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Dear Sir/Madam

I summon you to the ANNUAL MEETING of the LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL to be held at COUNTY HALL, GLENFIELD on WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY 2017 at 2.00 p.m. for the transaction of the business set out in the agenda below.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

AGENDA

1. To elect a Chairman.
2. To elect a Vice-Chairman.
3. Chairman's Announcements.
4. To receive the report of the Returning Officer. (Pages 3 - 18)
5. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22 March 2017. (Pages 19 - 36)
6. To receive declarations by members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.
7. To answer questions asked under Standing Order 7(1)(2) and (5).
8. To receive position statements under Standing Order 8.



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

9. Report of the Cabinet.
 - (a) Dates of Council Meetings 2017-19. (Pages 37 - 38)
10. To make the following appointments in accordance with items 11 and 12 of Standing Order 4:-
 - (a) To appoint the Leader (and to note the members which the Leader proposes to appoint to the Cabinet);
 - (b) To appoint such Cabinet Support Members as the Council considers appropriate;
 - (c) To appoint members of the Scrutiny Commission, Board and Committees;
 - (d) To appoint church representatives to serve on the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Report of the Chief Executive. (Pages 39 - 40)

Leicestershire County Council Elections 2017
Report of the Returning Officer of Persons Duly Elected
to the County Council

Electoral Division	Name	Address
<u>Blaby</u>		
Glenfields, Kirby Muxloe & Leicester Forests	BLUNT Richard	Clifton Hall Clifton Campville Staffordshire B79 0BE
Glenfields, Kirby Muxloe & Leicester Forests	BRECKON Lee Martin	5 Triumph Road Glenfield Leicester LE3 8FR
Braunstone	HACK Amanda Jayne	6 Darwin Close Thorpe Astley Braunstone Town Leicester LE3 3UE
Cosby & Countesthorpe	JENNINGS David	122 Station Road Countesthorpe Leicester LE8 5TD

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Electoral Division	Name	Address
Enderby & Lubbesthorpe	RICHARDSON Helen Louise	21 The Pastures Narborough Leicester LE19 3DS
Narborough & Whetstone	RICHARDSON Terence John	21 The Pastures Narborough Leicestershire LE19 3DS
Blaby & Glen Parva	WELSH Geoff	14 Woodbank Glen Parva Leicestershire LE2 9QP
Stoney Stanton & Croft	WHITE Ernie	4 Middleton Close Stoney Stanton Leicestershire LE9 4TS

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Electoral Division	Name	Address
<u>Charnwood</u>		
Birstall	BENTLEY Iain Ewart George	Hawkshead Loughborough Road Wanlip Leicestershire LE7 4PN
Quorn & Barrow	FRYER Hilary Jean	7 Warner Street Barrow Upon Soar LE12 8PB
Loughborough North West	HUNT Max	58 William Street Loughborough Leics LE11 3BZ
Loughborough East	MIAH Jewel	21 Normanton Drive Loughborough Leicestershire LE11 1NT

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Electoral Division	Name	Address
Loughborough South West	MORGAN Jonathan	21 Stanford Lane Loughborough LE12 5TW
Loughborough North	NEWTON Betty	24 Blackbrook Close Shepshed LE12 9LD
Rothley & Mountsorrel	OSBORNE Peter Charles	114A Main Street Swithland Leicester LE12 8TH
Loughborough South	PARTON Ted	16 Foxcote Drive Loughborough Leics LE11 4WF

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Electoral Division	Name	Address
Syston Fosse	POLAND James Mark	210 Sileby Road Barrow Upon Soar Loughborough Leicestershire LE12 8LT
Shepshed	RADFORD Christine Mary	3 Moscow Lane Shepshed LE12 9EX
Thurmaston Ridgemere	SEATON Brenda	909 Melton Road Thurmaston Leics LE4 8EF
Sileby & The Wolds	SHEPHERD Richard James	73 Leicester Road Quorn Leicestershire LE12 8BA

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Electoral Division	Name	Address
System Ridgeway	SLATER David Paul	130 Station Road Quorn Loughborough LE12 8BS
Bradgate	TAYLOR Deborah	6 Geary Close Anstey Leicestershire LE7 7LW

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Electoral Division	Name	Address
<u>Harborough</u>		
Market Harborough West & Foxton	BREMNER Paul	17 Yeomanry Court Market Harborough LE16 9BL
Gartree	FELTHAM Kevin	Carlton House Carlton Road Kibworth Harcourt LE8 0PE
Launde	GALTON Simon James	Thurnby Court The Square Thurnby Leicestershire LE7 9PX
Market Harborough East	HILL Sarah	18 Turnpike Close Market Harborough LE16 7TJ

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Electoral Division	Name	Address
Broughton Astley	LIQUORISH Bill	12 School Crescent Broughton Astley Leicester LE9 6ST
Lutterworth	PAGE Rosita	36 Gilmorton Road Ashby Magna Lutterworth Leicestershire LE17 5NE
Bruntingthorpe	PAIN Blake	30 Davies Close Market Harborough LE16 7ND

