

MEETING OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 19 MAY 2021 AT 2.00 P.M.

ORDER PAPER

EVACUATION PROCEDURE

In the event of having to evacuate officers will be able to advise and be on hand to assist any people with disabilities.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN

MRS POSNETT will invite nominations.

MR RUSHTON will move and MR MULLANEY will second:-

“That MR DAN HARRISON be elected Chairman for the period until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.”

On being elected the Chairman will read out and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which will be witnessed and signed by the Chief Executive.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – TO APPOINT A VICE-CHAIRMAN

THE CHAIRMAN will invite nominations.

MR RUSHTON will move and MR MULLANEY will second:-

“That DR KEVIN FELTHAM be appointed Vice-Chairman for the period until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.”

On being appointed, the Vice-Chairman will read out and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which will be witnessed and signed by the Chief Executive.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The CHAIRMAN will make his announcements.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

(Pages 3 – 20)

The CHIEF EXECUTIVE will present the report of the Returning Officer on the persons duly elected to the County Council at the elections held on 6 May 2021. Copies of the report were circulated with the agenda.

The CHAIRMAN will welcome all new members.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – MINUTES

(Pages 21 to 40)

The CHAIRMAN will move and the VICE-CHAIRMAN will second:

‘That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17 February 2021, copies of which have been circulated to members, be taken as read, confirmed and signed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The CHAIRMAN will invite members who wish to do so to make declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 7(1) (2) & (5)

(A) Question by MR HUNT

- “1. A recent paper to Cabinet concerning a major road proposal included a specific section listing the “Environmental Implications”. Will this be a regular part of reports on major road proposals and will they detail negatives as well as positives?
2. The same report included a statement of conformance with the Council’s Environment Strategy to (A) “*Reduce our own greenhouse gas emissions and those in the wider county where we have influence*” and (F) “*Reduce the environmental impacts of travel and transport*” these aims were proposed to be met by a reduction in “*exhaust emissions through reducing acceleration/deceleration events*”. What is the evidence that the exhaust emissions (CO2, NOx, etc) will be reduced if the volume of traffic increases as expected?
3. What will be the effect on air quality, taking into account particulates from tyres and brakes, if traffic increases as predicted?
4. Is it time to evaluate the environmental impacts of all major road projects and do so in a consistent accepted form, even if they can also demonstrate a significant contribution to jobs and the economy?”

REPLY BY MR PAIN

- “1. Yes, Environmental Implications is a standard section in Cabinet reports and will summarise both negative and positive impacts.
2. Current evidence provided by the Department for Transport and European Union suggests that more efficient driving (i.e. reduced acceleration/deceleration, braking and idling) can reduce exhaust emissions by around 10%. In order to secure funding from central government for Major Transport and Highway schemes, the proposals must be assessed in line with

government guidance. The strategic modelling work carried out as part of this assessment indicates that the impact of exhaust emissions will be reduced when compared to the proposed scheme not being implemented as the additional capacity at key junctions will support more uniform traffic flow and movement. Irrespective of whether the scheme is or is not successful in receiving government funding, the volume of traffic is predicted to continue to increase along this corridor (the section of A50/A511 between Field Head roundabout and Hoo Ash Roundabout) with the inevitable increase in exhaust emissions.

3. If traffic increases as predicted and the scheme is not implemented, then air quality would be expected to deteriorate. As above, the assessment of the proposals indicates that particulates along with other emissions will be reduced if the scheme is delivered.
4. Allocation of funding for major road projects from central government is currently subject to business case assessment in line with government guidance. The economic evaluation as a part of the business case requires the environmental impacts of major road schemes to be assessed and any impacts, both negative and positive to be monetarised. Schemes which cannot demonstrate a benefit to cost ratio of at least 2:1 when all impacts are taken into account are unlikely to be funded.”

{No supplementary questions submitted}

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – TO RECEIVE POSITION STATEMENTS
FROM MEMBERS OF THE CABINET**

(Note: Standing Order 8 provides as follows:-

- (a) A position statement may give rise to an informal discussion by the Council.
- (b) At the conclusion of the discussion a formal motion may be moved to the effect that a particular issue relevant to the statement be referred to the Cabinet, the Commission, a Board or a Committee for consideration. This shall be moved and seconded formally and put without discussion. No other motion or amendment may be moved.
- (c) The discussion of any position statement shall not exceed 20 minutes but the Chairman may permit an extension to this period.)

LEADER

- (i) The Leader will make his statement.

