

25th March 2013

Sir or Madam,

Notice is given of a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF BURNLEY to be held at the TOWN HALL, BURNLEY, on

Thursday 4th April 2013

starting at 7.00 p.m.

To transact the business specified below.

**Tom Forshaw
Head of Chief Executive's Office**

Members of the public may ask a question, make a statement, or present a petition relating to any matter for which the Council has a responsibility or which affects the Borough.

Notice in writing of the subject matter must be given to the Head of Chief Executive's Office by 5.00 pm on the day before the meeting. Forms can be obtained for this purpose from the reception desk at Burnley Town Hall, Manchester Road or at the Contact Centre, Parker Lane, Burnley or from the web at: www.burnley.gov.uk/meetings. Requests will be dealt with in the order in which they are received.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the last meeting

To receive, as read, the Minutes of the proceedings of the Council held on the 28th February 2013 and to confirm them or otherwise. (enclosed)

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest.

3. Mayors' Communications

To receive communications (if any) from His Worship the Mayor

4. Public Question Time

To receive questions, statements or petitions (if any) from members of the public.

5. Notices of Motion

(1) Councillor Julie Cooper will move, seconded by Councillor Andy Tatchell, that:

This Council notes with alarm the proposal from the Post Office to change how Burnley`s main post office is operated. If their plan - to franchise the operation of this office to a private concern - succeeds, this popular and well run post office will for ever more cease to be a publicly owned service.

Additionally this Council stands fully on the side of our community - both residents and businesses - in valuing the dedicated and professional service provided by the counter staff and management working there.

This Council notes the positive impact that main post offices have on the local economy. Independent assessments carried out over the years have shown how changes to the post office Network, especially in urban areas like Burnley has had a devastating impact on the local economy. Our economy is already under strain and we don`t want anything to potentially add to this.

Further, this Council is appalled that the Post Office has failed to properly consult with this Council regarding the proposed change. Especially considering one of the main reasons given for this change is the cost of maintaining the office. Regardless we would still be willing to work with Post Office Ltd to look at every possibility, including using our own buildings to help maintain this office as a main post office serving the residents of Burnley, as a publicly owned Crown Office.

This Council calls on the Post Office to withdraw the proposal to franchise the Burnley Crown Office on Hargreaves Street and to join with us to seek a way forward that safeguards this publicly owned facility. This Council also calls on local businesses and individuals to refuse to assist in the downgrading of this local facility and asks them not to play any part in the Post Office`s proposals to establish a franchisement agreement.

(2) Councillor Lian Pate will move, seconded by Councillor Marcus Johnstone that:

This Council asks the Government`s to re-examine the measures it is putting in place to cut housing benefit from some of Burnley`s most vulnerable residents on the grounds that their social housing has a spare bedroom.

Additionally this Council believes it to be an unworkable policy given that if people moved house it would not save any money, and could even end up costing Burnley taxpayers more of their hard earned money.

This Council notes that according to the Government`s own impact assessment, two thirds of the households affected have a disabled person.

Further this Council notes that many households taking in their own adult children or a lodger to avoid the Bedroom Tax will be financially be worse off than if they had left the room vacant.

This Council calls on the Government to drop this policy and think again.

6. Items for Decision by the Council

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(a) Leisure Trust

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To establish a Leisure Trust Implementation budget funded from the Modernisation Reserve (report enclosed, relevant Minute to follow).

(b) Revenue Budget Monitoring Cycle 4 2012/13

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To seek approval for the estimated reduction in net spending (including further estimated underspend in cycle 4) and the related transfer to earmarked reserves as shown in Appendix 2 to the report (report enclosed, relevant Minute to follow).

(c) Capital Budget Monitoring Cycle 4 2012/13

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To seek approval for a revised capital budget for 2012/13 as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report (report enclosed, relevant Minute to follow).

(d) Calendar of meetings 2013/14

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To approve a calendar of meetings for 2013/14 (report enclosed)

(e) Amendments to Part 3 of the Constitution- Scheme of Delegation

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To note amendments made by the Leader to the Executive Functions of Part 3 of the Constitution's Scheme of Delegation (report enclosed, relevant minute to follow).

7. Strategic Plan Progress Reports

Reports from Executive Members. Each Executive Member's report will be taken in order. Members of the Council may ask a question or make an observation on any subject covered in the reports.

Julie Cooper	Leader	71
Andy Tatchell	Deputy Leader/ Regeneration and Economic Development	75
Mark Townsend	Resources and Performance Management	81
Howard Baker	Housing and Environment	85
John Harbour	Leisure and Culture	89
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8. Regulatory Committees

To consider the Minutes of the following Committees which are available at www.burnley.gov.uk

Development Control – 7th March 2013

Licensing – 28th March 2013

9. Scrutiny Committees

To consider the Minutes of the following Scrutiny Committees which are available at www.burnley.gov.uk

Community Services – 19th March 2013

Community Services - 26th March 2013

Resources – 26th March 2013

Economic Regeneration - 27th March 2013

10. Other Committees

To consider the Minutes of the following Committee which are available at www.burnley.gov.uk

Audit Committee – 13th March 2013

11. Questions

To deal with questions (if any) relating to matters not contained in the Minutes before the Council and of which notice in writing has been received in accordance with Standing Order No 10 (2)