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5th July 2005

COUNCILLOR JEFFREY CHEETHAM – MAYOR

Ladies and Gentlemen

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, I hereby summon you to attend a meeting of the Council of the Borough which will be held at the Astoria, Rawtenstall on Wednesday 13th July 2005 at 7.00 pm precisely. Notice of the time and place of the meeting has been published as provided by the Act.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (*Pages 3 - 5*)

To receive as read and approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29th June 2005.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, THE LEADER OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

To receive any communications from the Mayor, the Leader or the Head of Paid Service that they may desire to lay before the Council.

5. MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

7. RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

Executive – 23rd June 2005

a) FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2004/5

The Executive considered a report by the Head of Financial Services which contained the Strategy for the creation of earmarked reserves and the use of Housing Revenue Account balances in excess of targets.

(This report was circulated to all Members with the papers for the Executive meeting)

Council are recommended to endorse the Strategy for the creation of earmarked reserves and the use of Housing Revenue Account Balances in excess of target.

b) TREASURY MANAGEMENT BORROWING APPROVALS

The Executive considered a report by the Head of Financial Services in respect of proposals to increase Council borrowing limits.

(This report was circulated to all Members with the papers for the Executive meeting)

Council are recommended to increase the authorised borrowing for external debt to £38.7m and to increase the operational boundary for external debt to £36.5m

8. EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS (Pages 6 -12)

The proposals for the Council's new governance arrangements (Appendix 1 to the report) will be circulated before the meeting.

9. HOUSING STOCK TRANSFER – PARTNER SELECTION (Report to follow)

10. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

a) Lancashire Highways Partnership

b) Rossendale Transport Board

c) Any vacancies arising

11. SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE/COUNCIL MEETINGS

For Chief Executive