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27 February 2006

Dear Member

RE: MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL – 7 MARCH 2006

I refer to the Summons and papers for the meeting of the City Council on 7 March 2006 which I recently circulated and now enclose a copy of a revised Summons. The Summons has been amended as a result of the submission of a question by a Member of the City Council which is set out under Agenda Item 10 and the submission of an additional Notice of Motion which is detailed at Agenda Item 18(c).

Yours faithfully

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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: COUNCIL MEETING – 7 MARCH 2006 AT 6.45 PM

You are summoned to attend the Meeting of Carlisle City Council which will be held at **6.45 pm on Tuesday 7 March 2006** in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Carlisle.

AGENDA

1. The Mayor will invite the Chaplain to the City Council to open the meeting with prayers.
2. The Town Clerk and Chief Executive will call the roll.
3. **Minutes**

The Council will be asked to receive the Minutes of the meetings of the City Council held on 17 January and 6 February 2006.

4. **Public and Press**

- (a) To determine whether any of the items of business within Part A of the Agenda should be dealt with when the public and press are excluded from the meeting.

- (b) To determine whether any of the items of business within Part B of the Agenda should be dealt with when the Public and Press are present.

5. **Declarations of Interest**

Members are invited to declare any personal interests and any personal interests which are also prejudicial relating to any item on the Agenda at this stage.

6. **Council Tax 2006/7**

To consider a report of the Director of Corporate Services regarding the setting of the Council Tax for 2006/7.

(Copy Report RB.15/05/06 herewith)

7. **Announcements**

- (a) To receive any announcements from the Mayor.
- (b) To receive any announcements from the Leader of the Council.
- (c) To receive any announcements from Members of the Executive.
- (d) To receive any announcements from the Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

8. **Questions by Members of the Public**

Riverside Group

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10.1 the Town Clerk and Chief Executive to report the receipt of the following question submitted on notice by Mr D Young.

“Is the secret talks with the Riverside Group having an adverse influence on my Corporate Complaints as well as the lack of support by the City Council in “Enforcing” the conditions set out in the offer document?”

9. **Presentation of Petitions and Deputations**

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10.11 the Town Clerk and Chief Executive to report that no petitions or deputations have been received from members of the Public.

10. **Questions from Members of the Council**

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 11.2, the Town and Chief Executive to report the receipt of the following question submitted on notice by Councillor Atkinson:

“ In view of the decision to consult on a Theatre and Arts Centre for the city. Will the Leader, Councillor Mitchelson, support the campaign to save the Lonsdale Cinema, in order that this amenity may form part of any feasibility study for a Theatre and Arts Centre in Carlisle?”

11. **Executive**

The Council will be asked to receive the Minutes of the Meetings of the Executive held on 23 January, 16 and 20 February 2006 and receive reports from the following Portfolio Holders:

- (i) Health and Community Activities
- (ii) Corporate Resources
- (iii) Policy and Performance Management
- (iv) Finance and Resources
- (v) Promoting Carlisle
- (vi) Economic Development and Regeneration
- (vii) Environment, Housing Infrastructure and Transport

and ask questions of the Leader and Portfolio Holders on those Minutes and Reports.

(Copy Reports herewith)

12. **Overview and Scrutiny Minutes and Chairman's Report**

The Council will be asked to receive the Minutes from the following meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committees and to ask questions of the Chairman and receive reports from the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees:

- (i) Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee held on 2 February 2006 together with the Chairman's report.
- (ii) Overview and Scrutiny Committee Community held on 10 and 12 January and 16 February 2006 together with the Chairman's report.

- (iii) Overview and Scrutiny Committee Corporate Resources held on 19 January 2006 together with the Chairman's report.
- (iv) Overview and Scrutiny Committee Infrastructure held on 26 January 2006 together with the Chairman's report.
(Copy Reports herewith)

13. **Licensing Committee**

To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on the 4 January 2006.

14. **Regulatory Panel**

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the Regulatory Panel held on 4 January 2006.

15. **Development Control Committee**

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the Development Control Committee held on 25 and 27 January 2006.

16. **Accounts Committee**

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the Accounts Committee held on 15 February 2006.

17. **Employment Panel**

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the Employment Panel held on 20 February 2006.

