You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of **CITY COUNCIL** at the Council House, Old Market Square on Monday, 26 January 2015 at 2.00 pm to transact the following business

## <u>AGENDA</u>

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS
- 3 TO RECEIVE:
- a questions from citizens;

Please note that questions to Council are received after the agenda has been published. Questions will be uploaded to this agenda by 5pm on Friday 23 January 2015

- b petitions from Councillors on behalf of citizens; and
- c to consider the petition under standing order 3(b)II and, as necessary, suspend or change standing orders for the purposes of dealing with this item only

"We the undersigned request the City Council to undertake the following action:

To transparently work with Nottingham Palestine Solidarity Campaign to draw and pass a motion affirming its official support and calling upon the UK government to support the following against Israel until it complies with international laws:

- 1. The "Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions" (BDS) campaign;
- 2. An end to attacks against Palestine
- 3. An end to Administrative Detention;
- 4. An arms embargo."
- (I) Presentation from petition organisers;
- (II) Debate in Council.

## 4TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF COUNCIL9 - 24HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 20149 - 24

5 TO RECEIVE OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND/OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE



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## 6 TO RECEIVE:

- a answers from the City Council's lead Councillor on the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority to questions on the discharge of that authority's functions;
- b answers from a Councillor from the Executive Board, the Chair of a Committee and the Chair of any other City Council body to questions on any matter within their remit.
- 7 TO CONSIDER A REPORT OF THE LEADER ON DECISIONS TAKEN 25 30 UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURES 25 - 30
- 8 TO CONSIDER A REPORT OF THE LEADER ON THE 31 86 ESTABLISHMENT OF A NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY
- 9 TO CONSIDER A REPORT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER ON THE 87 98 COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2015/16
- 10TO CONSIDER A REPORT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER ON THE PAY99 154POLICY STATEMENT 2015/2016
- 11TO CONSIDER A REPORT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER ON FAIR155 162FUNDING FOR NOTTINGHAM155 162

## 12 TO CONSIDER A MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR LIVERSIDGE

This Council recognises that good housing is at the centre of enabling people to achieve their ambitions in life. Without a stable and secure home it becomes impossible to get and hold down a job or for young people to succeed at school.

This Council notes that Post-War British Governments increased housebuilding to nearly 300,000 homes a year in England by 1954, of which almost 200,000 were social rented homes. A peak of over 350,000 new homes was reached in 1968 in England, of which 150,000 were social rented and 200,000 private. In 1981 councils and housing associations owned 5.2 million rented homes in England. By 2012 this had fallen to 4 million, a loss of 1.2 million homes.

This Council further notes that:

i. Under the coalition government the funding of social housing has become increasingly marginalised with the latest prospectus for bidders from the Homes and Community Agency stating that 'social rent provision will only be supported in very limited circumstances.'

ii. Social housing faces great challenges in meeting the needs of those affected by welfare cuts and rule changes over the last three years, including the damaging 'bedroom tax', and increased pressure from the

escalating number of council homes lost through the Right to Buy after the significant increase in discount in April 2012 from the coalition government.

This Council resolves to support the SHOUT (Social Housing Under Threat) campaign. It agrees with SHOUT that building social housing – social rented homes – is at the core of tackling the housing crisis nationally and locally in Nottingham and that social rented housing meets needs that other tenures cannot address. This Council along with Nottingham City Homes also commits to take a lead in affirming the positive value and purpose of social rented housing.

IF YOU NEED ANY ADVICE ON DECLARING AN INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CONTACT THE GOVERNANCE OFFICER SHOWN ABOVE, IF POSSIBLE BEFORE THE DAY OF THE MEETING

CITIZENS ARE ADVISED THAT THIS MEETING MAY BE RECORDED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. ANY RECORDING OR REPORTING ON THIS MEETING SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S POLICY ON RECORDING AND REPORTING ON PUBLIC MEETINGS, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT <u>WWW.NOTTINGHAMCITY.GOV.UK</u>. INDIVIDUALS INTENDING TO RECORD THE MEETING ARE ASKED TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNANCE OFFICER SHOWN ABOVE IN ADVANCE.

Dated 16 January 2015 Acting Corporate Director for Resources **To: All Councillors of Nottingham City Council**