**TO CONSIDER REPORTS OF THE
CABINET, SCRUTINY COMMISSION, SCRUTINY COMMITTEES,
AND OTHER BODIES**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9
REPORT OF THE CABINET**
(Pages 41 to 42)

Principal Speakers:-
Mover of motion (as appropriate)
Leader of the Opposition (Mr Mullaney)

(A) Dates of Council Meetings 2021/22 and 2022/23

MR SHEPHERD will move and MR RUSHTON will second:-

“That Council meetings in 2021/22 and 2022/23 be held on the following dates: -

- Wednesday 7 July 2021
- Wednesday 29 September 2021
- Wednesday 1 December 2021
- Wednesday 23 February 2022 (to consider the budget)
- Wednesday 18 May 2022 (Annual meeting)
- Wednesday 6 July 2022
- Wednesday 28 September 2022
- Wednesday 7 December 2022
- Wednesday 22 February 2023 (to consider the budget)
- Wednesday 17 May 2023 (Annual meeting)”

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - APPOINTMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEMS 11
AND 12 OF STANDING ORDER 4**

A. TO APPOINT THE LEADER (AND TO NOTE ANY CHANGES TO THE
MEMBERSHIP OF THE CABINET MADE BY THE LEADER

Motion 1

MRS TAYLOR. will move and MR SHEPHERD will second:-

“That Mr N J Rushton be appointed Leader of the Council for the period until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.”

Motion 2

MR RUSHTON will move and MR SHEPHERD will second:-

“That it be noted that the Leader proposes to appoint the members named on list ‘1’ attached to the Order Paper as members of the Cabinet.”

B. TO APPOINT CABINET SUPPORT MEMBERS AS THE COUNCIL CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE

MR RUSHTON will move and MR SHEPHERD will second:-

“That the following members be appointed as Cabinet Support Members until the next Annual Meeting of the County Council, as provided for in Article 7 of the Council’s Constitution:-

Mr R Ashman
Mr T Parton
Mrs B Seaton
Mrs M Wright”

C. TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (INCLUDING THE NAMING OF SPOKESMEN/SPOKESPERSONS)

MR SHEPHERD will move and MR CHARLESWORTH will second:-

“That the membership of the Scrutiny Commission, Boards and Committees as set out in List ‘2’ and the Chairmen Elect and Spokespersons named in List ‘3’ attached to the Order Paper be approved.”

D(ii) SUBSTITUTES

MR SHEPHERD will move and MR CHARLESWORTH will second:-

“That the Chief Executive be authorised to make and terminate appointments to the Commission, committees, boards and other County Council bodies (not including the Cabinet) in accordance with the wishes of the political groups to whom the seat in question has been allocated, subject in the case of those bodies set out in list ‘2’ to the Group giving one day’s notice to the Chief Executive of its wishes.”

D. TO APPOINT CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE LOCAL
AUTHORITY COMMITTEES DEALING WITH EDUCATION – REPORT OF
THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

(Pages 43 – 44)

MR SHEPHERD will move and MR CHARLESWORTH will second:

“That Canon Carolyn Lewis be appointed as Church of England representative and Mr Neil Lockyer be appointed as the Roman Catholic Church representative on the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee (or other appropriate scrutiny committee dealing with Education) for the period ending with the County Council elections in 2025.”

County Council Meeting - 19th May 2021

Leader's Position Statement

Welcome to new Members

Could I echo the Chairman's comments and formally welcome all new and returning members to County Hall and congratulate everyone on their election.

I would also like to offer my thanks to all the candidates of all parties who put themselves forward for election. Without them, we cannot have a thriving participative democracy.

Thanks also to all the staff, the Returning Officer and the Deputies for their hard work ensuring the smooth running of the elections and ensuring the safety of the public, particularly with regard to the Covid pandemic. Thanks also to those staff at County Hall who ran the on-line election results service.

Member Induction, Learning and Development Programme

I'm very proud of the way this Council supports all its members. This is reflected in the comprehensive induction process which sees members offered training, learning and development briefings. New members will be assigned an officer mentor, who is on hand to offer advice and guidance. This combines with assistance offered by the political groups to help their new members get up to speed quickly with the workings of the Council and understand the big issues of public policy that they will be helping shape for the communities they represent in Leicestershire.

Covid-19

The Coronavirus case rate in the County is now a fraction of what it was at the peak of the second wave, in no small part due to the continued work of our staff and the success of the national vaccination programme.

However, it is vital we remain vigilant and continue to stick to the guidance as the roadmap unwinds. The recent outbreak and increase in cases in Harborough is a reminder of how quickly things can change, particularly in the unvaccinated population. Additionally, the threat of a new variant taking hold, and potentially weakening the efficacy of the vaccine, means we need to remain on our guard.

