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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, 25 MARCH 2015 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 18 February 2015. (Pages 5 - 12)
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) Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2014. (Pages 13 - 70)



7. Report of the Constitution Committee.
 - (a) Electoral Review of Leicestershire County Council - Statement on Council Size. (Pages 71 - 98)
 - (b) Establishment of a Local Pension Board. (Pages 99 - 108)
8. Report of the Employment Committee.
 - (a) Pay Policy Statement 2015/16. (Pages 109 - 122)
9. To make the following appointments in accordance with items 11 and 12 of Standing Order 4:-
 - (a) To appoint Church Representative to serve on the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Report of the Chief Executive. (Pages 123 - 124)

10. To consider the following notice/s of motion:

- (a) Grammar Schools - Mr. D. A. Sprason CC

“The destruction of Grammar Schools has led to the destruction of social mobility in our society. In December 2013 the then Secretary of State for Education blocked a Grammar School being created in Kent. Government policy is not to create anymore Grammar Schools. There are now just 164 state Grammar Schools in the country with 11 of them being in Leicestershire which are now potentially under threat as a result of the government’s academy policy. We find this very worrying.

In light of this, we call upon the County Council to:-

- a) recognise the importance of Grammar Schools and to reaffirm its commitment to protecting them;
 - b) write to the Secretary of State for Education asking for her assurance that our Grammar Schools in Leicestershire are safe and under no threat.”
- (b) Oadby School Age Range Changes - Mr D A Gamble CC
 1. That this Council:-
 - a) recognises the excellent results being achieved by students attending Gartree High School, Manor High School and Beauchamp College, and congratulates these schools for their hard work and effective partnership working;
 - b) notes the disconnection between the proposals by these schools to change their age ranges and become 11+ schools;

- c) notes the significant concerns expressed by parents during the recent consultation including:-
 - i) the potential reduction in the number of A Level places;
 - ii) the impact on school transport policy;
 - iii) the risk that these changes could lead to a drop in standards;
 - iv) the capital cost of these changes in respect of primary schools;
 - v) the lack of cohesion between the independent plans;
 - d) notes that the Cabinet in November 2014 in considering a strategy for the provision of school places agreed a priority to remove the 10+ system, subject to there being a strong local demand for change evidenced by consultation.
2. This Council therefore resolves to scrutinise the age range change business cases being put forward by schools if and when requested to do by the Regional Schools Commissioner on behalf of the Department for Education and only to support changes where there is evidence that it will lead to improved educational outcomes for young people in the Oadby area.