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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, 17 FEBRUARY 2016 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 2 December 2015. (Pages 3 - 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 consider a budget report of the Cabinet as follows:-
  - (a) Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016/17 - 2019/2020. (Pages 25 - 26)



6. To consider the following notice of motion:-

(a) Local Government Reorganisation: Unitary Status - Mr. R. Sharp CC

(b)

“(a) That this Council notes:-

- (i) the significant financial pressures facing the County Council and District Councils in Leicestershire;
- (ii) a recent report commissioned by the County Council from consultants, Ernst and Young, highlighted the opportunities for making significant savings by moving to a unitary form of government which could be used to support frontline services to the public;
- (iii) a change in attitude within Central Government on the issue of local government reorganisation as evidenced by the provisions included in the Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill;

(b) That this Council believes that notwithstanding the establishment of a Combined Authority for Leicester and Leicestershire, a development to be welcomed, the time is now right for a fundamental review of the two tier local authority structures in Leicestershire on the basis that such review should be undertaken with no predicated outcome as to the number of unitary authorities but that the new structure should aim to:-

- (i) deliver a saving of at least £20million per annum after taking into account transition costs;
- (ii) provide strong, effective and accountable strategic leadership;
- (iii) better engage with local communities in Leicestershire;

(c) This Council therefore calls on the Leader of the County Council to:-

- (i) engage independent consultants to consider and prepare options and full business cases for new governance arrangements in Leicestershire which meets the aims outlined in (b) (i) (ii) and (iii) above and to commit to engage and work with the independent consultants to deliver their report for public consultation by the end of the 2016;
- (ii) Seek support for a full engagement with the Governance review from the Leaders of the seven district councils in Leicestershire;
- (iii) Lobby Leicestershire MPs to seek their early support for the Governance review and its aims.”