COUNCIL MEETING

Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate Street, Rotherham. S60 2TH Date: Wednesday, 10th September, 2014

Time: 2.00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1. To submit for approval the minutes of the Council Meetings held on 2nd July, 2014 Pages 13A to 24A (Section A)
- 2. To consider any communication received by the Mayor or the Chief Executive and to pass a resolution or resolutions thereon.
- 3. To consider any questions from the Public.
- 4. To receive a report from the Leader and to consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Cabinet Pages 13C to 34C (Section C) including the following recommendations to Council:-

Rotherham Local Plan: Adoption of the Core Strategy Minute No. C17 (Pages 15C- 17C)

- 5. To consider the following reports of meetings of Cabinet Members:-
 - Communities and Cohesion Pages 1E to 11E (Section E)
 - Education and Public Health Pages 4F to 9F (Section F)
 - Planning, Highways and Street Scene Services Pages 1G to 12G (Section G)
 - Adult Social Care Pages 12H to 17H (Section H)
 - Business Growth and Regeneration 1I to (Section I)
 - Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods Pages 11J to 17J (Section J)
 - Finance Pages 1K to 7K (Section K)
 - Business, Growth and Regeneration Pages 1I to ?I (Section I)
- 6. To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Audit Committee - Pages 1N to 7N (Section P)

- 7. To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Licensing Board Sub-Committee Pages Q1 to Q (Section Q)
- 8. To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Health and Wellbeing Board Pages 1S to 10S (Section S)
- 9. To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Planning Board Pages 1T to 10T (Section T)
- 10. To put questions, if any, to Cabinet Members and Chairmen (or their representatives) under Standing Order No. 7(1) and 7(3).
- 11. To put questions, if any, to the designated Members on the discharge of functions of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority and South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, in accordance with Standing Order No. 7(5).
- 12. Audit Committee Annual Report 2013/14
- 13. Amendments to the Council's Standing Orders and Scheme of Delegation
- 14. Membership Arrangements 2014/15
- 15. Motion Living Wage This Council notes:-
 - 1. That the Living Wage is a level of pay based on the principle that full-time work should guarantee a decent standard of living.
 - 2. That paying the Living Wage boosts the incomes of the lowest paid, who have been hit especially hard by rising prices and increasing costs of living.
 - 3. That even in difficult financial circumstances, more and more employers in both the public and private sector are now paying or have committed to pay the Living Wage.
 - 4. That the Living Wage is set annually and independently by the Living Wage Foundation and currently stands at £8.80 an hour in London and £7.65 outside of London.

- 5. In Rotherham, 23% of employees earn below the Living Wage, rising to 51% amongst male part-time workers.
- 6. 70% of council staff live in the local authority area and more money in their pockets is more money spent in local shops and businesses.
- 7. Over 1450 Rotherham Council employees will benefit from the Living Wage, over 1250 (87%) of these are women.
- 8. The 2013 Landman Economics report suggested that the widespread implementation of a Living Wage could help to create up to an additional 58,000 jobs nationwide as a result of the economic stimulus.
- 9. The Living Wage Commission chaired by the Archbishop of York John Sentamu said in June 2014 that a series of moves to lift workers out of poverty was needed. The commission made up of business, union and voluntary sector leaders, said extending the Living Wage depended on the Government adopting a goal to increase the voluntary take up of companies paying higher rates to at least a million more worker by 2020, otherwise families will continue to rely on food banks and "unsustainable debt".

Therefore this Council:-

- 1. Supports the introduction of a Living Wage to all staff including school staff.
- 2. Will introduce the Living Wage for all directly employed staff in October 2014.
- 3. Will make the case for the Living Wage with other major employers in Rotherham.
- Motion General Questions at Council Meetings Motion is to remove from Section 7 (General questions at Council meetings) subsection 11 and 12 and replace it with:-

All questions correctly submitted before 12 noon on the Monday prior to the Council meeting shall be answered at the Council meeting by the appropriate Member.

17. Motion - New Council

Shaun Wright claims he was part of a collective dung heap responsible for the safeguarding of children in Rotherham and therefore will not personally resign. In view of this and the ensuing public outrage, Labour no longer commands the support of the public to continue in office. All current Labour members should be required to submit themselves for re-election in order that we implement a new Council with a new mandate to govern the town.

18. To determine any item which the Mayor is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency

J. COLLINS,

Director of Legal and Democratic Services.

2nd September, 2014.