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<u>Hinckley & Bosworth</u>		
Markfield, Desford & Thornton	BEDFORD Peter Alexander	12 Dragon Lane Newbold Verdon Leicester LE9 9NG
Hollycroft	BILL David C	8A Thornfield Way Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 1BE
St Marys	BRAY Stuart Lee	26 Netherley Court Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 0RN
Mallory	CROOKS Bill	9 Hornbeam Road Newbold Verdon Leics LE9 9NT

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Electoral Division	Name	Address
De Montfort	MULLANEY Michael Timothy	9 Chessher Street Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 0AH
Groby & Ratby	O'SHEA Ozzy	19 Heathbrook Drive Ratby Leicestershire LE6 0XB
Market Bosworth	OULD Ivan Donald	35 Main Street Orton-on-the-Hill Atherstone Warks CV9 3NN
Earl Shilton	RICHARDS Janice	92 Station Road Earl Shilton Leicestershire LE9 7GA

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Electoral Division	Name	Address
Burbage	WRIGHT Amanda Victoria	Florin House Sketchley Lane Burbage Leics LE10 2NG

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Electoral Division	Name	Address
<u>Melton</u>		
Melton Wolds	ORSON Joe	Parsonage House 13 Paradise Lane Old Dalby LE14 3NH
Melton West	PEARSON Alan	49 Ullswater Road Melton Mowbray LE13 0LS
Melton East	POSNETT Pam	4 Melton Road Ab Kettleby Melton Mowbray Leics LE14 3JA
Belvoir	RHODES Byron	The Yews 35 Watsons Lane Harby Melton Mowbray LE14 4DD

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Electoral Division	Name	Address
<u>North West Leicestershire</u>		
Ashby de la Zouch	COXON John Geoffrey	66 Leicester Road New Packington Ashby de la Zouch
Coalville North	EYNON Terri	1 Wyggeston Rd Coalville Leicestershire LE67 3RE
Whitwick	GILLARD Tony	128 St Bernards Road Whitwick Leicestershire LE67 5GW
Ibstock & Appleby	HARRISON Dan	17 South Street Ashby de la Zouch LE65 1BQ

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Electoral Division	Name	Address
Castle Donington & Kegworth	PENDLETON Trevor John	Woodlands 17A Langley Dr Kegworth Nr Derbys Leics
Valley	RUSHTON Nick	19 Lower Church Street Ashby de la Zouch Leicestershire LE65 1AB
Forest & Measham	SHEAHAN Sean David	21 Amersham Way Measham Swadlincote Derbys DE12 7PD
Coalville South	WYATT Michael Barry	51 Sharpley Avenue Coalville Leics LE67 4DU

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<u>Oadby and Wigston</u>		
South & West Wigston	BOULTER Bill	86 Station Road Wigston Leicestershire LE18 2DJ
North Wigston	BROADLEY Linda Margaret	7 Penzance Avenue Wigston Leicestershire LE18 2HX
East Wigston	CHARLESWORTH Michael Henry	2 Midland Cottages Wigston Leicestershire LE18 2BU
Oadby	GAMBLE Dean Adam	139 Harborough Road Oadby Leicester LE2 4LH

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Electoral Division	Name	Address
Oadby	KAUFMAN Jeffrey	103 Leicester Road Oadby Leicester LE2 4AB

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT COUNTY HALL, GLENFIELD ON WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH 2017**

PRESENT

Mr. W. Liquorish JP CC (in the Chair)

Mr. I. E. G. Bentley CC, Mr. D. C. Bill MBE CC, Mr. R. Blunt CC, Mr. G. A. Boulter CC, Mr. S. L. Bray CC, Mrs. R. Camamile CC, Mr. M. H. Charlesworth CC, Mr. J. G. Coxon CC, Mrs. J. A. Dickinson CC, Dr. T. Eynon CC, Dr. R. K. A. Feltham CC, Mrs. J. Fox CC, Mr. S. J. Galton CC, Mr. D. A. Gamble CC, Mr. S. J. Hampson CC, Mr. G. A. Hart CC, Dr. S. Hill CC, Mr. Dave Houseman MBE, CC, Mr. Max Hunt CC, Mr. D. Jennings CC, Mr. J. Kaufman CC, Mr. A. M. Kershaw CC, Ms. K. J. Knaggs CC, Mr. P. G. Lewis CC, Mrs. H. E. Loydall CC, Mr. K. W. P. Lynch CC, Mr. J. Miah CC, Mr. M. T. Mullaney CC, Ms. Betty Newton CC, Mr. L. J. P. O'Shea CC, Mr. J. T. Orson JP CC, Mr. P. C. Osborne CC, Mr. I. D. Ould CC, Mrs. R. Page CC, Mr. B. L. Pain CC, Mr. A. E. Pearson CC, Mr. T. J. Pendleton CC, Mrs. P. Posnett CC, Mrs. C. M. Radford CC, Mr. J. B. Rhodes CC, Mr. T. J. Richardson CC, Mrs. J. Richards CC, Mr. N. J. Rushton CC, Mr. R. Sharp CC, Mr. S. D. Sheahan CC, Mr. R. J. Shepherd CC, Mr. E. D. Snartt CC, Mr. L. Spence CC, Mr. D. A. Sprason CC, Mr. G. Welsh CC, Mr. E. F. White CC, Mr. M. B. Wyatt CC and Mr. L. E. Yates CC

48. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Last Meeting of the Current County Council

The Chairman mentioned those Members for whom the meeting would be their last as County Councillors and wished them well for the future.

