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Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** will be held in the **Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone**, on **TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2022 at 7:00pm** for consideration of the matters itemised in the following agenda.

The agenda is set out below and I trust you will be able to attend.

Attendees are asked to wear face masks other than when taking part in the meeting.

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AGENDA

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Requests for Dispensations Received**
4. **Representations from Members of the Public**

To consider representations from members of the public on items to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation.

5. **Stafford Borough Council Local Plan 2020-2040**

Stafford borough are consulting on their new Local Plan 2020-2040 from Monday 24 October 2022 until 12 noon on Monday 12 December 2022. They have published a Preferred Options document, which includes:

- New levels of housing and employment land requirements, and how these will be distributed across the Borough through a new settlement hierarchy;
- Proposed development allocations including Stafford Station Gateway and a new garden community at Meecebrook, which is adjacent to Cold Meece and near to Yarnfield and Eccleshall.
- A range of draft planning policies on topics such as climate change, economic development, housing provision, transport and the environment

As part of the consultation, the Borough Council are running an online event and a number of drop-in exhibitions across the Borough for all interested parties to attend in order to discuss the Local Plan and to ask questions. These are:

Wednesday 9 November 2022 - 7.30pm-8.30pm - Online consultation event.

Thursday 10 November 2022 - 4pm-8pm - Jubilee Room, Eccleshall Community Centre

Monday 14 November 2022 - 4pm-8pm - Grosvenor Centre, Gnosall

Tuesday 15 November 2022 - 4pm-8pm - Westbridge Room, Christchurch, Stone

Saturday 19 November 2022 - 11am-3.45pm - Stafford, Central Library

Due to its size, a copy of the Preferred Options document has been distributed to all Councillors direct in advance of the meeting, rather than being attached to this agenda. Copies of this and other related documents can be found on the Stafford Borough website at <https://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/local-plan>.

The Committee are asked to consider its response to the local plan consultation for submission to Stafford Borough Council.

6. **Boundary Commission for England Review**

To consider the Boundary Commission for England's Revised Proposals in its final public consultation which runs from Tuesday 8 November to Monday 5 December 2022.

All news will be published on the Boundary Commission for England's website, boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk.

Please also see the consultation website, bcereviews.org.uk which provides a platform to view interactive maps of the proposals and submit representations directly.

Paper copies of the Boundary Commission's proposals are available to view at the Council's offices. It should be noted that the Commission's proposals for Stone remain unchanged from the previous version.

7. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

To resolve, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting whilst the next items of business are discussed on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the debate.

8. **Heritage Centre**

To consider an update from the Town Clerk and make any necessary decisions as a result.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the General Purposes Committee meeting as observers and/or to make representations to the committee in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation. Details of the scheme are displayed in the Council's notice boards and website.