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**AGENDA  
FOR A  
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Dear Councillor,

You are requested to attend a Council Meeting in the **Council Chamber** at the **Town Hall, Burton upon Trent** on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024** at **6.30pm** immediately preceded by prayers.

Yours faithfully,



Chief Executive

To: **All Members of the Council**

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## MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

To be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 6.30pm in  
the Council Chamber, Town Hall,

Burton upon Trent DE14 2EB

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## AGENDA

	Item	Presenter	Reference
1.	Apologies	Chief Executive	Oral
2.	Declarations of Interest	Mayor	Oral
3.	To approve as a correct record and sign the public Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough Council held on 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024.	Mayor	Enclosure No 1
4.	To receive any announcements from the Mayor, the Leader of the Council or the Proper Officer	Mayor/Leader of the Council/Proper Officer	Oral
5.	To consider any urgent business brought forward to the Council under Rule 12	Mayor	Oral

6.	<p>To consider the following Motion:</p> <p>That pursuant to the provisions of Section 249 (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972, the title of Honorary Alderman of the Borough of East Staffordshire be conferred upon:</p> <p>Patricia L Ackroyd</p> <p>in recognition of the eminent service rendered by them to the Council and the Borough and they be granted the rights and privileges attaching to the said office of Honorary Alderman as the Council may from time to time determine.</p>	Leader of the Council	Oral
7.	<p>To receive, for information, the report of the Returning Officer on the results of the Borough Council By Election for Stretton ward held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024</p>	Returning Officer	Oral
8.	<p>General Update and Amendment of the Constitution (Annual Review 2024)</p>	Monitoring Officer	Enclosure No 2
9.	<p>Appointment to Committees</p>	Corporate Services Manager	Enclosure No 3
10.	<p>Urgent Decision EDR 244/24 - Continuing Membership of the Staffordshire Business Rates Pool for 2025/26</p>	Leader of the Council	Enclosure No 4
11.	<p>To consider the following motion of which notice has been given by Councillor P Walker:</p> <p>“This Council recognises the significant contribution Burton trade unionist Vale Rawlings made to improve the lives of working people across the borough in the run up to, and following, World War One.</p> <p>Among his successes was a campaign to secure a minimum wage of 23 shillings a week for labourers, including those at the town’s breweries. It was said that this put an extra £30,000 a year into the pockets of</p>	Councillor P Walker	Oral

Burton's working class. In the summer of 1914, Vale supported the striking Mosley Street 'Flycatcher Girls' - factory workers mostly aged 13-17. He was jailed for assaulting a police inspector and a non-striking worker, charges which he and multiple eyewitnesses vehemently denied.

We note that the case triggered a national outcry which brought Labour Party founder Keir Hardie to Burton. 10,000 people signed a petition demanding a retrial and pointing out discrepancies in the evidence. Eventually the Home Secretary bowed to public pressure and released Vale a week early but refused a retrial or a pardon.

Some 15,000 people lined the route from Horninglow railway station to Burton's market square as Vale was paraded in triumph. In the market square and surrounding streets alone, 7,000 people were said to have crowded shoulder to shoulder to hear Vale speak.

Between the wars, Vale's philanthropic spirit continued helping to support local people in poverty. He represented Branston on Tutbury Rural District Council, where he took a leading role in schemes to build new council houses, modern sewage systems and better roads while ensuring the hungry were fed.

We welcome the efforts of a Burton-based Community Interest Company, set up in Vale's name, to tell this forgotten Burton story.

As well as acknowledging great local military figures, this council also believes that it is right to ensure there is a permanent commemoration of local people who helped make significant change to the lives of ordinary working people.

Therefore, this council resolves to:

	Create a permanent legacy to Vale Rawlings by re-naming The Lingen Room in this building to The Vale Rawlings Room”.		
12.	To answer any questions from Members asked pursuant to Rule 18	Mayor	Oral

## NOTE

The Press and public are likely to be excluded from this Meeting during the following item of business, as it is likely there will be discussion of exempt information, as described in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (copy available on the Council's web site ([www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk](http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk)), the appropriate paragraph of which is noted in brackets before the agenda item

**(3, 4, 5, 6) 13. PRIVATE MINUTE**

The Mayor will therefore move

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the Press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, indicated in brackets before the item number on the Agenda.

**SCHEDULE 12A LGA 1972**  
**PART 1 DESCRIPTIONS OF EXEMPT INFORMATION: ENGLAND**

The exempt information set out at Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 Act is as follows:

1. Information relating to any individual;
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual;
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information);
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority;
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings;
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes—
  - a. to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
  - b. to make an order or direction under any enactment;
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

**THE QUALIFICATIONS TO THE LIST OF EXEMPT INFORMATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

8. Information falling within number 3 above is not exempt information by virtue of that paragraph if it is required to be registered under:  
the Companies Acts as defined in section 2 of the Companies Act 2006;  
the Friendly Societies Act 1974;  
the Friendly Societies Act 1992;  
the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies and Credit Unions Acts 1965 to 1978;  
the Building Societies Act 1986; or  
[(f) the Charities Act 2011.
9. Information is not exempt information if it relates to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission pursuant to regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992.
10. Information which—  
falls within any of numbers 1 to 7 above; and is not prevented from being exempt by virtue of number A or B above, is exempt information if, and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.