18. **Notice of Motion**

(a) Communities Reunited

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 12 the Town Clerk and Chief Executive to report the receipt of the following Motion submitted on Notice by Councillor Luckley:

“Carlisle City Council recognises the outstanding contribution the Communities Reunited Project is making to the support of those residents affected by the January 2005 Flood.

The Council is concerned that the proposal to close down the project at Easter 2006 may be premature. There are approximately 380 homes not yet reoccupied and many people who have returned home are still struggling with insurance and building problems.

Therefore, Carlisle City Council resolves to ask the Executive to investigate ways in which the City Council could offer continued support including financial support to the project to enable it to operate for a further three months up until 1 July 2006”.

(b) Parks and Open Spaces

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 12 the Town Clerk and Chief Executive to report the receipt of the following Motion submitted on Notice by Councillor Aldersey:

“In order to assist the Police in its duty in upholding the Law when dealing with Anti Social Behaviour incidents in our parks and open spaces, the Carlisle City Council agrees to carry out a review of its current Byelaws relating to parks and open spaces so as to make the enforcement of the Byelaws by the Police easier”.

(c) Grass Verges

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 12 the Town Clerk and Chief Executive to report the receipt of the following Motion submitted on Notice by Councillor Weber:

“In view of the continuing damage to grass verges year on year throughout the City, with all the costs of reinstatement and of the actual grass cutting, Carlisle City Council calls upon the Executive to arrange a meeting with Cumbria County Council and Carlisle Housing Association with a view to setting up a programme year on year to remove the said grass verges”.

19. **Proposals from the Executive in relation to the Council's Budget and Policy Framework**

(i) Joint Committee – Supplementary Planning Guidance

Pursuant to Minute EX.24/06 to consider the recommendation of the Executive to appoint Councillor Bloxham to represent the City Council on the Joint Committee of Cumbrian Authorities. The Joint Committee will prepare Supplementary Planning Documents on wind energy development and landscape character. It being further recommended that Councillor Earp be nominated as first reserve and Councillor Martlew as second reserve when the appointed representative is unable to attend.

The Executive have agreed in principle to participate in the establishment of the Joint Committee subject to the terms of reference being agreed by the City Council before final participation is confirmed.
(Copy Report DS.4/06 and Minute extract herewith).

(ii) EX.25/06 Cremator Replacement And Associated Works

Pursuant to Minute EX.25/06 to consider a recommendation of the Executive:-

- (a) That the City Council be recommended to approve the installation of two new cremators and associated works during 2006/7
- (b) That subject to the approval of the budget on 23 February 2006 the City Council be recommended to bring forward the earmarked capital resources of £330,000 from 2008/9 to 2006/7 producing a total capital budget of £780,000 to facilitate the award of works in 2006/7 of the replacement cremators and associated works at the crematorium.
(Copy Report CS.2/06 and minute extract herewith)

20. **Role of Accounts Committee**

Pursuant to minute AC.6/06 to consider the following reference from the Accounts Committee to the City Council:

“That the City Council be requested to instruct Officers to investigate the manner by which the Council should discharge its future governance responsibilities relative to the financial statements of the Council and whether that could be done through an Audit Committee or similar mechanism, and that the Council agree to delegate to the Accounts Committee the task of drawing up suitable terms of reference for an Audit Committee and report back thereon to the Council as soon as possible”.

21. **Department of Culture, Media and Sport - Casino Advisory Panel**

To consider a report of the Director of Development Services on an invitation from the Government for the Council to submit proposals to the Casino Advisory Panel by 31 March 2006 on whether the Council would wish Carlisle to be considered as a location for Casino Development
(Copy report DS.13/06 herewith)

22. **Independent Remuneration Panel**

To consider a report of the Independent Remunerations Panel and the recommendations of the Panel included therein.
(Copy report ME.2/06 herewith)

23. **Communications**

To receive and consider communications and to deal with such other business as may be brought forward by the Mayor as a matter of urgency.

PART 'B'

To be considered in private

24. **Ombudsman Complaint.**

To consider a report regarding the outcome of a recent investigation by the Ombudsman.
(Copy Report DS.7/06 herewith)

Yours faithfully

Director of Legal and Democratic Services