations. We would expect the provider to engage constructively with the union including a recognition and facilities agreement to underpin collective working.
4. Work with and unions to pursue our shared objective of achieving the provisions of the Stockport ethical care charter. This process will necessarily take account of factors including local levels of funding and procurement practices.

The Council will write to all current providers of Council-commissioned care services at the earliest opportunity to advise them of our expectation that they will respond positively to the above points (1-4).

Moved by: Councillor Wendy Wild
Seconded by: Councillor Alex Ganotis

(iii) Age-appropriate Relationships and Sex Education

This Council Meeting welcomes the recent announcement by the Secretary of State for Education that, through amendments to the Children and Social Work Bill, the government intends to make it a requirement that all secondary schools in England teach relationships and sex education (RSE), that all primary schools in England teach relationships education and, through regulations the government will make as allowed by the amendments, require personal, health, social and economic education (PHSE) to be taught in all schools in England, including in Academies, all with effect from September 2019.

This Council Meeting notes the good work already underway in schools across Stockport, as reported to a recent meeting of the Education Monitoring Panel, and welcomes cross-party support for the further work officers have proposed, making Stockport well-placed to adopt the RSE/PSHE regime that the government looks likely to introduce.

This Council Meeting further notes a recent report by researchers at Middlesex University on behalf of the Children's Commissioner and the NSPCC that highlighted the widespread accessibility of online pornography, which often have degrading and violent depictions of sex, and also highlighted the need for better SRE in the classroom and online, giving children spaces to discuss and learn about safe relationships, consent and sex.

This Council Meeting believes that PHSE and age-appropriate RSE

- are vital to help safeguard children and prepare them for their adult lives, particularly as they grow up in this digital age;
- contribute to personal development by helping young people to build their confidence, self-esteem and resilience;
- provide pupils with life skills and skills for life, to support them in managing risk, making informed choices and understanding what influences their decisions;
- enable them to be responsible citizens and achieve and lead a happy, fulfilled life; and
- help build resilience and protect young people from harm.

This Council Meeting further believes

- that all schools, including faith schools, private schools, free schools and academies, should deliver age-appropriate, LGBT-inclusive, comprehensive RSE (or Relationships Education, in primary schools);
- that Stockport children deserve to be taught this by professional, specialist teachers;
- that all school staff should be appropriately trained to handle any questions which may arise

- after such sessions have been delivered; and
- that all schools should make space in the timetable for PHSE and RSE and should encourage a culture of openness and tolerance.

This Council Meeting resolves to ask the Chief Executive:

- to write to the Secretary of State for Education, outlining the content of this motion and calling upon her to ensure all schools are appropriately supported to deliver RSE as outlined above and support those schools who are able to introduce the new RSE during 2018/19; and
- to notify all schools operating within Stockport of this council's support for PHSE and age-appropriate, LGBT-inclusive, comprehensive RSE and encourage them to embrace the forthcoming changes.

Moved by: Councillor Lisa Smart

Seconded by: Councillor Laura Booth

(iv) The Pendlebury Centre

This Council meeting notes:

- That The Pendlebury Centre is one of four Pupil Referral Units to serve children and young adults from within and beyond Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council area.
- That The Pendlebury Centre provides 40 full-time secondary school-aged children and young adults with a number of emotional and mental health needs.
- That The Pendlebury Centre also serves Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council's community CAMHS team and houses staff who work towards the education of sick children and young adults.

This Council meeting further notes:

- The commitment of the senior leadership team and staff in caring for some of Stockport's most vulnerable children and young adults in often difficult circumstances.
- That the Secretary of State for Education has been invited to visit the Pendlebury Centre by Councillor Tom Dowse to view its outstanding work for herself.

This Council Meeting therefore resolves:

- To congratulate The Pendlebury Centre on the recent rewarding of its fifth consecutive 'Outstanding' OFSTED report in January 2017.
- That the Executive Leader writes on behalf of all Members to Janice Cahill, Head teacher of the Pendlebury Centre, in congratulating her and her team on this achievement.
- That representatives of The Pendlebury Centre be invited to a future Council meeting to make a presentation on the work of the Centre in relation to its service to Stockport's children and young adults.
- That the Executive Councillor for Education includes The Pendlebury Centre into his school visits plan.

Moved by: Councillor Tom Dowse

Seconded by: Councillor Linda Holt

(v) Care Leavers Council Tax Exemption Motion

This council acknowledges:

- the valuable work of Stockport Council care teams, partners and foster carers in improving the lives and life chances of our most vulnerable young people.
- the findings of the 2016 'Wolf at the Door' report by The Children's Society, which details the difficulties faced by young people in moving over to full management of their budgets upon leaving care, and notes that in view of low levels of family support and financial education, young care leavers are subsequently prone to fall into debt and financial difficulty;
- that research from The Centre for Social Justice finds that over half (57%) of young people leaving care have difficulty managing their money and avoiding debt when leaving care;
- that these findings are further reinforced by research from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation that outlines how 'accumulation of debt, threats to their tenancies and their inability to avoid this through careful budgeting' were issues of continuing concern for care leavers;
- that Council Tax debt can impact care leavers future life chances through additional burdens associated with criminal records and negative credit profiles;
- that the Government decision that from April 2016 work allowances for care leavers without children would be withdrawn altogether has negatively impacted care leavers, and this change can cost working care leavers claiming Universal Credit up to £72 per month (or £865 per year);
- that Stockport currently has 172 young people aged 18-25 which have left the care of Stockport MBC and are eligible to pay Council Tax.
- that Stockport currently has 58 young people aged 16 to 17 in the care of Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council about to begin the difficult transition from care and into adulthood.
- that Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council, and all Local Authorities have a duty of care to care leavers as former corporate parents.

This council believes that:

- care leavers are a particularly vulnerable group in relation to council tax debt.
- in order to ensure the transition from care to adult life is as smooth as possible, and to mitigate the chances of care leavers falling into debt as they begin to manage their own finances, they should be exempt from paying council tax until they are 25.
- this exemption would provide significant benefit to care leavers, whilst having minimal impact upon Council finances, after exemptions and reductions in emergency payments to care leavers are taken into account.
- additional costs arising from this change can be easily absorbed by the collection fund and in-year overspends.

This council therefore resolves to:

- exempt all care leavers from council tax up to the age of 25;
- and to write to the Minister of State for Children and Families, urging him to introduce a national exemption for care leavers from council tax up to the age of 25.

Moved by: Councillor Colin Foster

Seconded by: Councillor John Taylor

7. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

(Pages 293-294)

To consider a report of the Chief Executive.

8. APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADMISSION APPEALS PANEL

To approve the following appointments to the Admission Appeal Panel:-

Lay Members

Lauren Robertson
Maureen Walsh
Paul Hughes
Philip Morris
Phyllis Cowan

Members with Educational Experience

Andrew Butler
Ann Gilbert
Irene Burton
Michael Ward
Robin Patey
Veronica Lloyd

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Eamonn Boylan
Chief Executive

Town Hall
Stockport

22 March 2017

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