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Agenda

Name of meeting FULL COUNCIL

Date WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2015

Time **6.00 PM**

Venue COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF

WIGHT

Members of the Committee

All Members of the Council

Senior Democratic Services Officer: Julie Martin, telephone

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PRAYERS led by the Revd Canon Graham Morris.

1. Minutes

To approve as a correct record and to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2 September 2015 (Paper A)

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To invite Members to declare any interest they might have in the matters on the agenda.

3. To deal with any questions from members of the public - a maximum of up to 15 minutes for written questions, with up to a further 15 minutes for oral questions.

Questions may be asked without notice but to guarantee a full reply at the meeting, the question must be delivered in writing or by electronic mail to Democratic Services no later than 6.00 pm on Monday, 12 October 2015. The <u>Procedure for asking oral questions</u> is set out below.



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- 4. <u>Chairman's report, official announcements, communications and correspondence for the Council.</u>
- 5. **Budget review update** (Paper B)
- 6. Formation of Children's Services Committee

To consider the establishment of a Children's Services Committee, as recommended by Scrutiny Committee (Paper C)

7. Firefighters Pension Schemes – Governance Arrangements (Paper D)

8. **Executive**

Executive Members to present a written report, and answer written and oral questions on budget or policy:

- (i) The Leader and Executive Member for Children's Services and Lead Member for Resources (Cllr Jonathan Bacon)
- (ii) Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Adult Social Care, Integration, Human Resources and Corporate Governance (Cllr Steve Stubbings)
- (iii) Executive Member for Public Health, Public Protection and PFI (Cllr Phil Jordan)
- (iv) Executive Member for Regeneration, Economy and Public Transport (Cllr Shirley Smart)
- (v) <u>Executive Member for Sustainability and Organisational Change</u> (Cllr Luisa Hillard)
- (vi) Executive Member for Tourism, Culture and Heritage (Cllr Ian Stephens)
- (vii) Executive Member for Planning, Licensing, Public Realm and Local Engagement (Cllr Paul Fuller)

To guarantee a full reply Members must submit a question in writing or by electronic mail to Democratic Services no later than 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 13 October 2015. A further period of 10 Minutes will be allowed for oral questions to each Executive Member.

9. Report of the Scrutiny Committee Chairman

The Chairman of Scrutiny, Cllr Dave Stewart, to present his written report, and answer written and oral questions on budget or policy.

10. Report of Committee Chairman

Employment Committee Chairman (Cllr Geoff Lumley) to present a written report.

11. Motion submitted under Procedure Rule 10 of the Council's Constitution

By Councillor Geoff Lumley

Council notes:

- It has been estimated that the UK Treasury loses as much as £12 billion to tax dodging by multinational companies every year. Developing countries also lose three times more to tax dodging than they receive in aid each year -

enough to give a basic education to the 57 million children currently missing out.

- The UK has a particular responsibility to end tax dodging, as it is responsible for 1 in 5 of the world's tax havens in the British Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies.
- The use of tax havens by UK companies is rife, with 98 of the FTSE 100 companies routinely using tax havens.
- Large multinational companies pay as little as 5% in corporate taxes globally, while smaller businesses pay up to 30%.

Council believes:

- As a local authority we have a duty to provide the best possible public services.
- Our ability to provide quality local services would be significantly enhanced by the increased revenues from the government tackling tax dodging.
- All who benefit from public spending should contribute their fair share.
- The UK must take a lead role in creating a fairer tax system and combatting tax dodging.

Council resolves:

- To support the campaign for tax justice, supporting the statement:

"While many ordinary people face falling household income and rising costs of living, some multinational companies are avoiding billions of pounds of tax from a tax system that fails to make them pay their fair share. Local governments in the UK and developing countries alike would benefit from a fairer tax system where multinational companies pay their fair share, enabling authorities around the world to provide quality public services. The UK government must listen to the strength of public feeling and act to end the injustice of tax dodging by large multinational companies, in developing countries and the UK."

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