



Summons and Agenda for the
Council Meeting

to be held on

Tuesday, 16 July 2019

at

6.00 pm



Mission Statement *"Making Selby a Great Place"*



To: All District Councillors

cc: Chief Officers

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber - Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby, YO8 9FT on **TUESDAY, 16 JULY 2019** starting at **6.00 pm**. The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

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Chief Executive

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AGENDA

Opening Prayers.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence.

2. **Disclosures of Interest**

A copy of the Register of Interest for each Selby District Councillor is available for inspection at www.selby.gov.uk.

Councillors should declare to the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interest in any item of business on this agenda which is not already entered in their Register of Interests.

Councillors should leave the meeting and take no part in the consideration, discussion or vote on any matter in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest.

Councillors should also declare any other interests. Having made the declaration, provided the other interest is not a disclosable pecuniary interest, the Councillor may stay in the meeting, speak and vote on that item of business.

If in doubt, Councillors are advised to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer.

3. **Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14 May 2019.

4. **Communications**

The Chairman, Leader of the Council or the Chief Executive will deal with any communications which need to be reported to the Council.

5. **Announcements**

To receive any announcements from the Chairman, Leader or Members of the Executive.

6. **Petitions**

To receive any petitions.

7. **Public Questions**

To receive and answer questions, notice of which has been given in accordance with rule 10.1 of the Constitution.

8. Councillors' Questions

Councillor Questions Process:

- Councillors can ask questions in accordance with rule 11.2 of the Constitution.
- An answer to a question submitted may take the form of:
 - (a) A direct oral answer;
 - (b) Where the desired information is in a publication of the Council or other published work, a reference to that publication; or
 - (c) Where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated later to all members of the Council.
- A councillor asking a question may ask one supplementary question, without notice, of the councillor to whom the first question was asked. The supplementary question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply.

The following questions have been submitted:

8.1 – Question submitted by Councillor Mary McCartney

To ask the Executive member for Communities and Economic Development

As the Executive member with responsibility for the “access to services agenda and embedding customer focus within services” could you tell me what future the public face of Selby District Council, the Selby town centre “Access Selby” has?

There is a lot of concern amongst residents that the Council plans to shut their only public “front desk”

So, could you please clarify the position and if closure is the preferred option where will residents get that face to face interaction with their local Council?

8.2 – Question submitted by Councillor Mary McCartney

To ask the Executive member for Finance and Resources

As the Executive member with responsibility for the “savings plan” could you please explain how you missed your savings target during the last financial year as highlighted by the Selby Times on Thursday June 27th?

8.3 – Question submitted by Councillor Mary McCartney

To ask the Leader of the Council

During 2018/19, 241 families were allocated social housing in the Selby District.

190 of those families were from the Selby District, with 52 being from outside the Selby District. Yet only 12 Selby families were allocated homes elsewhere in the partnership area.

A net deficit of 39.

So 39 Selby District families lost out on being allocated a home because of Selby District Council being a member of the “North Yorkshire Home Choice” partnership.

Isn't it time that Selby District Council brought back control of its housing policy, left the “North Yorkshire Home Choice” and started putting Selby District families first?

8.4 – Question submitted by Councillor John McCartney

To ask the Executive member for Finance and Resources

Could you please provide the following information in relation to the Programme for Growth Fund; How do you “monitor” this Fund, ensure that this Fund delivers “value for money” and is used “efficiently”? Specifically what is done to ensure that external recipients of the Fund use it appropriately? Can you please update the Council on the current Value of the Fund?

8.5– Question submitted by Councillor John McCartney

To ask the Executive member for Placing Shaping

Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 gives Councils the power to serve an ‘amenity’ notice on the owner of any land or building which is in an unreasonably untidy condition and has an adverse impact on the amenity of the area.

Tidy gardens and land mean an area looks well cared for which helps to make people feel safe in their neighbourhood. If untidy sites are left, they become worse and the area starts to feel neglected and unsafe.

How many “amenity” notices under Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 have Selby District Council served in the last two years?

8.6- Question submitted by Councillor John McCartney

To ask the Leader of the Council

“Fly-tipping is a scourge impacting on all parts of the country.

SDC have some great officers fighting a losing battle with the fly-tippers because of the failure of the courts to take the crime of fly-tipping seriously. Under rules brought in in 2014, fly-tippers can face a maximum punishment of 12 months in prison or a £50,000 fine if convicted in a magistrate’s court.

Yet we see magistrates continuing to hand out fines of a paltry few hundred pounds.

Will the Leader of the Council take the fight, on behalf the public and SDC staff to the Magistrates, and demand that they start imposing sentences that fit the crime and send out a message that fly-tipping in the Selby District is unacceptable”

9. Reports from the Executive (Pages 7 - 20)

The Leader of the Council, and other members of the Executive, will report on their work since the last meeting of the Council and will respond to questions from Councillors on that work.

10. Reports from Committees (Pages 21 - 26)

To receive reports from the Council's committees which need to be brought to the attention of Council. To receive questions and provide answers on any of those reports.

11. Motions

Motions Process:

- **No speeches may be made after the mover has moved a proposal and explained the purpose of it until the motion has been seconded.**
- **When seconding a motion or amendment, a councillor may reserve their speech until later in the debate.**
- **Speeches must be directed to the motion under discussion or to a personal explanation or point of order. No speech may exceed five minutes without the consent of the Chairman.**
- **A councillor who has spoken on a motion may not speak again whilst it is the subject of debate, except:**
 - (a) To speak once on an amendment moved by another councillor;**
 - (b) To move a further amendment if the motion has been amended since he/she last spoke;**
 - (c) If his/her first speech was on an amendment moved by another councillor, to speak on the main issue (whether or not the amendment on which he/she spoke was carried);**
 - (d) In exercise of a right of reply (see Rule 15.9 of the Constitution);**
 - (e) On a point of order (see Rule 15.12 of the Constitution); and**

(f) By way of personal explanation (see Rule 15.13 of the Constitution).

- **For amendments, please refer to Rule 15.6 of the Constitution.**

There have been two motions submitted for consideration:

- 11.1** Proposed by Councillors Duckett, Franks Jordan, John McCartney, Mary McCartney, Packham and Steve Shaw-Wright.

“That this Full Council agrees that Selby District Council should move from an Executive Structure to a modern Committee based structure that recognises the primacy of the Full Council and in which every elected Councillor plays a full and meaningful part in the Council decision making process.

That a Working Party under the leadership of Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee, working with senior officers, is tasked with putting forward recommendations to this Full Council that enable the changes to occur as soon as possible.”

- 11.2** Proposed by Councillors Jordan, John McCartney, Mary McCartney, Packham and Steve Shaw-Wright.

This Council agrees that maintenance of Council owned areas, particularly the public areas of housing estates, including: grassed amenity areas and verges; trees; play areas; ginnels; and paved areas, falls far short of reasonable standards, particularly the standards achieved by Town and Parish Councils, and brings the Council into disrepute.

This is not a criticism of our Contractors, who can only work to the contract agreed with Selby District Council. The contract is clearly deficient in many respects.

The Council therefore instructs Officers to carry out an immediate re-assessment of Council owned land in these areas and the current contractual arrangements for their maintenance and report their findings to Council at the next meeting (September 17, 2019), setting out: the issues that need to be addressed; measures to address the shortcomings; and the costs and necessary amendments to existing maintenance contracts to address this.

12. Appointment of the Monitoring Officer (Pages 27 - 30)

To consider the appointment of the Monitoring Officer

13. Urgent Action

The Chief Executive will report on any instances where she has acted in urgent or emergency situations under the functions delegated to her in the Constitution.

