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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, 20 FEBRUARY 2008 at 2.30 p.m. for the transaction of the business set out in the agenda below.

Yours faithfully

**Chief Executive**

### **AGENDA**

1. Chairman's Announcements.
2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 5 December 2007. (Pages 1 to 38)
3. To receive declarations by members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.
4. To answer questions asked under Standing Order 7(1)(2) and (5).
5. To consider a budget report of the Cabinet as follows:-
  - (a) Medium Term Financial Strategy. (Pages 39 - 56 together with appendices A to Q on pages B1 to B103 at the end of this Council report booklet).
6. To consider the following notice of motion:-
  - (a) Notice of Motion by Dr. M. O'Callaghan

## FLOODING

- (a) That this Council notes:-
- (i) that it has recognised the importance of the environment and climate change in previous debates on these matters;
  - (ii) the Climate Change agenda is likely to force the Council to change its priorities and allocation of resources;
  - (iii) that whilst flooding has always been an issue in localised areas, the perception is that flooding is becoming both more severe and more widespread.
- (b) That the Council recognises:-
- (i) the progress made by the County Council and others to tackle flooding in the County since the Easter 1998 floods and the publication of the Bye Report;
  - (ii) that more needs to be done in the County on flood prevention and alleviation;
  - (iii) that this is best done in partnership within the County involving districts and other agencies;
  - (iv) that solutions have to be cost effective;
- (c) That the Council requests the Cabinet to take steps to ensure that:-
- (i) the County Council not only plays its full part in flood prevention through its work with drains, gullies, bridges and highways work, but takes a leadership role in a campaign on flooding within the County including, if necessary, taking powers under the 1991 Land Drainage Act;
  - (ii) a multi-agency 'Leicestershire Flood Task Force' of limited duration is established comprising the County Council, relevant district councils, the Environment Agency, Severn Trent, the Council's representative on the Flood Levy Board and others to be chaired by a cabinet member with County Council members drawn from councillors whose areas have been affected by flooding;

- (iii) the Task Force produces a map of flooding incidents in the County and draws up a prioritised list with actions and timescales for each area, the priorities depending in part on the number of dwellings, businesses, public buildings and others that have been flooded or are at risk;
- (iv) the Task Force assigns responsibilities for these actions between the relevant members of the Task Force and where appropriate member support each other in bidding for funding to resolve these issues;
- (v) Riparian land owners are reminded of their responsibilities;
- (vi) In pursuing plans for housing and other development, risk from flooding will be an important factor in assessing suitability for development and that Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) including for example porous pavement technology are included in such plans to ensure they are as near 'water neutral' as is possible.