

Agenda



Newport City Council

Date: Tuesday, 1 March 2022
Time: 5.00 pm
Venue: Via Teams Live Event
To: **All Members of the City Council**

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Item	Wards Affected
1. <u>Preliminaries</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. To receive any apologies for absence.ii. To receive any declarations of interest.iii. To receive any announcements by the Mayor.	
2. <u>Minutes</u> (Pages 5 - 24)	
3. <u>Appointments</u> (Pages 25 - 26)	
4. <u>Police Issues (30 minutes)</u> 30 minutes is allocated for questions to the Gwent Police representative.	
5. <u>Notice of Motion: Cost of Living</u> Notice of Motion - National Cost of Living Crisis This council recognises the unprecedented cost of living crisis facing many households across Newport, Wales and the UK. In the coming months more and more households will see increases of a magnitude never seen before as the energy price cap is removed or energy deals come to an end. This comes on top of a cost of living crisis created by the impacts of Brexit and	

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the Covid Pandemic which have already seen an unprecedented squeeze on peoples incomes.

Inflation remains is at the highest level for over 30 years which is putting huge pressure on household budgets as earnings have not kept pace with prices, leaving family budgets squeezed and people worse off. The additional costs of day to day living are already impacting negatively on every household across Newport but even more so on families who are living close to the bread line many of whom still need to visit food banks and will now be faced with the terrible choice of heating their home or putting food on the table.

The charity National Energy Action (NEA) has warned that a record 6 million UK households will be in fuel poverty when the next increase in the energy price cap comes into force in April, and this view is compounded by the findings of the Resolution Foundation think tank, which warned that millions of UK families face a "year of squeeze" in 2022 thanks to rising energy bills, stagnant wages and tax rises. The Bank of England has also said it expects inflation to reach 6% by the spring.

The Resolution Foundation have said that an increase in National Insurance contributions from April, along with an expected rise in energy bills in the same month could amount to a £1,200 hit to household finances, with low-income families forced to bear the brunt of these rises as they spend a greater proportion of their income on electricity and gas.

As a Council, we will continue to do everything within our power to help mitigate energy costs by signposting residents to the number of financial support options available. We have administered over £1.5million to our eligible residents through the winter fuel support grant. We have also increased our support for food banks and related charities to £100,000.

However, the help families need to deal with the cost of living crisis can only be fixed by decisive action by the UK Government

This Council therefore calls upon the Leader of the Council to write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer and call for the immediate implementation and action for the following:

- **Suspension of the proposed increase in National Insurance contributions**
- **A reduction in VAT for Energy Bills to help families and householders**
- **An introduction of a new lower price cap on energy bills to protect households from excessive price rises**

The Motion is to be proposed by Councillor Jason Hughes and seconded by the Leader.

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| 6. | <u>National Non-Domestic Rates: Discretionary Rate Relief Schemes 2022/23 (Pages 27 - 48)</u> | All Wards |
| 7. | <u>Discretionary Rate Relief for Charities and Similar Organisations</u> | All Wards |

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| 8. | <u>2022/23 Capital Strategy and Treasury</u> (Pages 65 - 126) | All Wards |
| 9. | <u>2022/23 Revenue Final Budget and MTFP</u> (Pages 127 - 168) | All Wards |
| 10. | <u>Welsh Language Five Year Strategy</u> (Pages 169 - 250) | |
| 11. | <u>Regional Population Needs Assessment - Social Services and Wellbeing Act</u> (Pages 251 - 314) | All Wards |
| 12. | <u>Questions to the Leader of the Council</u>
To provide an opportunity for Councillors to ask questions to the Leader of the Council in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders. | |

Process:

No more than 15 minutes will be allocated at the Council meeting for questions to the Leader of the Council.

The question must be addressed through the Mayor or the person presiding at the meeting and not directly to the person being questioned.

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| 13. | <u>Questions to the Cabinet Members</u>
To provide an opportunity to pose questions to Cabinet Members in line with Standing Orders. | |
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Process:

No more than 10 minutes will be allocated at the Council meeting for questions to each Cabinet Member.

Members must submit their proposed questions in writing in advance in accordance with Standing Orders. If members are unable to ask their question orally within the allocated time, remaining questions will be answered in writing. The question and response will be appended to the minutes.

The question must be addressed through the Mayor or the person presiding at the meeting and not directly to the person being questioned.

Questions will be posed to Cabinet Members in the following order:

- i. Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Assets and Member Development
- ii. Cabinet Member for Education and Skills
- iii. Cabinet Member for Social Services
- iv. Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing
- v. Cabinet Member for Community and Resources
- vi. Cabinet Member for Streetscene
- vii. Cabinet Member for Licensing and Regulation
- viii. Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure

For information: A digest of recent decision schedules issued by

Cabinet, Cabinet Members and Minutes of recent meetings of Committees has been circulated electronically to all Members of the Council.

14. Questions to the Chairs of Committees
15. Live Event
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