



## Summons to Meeting

Tuesday 20 July 2021

# Council

Wednesday 28 July 2021, 7.00 pm

Greenhill Hotel, Wigton

### Membership:

Councillor Malcolm Grainger (Chair)	Councillor Allan Daniels (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Tony Annison	Councillor Carole Armstrong
Councillor Mary Bainbridge	Councillor Carmel Bell
Councillor Herbert Briggs	Councillor Markus Campbell-Savours
Councillor Nicky Cockburn	Councillor John Cook
Councillor John Crouch	Councillor Janet Farebrother
Councillor Marion Fitzgerald	Councillor Peter Gaston
Councillor Patrick Gorrill	Councillor Iain Greaney
Councillor Hilary Harrington	Councillor Michael Heaslip
Councillor Alan Hedworth	Councillor Vaughan Hodgson
Councillor Daniel Horsley	Councillor Mike Johnson
Councillor George Kemp	Councillor Peter Kendall
Councillor Alan Kennon	Councillor Janet King
Councillor Adrian Kirkbride	Councillor Sally Lansbury
Councillor Jim Lister	Councillor Peter Little
Councillor Elaine Lynch	Councillor Louise Maguire
Councillor Anthony Markley	Councillor Owen Martin
Councillor Carni McCarron-Holmes	Councillor Antony McGuckin
Councillor Ron Munby MBE	Councillor Alan Pitcher
Councillor Joe Sandwith	Councillor Blain Sansom
Councillor Paul Scott	Councillor Andrew Semple
Councillor Colin Sharpe	Councillor Alan Smith
Councillor Stephen Stoddart	Councillor Kevin Thurlow
Councillor Alan Tyson	Councillor Will Wilkinson
Councillor Lynda Williams	

***Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting. If you have any questions or queries contact Gayle Roach on 01900 702502.***



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# Agenda

## 1. Minutes (Pages 7 - 18)

To agree as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 May 2021.

## 2. Apologies for Absence

## 3. Declaration of Interests

Councillors/Staff to give notice of any disclosable pecuniary interest, other registrable interest or any other interest and the nature of that interest relating to any item on the agenda in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct.

## 4. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To consider whether there are any items on the agenda for which the press and public should be excluded.

## 5. Questions and Petitions

To answer questions under Procedural Rule No. 4.16 from members of the public and from Councillors under Procedural Rule No. 4.17 and to receive Petitions under Access to Information Rules.

## 6. Notices of Motion

Five Motions on Notice have been received;

1. Councillor Adrian Kirkbride submitted the following motion for the 3 March 2021 meeting which was then deferred to the next ordinary meeting of Council –

'This Council understands the anxiety and stress caused to vulnerable people, family pets and wildlife by the random use of fireworks in the days before and after November 5th each year, or outside of properly organised firework events. It therefore resolves to -

1. Continue to actively support public awareness campaigns from all relevant agencies around the impact of fireworks on vulnerable people and animal welfare and the dangers of improper use, including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks
2. Support the RSPCA public awareness campaign regarding fireworks and firework displays
3. Request all public firework displays on Allerdale owned land to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their vulnerable people and animals
4. Write to the UK Government urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays, and to nationally promote the dangers and legalities around sale and misuse of fireworks'.

2. Councillor Janet Farebrother submitted the following motion –

'This Council endorses the position expressed in the letter dated 7 July

2021 from Steve Reed MP (shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government) that planning works best when developers and the local community work together to shape local areas and deliver necessary new homes; and therefore calls on the Government to protect the right of communities to object to individual planning applications’.

3. Councillor Sally Lansbury submitted the following motion –

‘In support of the work of the Climate Change Group Council asks officers to explore processes to prohibit the use of disposable BBQs on all Council recreational land and wildlife sites and for licensed festivals and events on Council owned land.

Council will also write to the local MPs, T Harrison, M Jenkinson and Dr N Hudson, to ask them to support this action and lobby Government for changes to legislation to prohibit the sale of these items’.

4. Councillor Peter Little submitted the following motion –

‘Many of us will have seen recent news reports of people living in squalid housing as Matt Hancock condemns 'horrific' conditions exposed by ITV. Examples include damp, mouldy conditions; people having to repeatedly report faults and a lack of empathy shown by landlords. The Housing Act 2004 means that by law landlords must make sure that a person's home is 'fit for human habitation' which means that it is safe, healthy and free from things that can cause a person serious harm. The Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Act 2018 is a power for tenants to hold their landlord, including registered providers, to account without having to rely on their local authority to do so.

Bad housing costs the NHS an estimated £1.4 million each year and there is a clear link between poor housing conditions and health problems including respiratory issues, physical pain and mental health. Many residents in my Ward often contact me to express concerns they have with housing conditions and feel that they are hitting a brick wall when reporting problems. In some cases, many have reported the same problem on numerous occasions and feel they are being ignored. I have seen some of the conditions residents are living in and to put it mildly, they are appalling.

As the local authority, Allerdale Borough Council has a responsibility to ensure residents live in housing that is sanitary and fit for purpose. Before the Pandemic, 18% of homes in England were classed as 'non-decent' which means:

- It does not meet the basic legal health and safety standards for housing
- It is not in a reasonable state of repair
- It does not have reasonably modern facilities and services
- It has insulation or heating that is not effective

As we enter the Covid recovery phase, millions will still be left in poor quality, unsafe and dangerous homes. There is no question that the housing crisis in Britain is indisputable. Simply put, there are not enough alternative, affordable homes to rent for the majority of people living in

poor quality housing. The Government recently announced its bill on planning reform so that they can build more high quality housing that people want to live in but that is not enough. That action needs to be implemented at the earliest opportunity.

It is therefore my recommendation that members of this Council supports this motion in that we, Allerdale Borough Council, work more closely with both social and private housing landlords. We will hold to account the Government and landlords where significant failures in social housing conditions are identified and tenants do not receive a resolution’.

5. Councillor Alan Smith submitted the following motion –

‘Council notes that the Bill to introduce a requirement for photo ID to be produced by electors at polling stations is in Parliament. Even though this is a sledgehammer to crack a peanut, as the number of cases of personation at elections in recent years is in single figures, the Council agrees it needs to be prepared for it to become law, and for the possibility of an election taking place very soon afterwards.

Council asks the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) to take all possible steps to ensure that all electors are directly informed of this requirement: that they are informed of what is acceptable as ID; and that electors who do not have that ID are issued with ID Cards by the Council as soon as possible when the law takes effect.

In taking these actions, the ERO and the Council is aware of and complies with its requirement under the public sector equality duty, and also honours the requirement of Part One of the Equality Act, not yet in force, to reduce any disadvantage from socio-economic circumstances’.

## **7. Councillor Speeches**

To hear speeches (not exceeding 5 minutes each), for up to a specified period of 15 minutes, from individual members on a local issue in the Member’s Ward, of which 24 hours’ notice has been given to the Chief Executive.

## **8. Announcements from the Mayor, Leader or Head of Paid Service (Pages 19 - 20)**

## **9. Portfolio Holder updates (Pages 21 - 40)**

To consider reports from Members of the Executive.

## **10. Executive Minutes (Pages 41 - 62)**

To note the contents of the minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 13 January, 24 February, 24 March, 21 April and 12 May 2021.

## **11. Review of Council Governance Arrangements and Structure (Pages 63 - 70)**

## **12. Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2020-21 (Pages 71 - 76)**

## **13. Governance Updates (Pages 77 - 82)**



**Chief Executive**

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**Date of Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday 22 September 2021, 7.00 pm  
Venue to be confirmed**