



DATE: 7 May 2019 MIS/CCouncil MY REF: PLEASE ASK FOR: Mr. M. I. Seedat DIRECT DIALLING: (0116) 305 2583

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Dear Sir/Madam

I summon you to the MEETING of the LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL to be held at COUNTY HALL, GLENFIELD on WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 2019 at 2.00 p.m. for the transaction of the business set out in the agenda below.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

AGENDA

- 1. To elect a Chairman.
- 2. To appoint a Vice-Chairman.
- 3. Chairman's Announcements.
- 4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 (Pages 5 - 20)February 2019.
- 5. To receive declarations by members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.
- 6. To answer questions asked under Standing Order 7(1)(2) and (5).
- 7. To receive position statements under Standing Order 8.

To consider reports of the Cabinet, Scrutiny Commission, Scrutiny Committees and other bodies:

8. Report of the Cabinet.

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- 9. To make appointments in accordance with items 11 and 12 of Standing Order 4.
 - (a) To appoint the Leader;
 - (b) To note any changes to the membership of the Cabinet made by the Leader;
 - (c) To appoint Cabinet Support Members as the Council considers appropriate;
 - (d) To appoint members of the Scrutiny Commission, Boards and Committees (including the naming of Spokesmen/Spokespersons).
- 10. To consider the following notice/s of motion:
 - (a) Climate Emergency Mr Max Hunt CC.
 - (a) That this Council notes:
 - (i) The UK has, at international level, signed into the Paris Accord 2015 and to the commitments agreed in 2018 at the Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP24) which amongst other th ings recognise the need to limit by 2030 temperature rises to between 1.5° C and 2° C above the internationally recognised pre-industrial baseline:
 - (ii) The UK has, at a national level, set targets into law under the Climate Change Act 2008 but the UK is <u>not</u> currently on track to meet its statutory carbon targets for mid-2020 and early 2030 (otherwise known as the 4th and 5th carbon targets);
 - (iii) The County Council in July 2018 agreed a revised and dynamic Environment Strategy 2018-2030 which sets out various carbon reduction targets in line with national targets including a significant role to protect and enhance the wider county environment;
 - (iv) The County Council's progress towards meeting our 2011-21 climate change targets has been highly laudable, particularly those internal to the Council such as the total emissions from County Council Operations (excluding external contractors) and total waste for County Council Sites but not recycling from County Council Sites;

- (v) The County Council has also signed up to the UK100 pledge acknowledging our responsibility to secure the future for our communities and for people around the world when faced with the challenge of a changing climate.
- (b) That this Council further notes that in October 2018 the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) published scientific evidence and determined that any rise above 1.5° C would cause much more serious outcomes than Paris Accord envisaged, thereby having a more rapid adverse impact in the north and south polar regions and the Himalayan 'third pole' and in doing so recognises that the current efforts and targets towards reducing emissions and limiting temperature rises is clearly not enough.
- (c) That this Council therefore resolves to declare a Climate Emergency and in doing so will now seek to:
 - (i) Update the Environment Strategy 2018-2030 to aspire to zero carbon by 2030;
 - (ii) Re-evaluate the position with respect to:-
 - reducing emissions from Leicestershire road transport;
 - reducing emissions from waste disposal;
 - fossil fuel extraction including fracking;
 - procurement policies for external contractors;
 - (iii) Call for the support of all parties to urge Government to:-
 - provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible;
 - work with other governments (both within the UK and internationally) to determine and implement best practice methods to limit global warming to less than 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels;
 - (iv) Work with partners and other public bodies across the county and region to deliver this ambitious goal through all relevant technologies, strategies and plans.