From the very beginning of this pandemic we have planned for, and delivered, the safe, effective recovery of Council services, protecting the vulnerable and ensuring the safety of our service users and citizens. We have worked in partnership through the Local Resilience Forum and also supported the local economy.

We are now focused on ensuring the Council builds back stronger from this pandemic. Our community leadership role means we are ideally placed to do that.

Honorary Aldermen

I will be proposing three retired members of the County Council to receive the highest honour this Council can bestow to recognise outstanding civic service. These Aldermen will be Mr Byron Rhodes, the former member for the Belvoir Division, Mr Ivan Ould, former member for the Market Bosworth Division, and Mrs Janice Richards who represented the Earl Shilton Division. They will be elected at our meeting in July.

The New Term

The Conservative manifesto entitled “*Building a Greener Future for Leicestershire*” was endorsed by voters at the recent elections, resulting in the biggest majority this Council has seen in its current form. It will build upon our previous achievements, such as being recognised by *ImPower* as the most productive and efficiently run Council in England and Wales, whilst being the worst funded County authority in the UK. This manifesto acts as the guidance and direction to chief officers of the policy aims of the new administration.

Nevertheless, there is still much work to be done from the previous term. Money remains tight, funding of major infrastructure projects is a concern, and rising demand for social care and SEND services, as well as the impact of Covid on the council, are all major issues to be dealt with.

That’s why our main themes over the next four years and beyond will focus on:

- A plan for a cleaner, greener Leicestershire - carbon reduction and planting 700,000 trees, one for every resident;
- Extra investment in the environment, filling potholes, keeping our highways safe, reduce speeding in our communities, clearing gullies to help with flooding;
- A Strong Covid response and recovery - by building upon our work with our NHS colleagues, care and key workers, and working with our communities in eradicating this disease;
- Strong economy and investing for the future- we have a clear economic plan to invest for the future, pay down debt and maximise opportunities for jobs and future prosperity. I’m delighted that the bid for a Freeport for Leicestershire was successful. It’s one of the flagship Government policies to drive inward investment, jobs, and growth for the future;

- Continue protecting and safeguarding vulnerable people - as it's our statutory responsibility.

This manifesto is a bold document setting out the strategic direction of the Council for the next four years. The new Administration is determined to succeed in implementing its mandate from the electorate. The immediate priority remains our response to and recovery from the Covid pandemic, and it will dominate policy making and our decisions for the foreseeable future. Our overriding pledge to the people of Leicestershire is that we will always be on your side - and we will always do the right things by you.

Nick Rushton

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LIST 1**THE LEADER**

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL: Mr N J Rushton CC

THE CABINET

The Leader (elect) has given notice that he proposes to appoint the following members to serve on the Cabinet.

DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL: Mrs D Taylor CC (Lead Member for Children and Young People)

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CABINET:-

1. Mr P Bedford CC
2. Mr L Breckon CC
3. Mr O O'Shea CC
4. Mr B L Pain CC
5. Mrs P Posnett CC
6. Mrs C M Radford CC
7. Mrs L Richardson CC
8. Mr R J Shepherd CC

Cabinet Support Members

Mr R Ashman CC

Mr T Parton CC

Mrs. B. Seaton CC

Mrs M Wright CC

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LIST '2'

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMISSION, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**SCRUTINY COMMISSION (11)****Conservative (8)**

- 1 Mrs Page CC
- 2 Mr Poland CC
- 3 Mr Richardson CC
- 4 Mrs Fryer CC
- 5 Mr Gillard CC
- 6 Mr Morgan CC
- 7 Mr Pendleton CC
8. Mr Barkley CC

Labour (1)

- 1 Mr Max Hunt CC

Liberal Democrat (2)

- 1 Mr M T Mullaney CC
- 2 Mr S J Galton CC

Membership to include the

- ♦ Leader of the main Opposition Group as Chairman;
- ♦ 3 Commissioners (2 Administration and 1 minority Opposition); and
- ♦ Chairmen of the Scrutiny Committees (4).

