

To all Councillors of Ipswich Borough Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the **IPSWICH BOROUGH COUNCIL** to be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, IPSWICH** at **6.00 pm** on **WEDNESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2012**, when the following business is proposed to be transacted:-

- 1. Apologies for Absence.
- 2. To Confirm the Minutes from the Council Meeting held on 26th September 2012(Pages 1 6)
- 3. To Confirm or Vary the Order of Business on the Agenda.
- 4. Mayor's Communications.
- 5. To receive any Declarations of Interest by Councillors.
- 6. Councillors to answer questions asked in accordance with Rules of Procedure 9.
- 7. C/12/09 To consider a report from the Monitoring Officer on the Arrangements for Local Choice Non-Pecuniary Interests under the Localism Act 2011(Pages 7 20)
- 8. C/12/10 To consider a report from the Monitoring Officer on the Appointment of Independent Persons\_(Pages 21 28)
- 9. To consider the following motion moved by Councillor A G Martin:

IBC resolves to declare that Ipswich will serve as a "Town of Sanctuary" for genuine asylum seekers and refugees (sanctuary seekers) that are forced to flee from their own countries to avoid persecution or danger. To that end IBC will within current resources:-

- Seek to be a welcoming town for refugees and those seeking sanctuary
- Co-operate with Ipswich Town of Sanctuary movement to help develop policies and strategies with the community and organisations of Ipswich to support sanctuary seekers
- Work with its staff to ensure that they understand the needs of those seeking sanctuary and are able to challenge misinformation in the

wider community.

- Look to promote ways of valuing sanctuary seekers through the offering of volunteer opportunities both in the wider Ipswich community and where possible within IBC.
- 10. To consider nominations/changes of councillors to serve on Committees, Panels, Working Groups and Outside Bodies.

and

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