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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, 2 JULY 2014 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 21 May 2014. (Pages 5 - 24)
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 receive position statements under Standing Order 8.

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

6. Report of the Cabinet:-
 - (a) Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2014/15. (Pages 25 - 46)



7. Report of the Scrutiny Commission:-

(a) Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2013/14. (Pages 47 - 58)

8. Joint Report of the Employment Committee and Corporate Governance Committee:-

(a) Employee Code of Conduct. (Pages 59 - 68)

9. To consider the following notices of motion:

(a) Street Lighting - Mr. P. C. Osborne

“a) That this Council notes that:-

- i) the programme of part-night lighting, dimming and the emerging transformation programme utilising new technology could result in savings in excess of £1million and reduce the Council carbon footprint;
- ii) the process of part-night lighting and dimming involves a rigorous evaluation of the potential impact such changes would have on affected areas;
- iii) responses to date from the emergency services and the County Council’s Accident Investigation and Prevention Unit indicate that part-night lighting and dimming has not led to an increase in crime or road traffic accidents;
- iv) analysis conducted by the County Council’s Research and Insight Team comparing reported crimes at parish level in the year leading up to the introduction of part-night lighting with the first year of operation concludes that:
 - overall, across all areas affected there were 195 less crimes (10%) between 12.01am and 5.30am in the year following the introduction of part-night lighting;
 - for individual parishes, changes varied from an increase of 14 crimes to a decrease of 58 crimes;
 - of the 97 areas analysed, 36 saw an increase in crime and 46 saw a reduction in crime and overall, almost half (45) of the areas analysed saw no change, or an increase or decrease by only one crime;

- v) the County Council has a good track record of working with the Police and has acted upon concerns raised which resulted in almost 200 lights temporarily returned to all night operation and which will now return to part-night lighting following recent arrests.
- b) That accordingly this Council calls upon members of the Opposition to refrain from making unsubstantiated comments and scaremongering on this issue.”

(b) Rural Broadband - Mr. S. J. Galton

“a) That this Council:-

- i) notes that an increasing number of essential services including those provided by public bodies are delivered or are planned to be delivered online and that this has an adverse impact on people living in rural areas where broadband connectivity is generally poorer;
 - ii) commends the Government’s and County Council’s stated ambition to extend superfast broadband to the whole of Leicestershire;
 - iii) notes that Fibre to the Cabinet connections (FTTC) will achieve speeds of between 2 – 24 mbps depending on the distance of premises from the cabinet whereas Fibre to the Premises connections (FTTP) could offer connectivity speeds approaching 1000 mbps;
 - iv) notes the work of other councils in supporting community projects and working with small providers in order to provide FTTP connections to households and businesses in deep rural areas.
- b) Accordingly, this Council calls upon the Cabinet to fully explore the potential of FTTP-based approaches so that households and businesses in rural areas are offered good quality future-proofed solutions.”

(c) Post 16 School Transport - Mr. G. Welsh

“a) That this Council notes:-

- (i) that as a result of the Education and Skills Act 2008, from 2015, anyone up to the age of 18 will be required to participate in full time education or training;

- (ii) that this will place a significant financial burden upon the families of students that require transport to attend further education;
- (b) Accordingly, this Council urges Central Government to provide full funding to local authorities to enable them to extend the provision of free school transport to students aged 16 – 18, so that as a minimum, students that live further than 3 miles from their nearest 6th form school or college will not have to pay for transport.”