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES (7)**A. ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES (7)****Conservative (5)**

- 1 Mr Richardson CC
- 2 Mr Chapman CC
- 3 Mr Champion CC
- 4 Mr Hills CC
- 5 Mrs A Wright CC

Labour (1)

- 1 Mr J Miah CC

Liberal Democrat (1)

- 1 Mrs L Broadley CC

B. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (7)**Conservative (5)**

- 1 Mrs Fryer CC
- 2 Mr Smith CC
- 3 Mr Hadji-Nikolaou CC
- 4 Mr Hills CC
- 5 Mr Frisby CC

Labour (1)

- 1 Ms Betty Newton CC

Liberal Democrat (1)

- 1 Mr G Welsh CC

C. ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT (7)**Conservative (5)**

- 1 Mr Gillard CC
- 2 Mr Merrie CC
- 3 Mr Phillimore CC
- 4 Mr Lovegrove CC
- 5 Mr Allen CC

Labour (1)

- 1 Mr Max Hunt CC

Liberal Democrat (1)

- 1 Mr D C Bill CC

D. HEALTH (7)**Conservative (5)**

- 1 Mr Morgan CC
- 2 Mr King CC
- 3 Mr Ghattoraya CC
- 4 Mr Grimley CC
- 5 Mr Smith CC

Labour (1)

- 1 Mrs A J Hack CC

Liberal Democrat (1)

- 1 Mr S Bray CC

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AND REGULATORY BOARD (11)**Conservative (9)**

- 1 Mr Coxon CC
- 2 Mr Phillimore CC
- 3 Mr Bannister CC
- 4 Mrs A Wright CC
- 5 Mr King CC
- 6 Mr Allen CC
- 7 Mr Hadji-Nikolaou CC
8. Mr Lovegrove CC
9. Dr Feltham CC

Labour (0)**Liberal Democrat (2)**

- 1 Mr M H Charlesworth CC
- 2 Mr D Gamble CC

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE (7)**Conservative (6)**

- 1 Mr Rushton CC
- 2 Mrs Taylor CC
- 3 Mr Shepherd CC
4. Mr Breckon CC
5. Mr Bedford CC
6. Mr Poland CC

Labour (0)**Liberal Democrat (1)**

- 1 Mr M T Mullaney CC

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE (7)**Conservative (6)**

- 1 Mr Breckon CC
- 2 Mr Bedford CC
- 3 Mr Shepherd CC
- 4 Dr Feltham CC
- 5 Mr Merrie CC
6. Mr Champion CC

Labour (0)**Liberal Democrat (1)**

- 1 Mrs L Broadley CC

LOCAL PENSION COMMITTEE (5)**Conservative (4)**

- 1 Mr Barkley CC
- 2 Mr Harrison-Rushton CC
- 3 Mr Grimley CC
- 4 Dr Feltham CC

Labour (0)**Liberal Democrat (1)**

- 1 Mr D Gamble CC

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (7)**Conservative (5)**

- 1 Mr Barkley CC
- 2 Mr Richardson CC
- 3 Mr Orson CC
- 4 Mr Coxon CC
- 5 Mr Bannister CC

Labour (1)

- 1 Mr J Miah CC

Liberal Democrat (1)

- 1 Mr G A Boulter CC

Committee places (76)

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LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMEN AND GROUP SPOKESMEN/SPOKEPERSONS

	Conservative		Liberal Democrat	Labour
Scrutiny Commission Commissioners	Mrs Page CC	Mr Poland CC	Mr M T Mullaney CC	Mr Max Hunt CC

Overview and Scrutiny		Conservative		Liberal Democrat	Labour
		Chairman (elect)	Deputy Chairman (elect)	Spokesmen	Spokesperson
A.	Adults and Communities	Mr Richardson CC	Mr Chapman CC	Mrs L Broadley CC	Mr J Miah CC
B.	Children and Families	Mrs Fryer CC	Mr Smith CC	Mr G Welsh CC	Ms Betty Newton CC
C.	Environment and Transport	Mr Gillard CC	Mr Merrie CC	Mr D C Bill CC	Mr Max Hunt CC
D.	Health	Mr Morgan CC	Mr King CC	Mr S Bray CC	Mrs A Hack CC
Development Control and Regulatory Board		Mr Coxon CC	Mr Phillimore CC	Mr M H Charlesworth CC	-

Other Regulatory Bodies	Conservative Spokesman	Liberal Democrat Spokesmen	Labour Spokesperson
Constitution Committee	Mr Rushton CC	Mr M T Mullaney CC	-
Employment Committee	Mr Breckon CC	Mrs L Broadley CC	-
Local Pension Committee	Mr Barkley CC	Mr D Gamble CC	-
Corporate Governance Committee	Mr Barkley CC	Mr G A Boulter CC	Mr J Miah CC

Chairmanship

The Council's Constitution makes provision for the leader of the largest opposition party to be ex officio the Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission.

The membership of the Scrutiny Commission includes the Chairmen of the four Scrutiny Committees.

The appointment of Chairman and Deputy Chairman are matters to be determined by the bodies themselves, but the nominations are reported to the Council (shown as "Chairman or Deputy Chairman elect").

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