

Time and Date

2.00 pm on Tuesday, 10th October, 2017

Place

Council House, Coventry

1. **Apologies**
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2017** (Pages 5 - 14)
3. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

To consider whether to exclude the press and public for the items of private business for the reasons shown in the report.
4. **Coventry Good Citizen Award**

To be presented by the Lord Mayor and Judge Lockhart QC, Honorary Recorder
5. **Correspondence and Announcements of the Lord Mayor**
6. **Petitions**
7. **Declarations of Interest**
8. **Question Time**
 - 8.1 Written Question – Booklet 1 (Pages 15 - 18)
 - 8.2 Oral Questions to Chairs of other meetings
 - 8.3 Oral Questions to Chairs of Scrutiny Boards/Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee
 - 8.4 Oral Questions to Representatives on Outside Bodies
 - 8.5 Oral Questions to Cabinet Members and Deputy Cabinet Members on any matter
9. **Statements**
10. **Debates**
 - 10.1 To be moved by Councillor J Mutton and seconded by Councillor T Khan

"This Council believes that students are a very welcome part of our community and of our local economy, but often live in concentrated areas of the City in densely populated conditions. This has a big impact on services in those parts of the City.

Student households should continue to be exempt from Council Tax as students are, in the main, on low incomes or living on loans. Landlords of student accommodation are engaged in profit-making businesses and should therefore pay business rates for the demands that their tenants make on public services.

Council resolves to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the Chair and Vice Chairs of the Local Government Association and the three Coventry MPs to outline the contents of this motion and to request that Councils should be given powers to bring landlords of student properties within the scope of business rates in the same way that hotels, self-catering and holiday lets are within the scope of business rates.

Following such a change in legislation, Council also resolves to establish a working group chaired by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources with representatives of the Universities, Landlords and Student Unions to consider the operation of such a scheme in Coventry to ensure that it is designed in such a way so that it does not undermine the City's wider housing strategy and that the cost is not passed on to students.

10.2 To be moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Sawdon

"This Council recognises the contribution made to the city by its students and believes that students should continue to be exempt from council tax.

This Council notes the cessation of the Revenue Support grant in 2020 which presently compensates the Council for business rates which they do not receive from student accommodation.

This Council will ask Government to give local authorities additional powers to bring student landlords within the scope of business rates bringing them into line with hotels, self-catering and holiday lets."

Private Business

Matters Left for Determination by the City Council/Recommendations for the City Council

It is anticipated that the following matter will be referred as a Recommendation from Cabinet, 10 October 2017

11. Project CAP

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) – **to follow**

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Martin Yardley, Deputy Chief Executive, Place, Council House Coventry

Monday, 2 October 2017

Note: The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Carolyn Sinclair/Suzanne Bennett 024 7683 3166/3072

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