The Chairman also acknowledged the service of those Members who would not be standing for re-election.

The Chairman further thanked all Members for their service to the County and people of Leicestershire and also for the courtesy and support they had shown to him during the past year.

Mr Barry Garner

The Chairman thanked Mr Barry Garner for his generous gift to the County Council, which he had donated in grateful thanks of his service on the County Council from 1997 to 2013.

The gift of an engraved silver salver and accompanying decanter and glasses would be displayed in the Silver Collection Cabinets in the Members Lounge.

Visitors

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting all visitors and guests of members and anyone who was viewing the meeting via the webcast.

49. MINUTES.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mrs Richards, and carried:-

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22nd February 2017, copies of which have been circulated to members, be taken as read, confirmed and signed.

50. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

The Chairman invited members who wished to do so to make declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda for the meeting.

There were no declarations.

51. QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 7(1)(2) AND (5).

(A) Dr Eynon asked the following question of the Leader or his nominee:-

"What is this Council's responsibility as Waste Authority for ensuring that the nature of the waste material stored in the Ravenstone lagoons is compliant with permissions given for storing and spreading? Has this Authority assessed the impact of these activities on the surrounding towns and villages?"

Mr Blunt replied as follows:-

“North West Leicestershire District Council gave consent to carry out agricultural permitted development for two clay lined lagoons on 28th November 2014 and control over the development therefore rests with that Council.

The County Council has not been involved in the planning approval. It has no role in this matter and therefore has not assessed the impact of the activities on the surrounding towns and villages.”

(B) Dr Hill asked the following question of the Leader or his nominee:-

- “1. Can the Leader please advise me of the total number of people that were provided with homecare services, either by or through the Council, during July 2016, before Help to Live at Home launched, and how many people were provided with homecare services during January this year, broken down into self-funders and non-self-funders?
2. A recent budget monitoring report presented to the Scrutiny Commission revealed that there is a £2.6m overspend on Residential and Nursing Care. The explanation given said it was partially caused by the need to cover gaps in domestic care services following the launch of Help to Live at Home by placing people in residential care in the short term. Can the Leader please provide me with the number of service users eligible for homecare that were instead provided with

residential care and the additional cost to the Council?"

Mr Houseman replied as follows:-

- “1. In July 2016, 3,370 people received home care either directly from the Council or commissioned from the independent sector. Of these, 503 (15%) paid for the full cost of their care. The total number receiving care in these ways in January 2017 was lower principally due to 740 choosing to switch to a direct payment for their care and 250 full cost payers deciding to make their own private arrangements. This resulted in 2,139 people receiving care either directly from the Council or commissioned from the independent sector of whom 253 (12%) were full cost payers.

2. For the period between March 2016 and February 2017 there were 138 people placed in an interim residential or nursing placement awaiting a package of care. During this period the total cost of these placements was £192,300. The highest level of interim care activity was in November 2016 with 35 people starting a placement at a total cost of £53,900. The average number of people starting per month has since returned to the pre-November position of approximately 10 placements.”

Dr Hill asked the following supplementary question:-

“I would like to ask Mr Houseman to check his sums because I make 3,370, less 740, less 350 and that is the starter figure, less the people who switched direct payments, less the self-funders who have gone independent, makes 2,380, missing 241 people. Secondly, the Leader in his statement says there were 1,619 services users, but in my reply it says 2,139.”

Mr Houseman replied as follows:-

“Thank you Dr Hill for the supplementary question. First, can I say, as this is my last full Council meeting that I have always respected you for being one of the most sensible, diligent and hardworking Liberal Democrat members, and a very nice person.

In answer to your question, a number of factors have an impact on further reducing the overall number of people in receipt of home care by the Council. Prior to Help to Live at Home going live, significant work was done to improve the quality of management information about people who needed to be transferred to the new services and this resulted in the removal of duplicate records and other records relating to people who no longer received home care services. The majority of cases transferring were subject to an individual review prior to going live and in a number of cases this resulted in services being changed or discontinued because they were no longer required. In addition, some self-funders, who we only funded a tiny amount of their care package, decided on transfer that they would fully fund their own care package. This was the reason for the number of changes.”

(C) Mr Hunt asked the following question of the Leader or his nominee:-

“Can the Leader please advise:-

- (a) Where does our statutory duty lie with regard to gardens and hedges obstructing the footway?
- (b) If we are not able to fulfil this in a timely and efficient way, as I have been led to understand, what alternative approaches have been considered in non-parished areas?”

Mr Osborne replied as follows:-

- “(a) The owner or occupier of a property has a legal responsibility (Highway Act 1980 s154) to ensure that the 'public highway' adjacent to a property is not obstructed by vegetation from their property. In addition, the Highway Authority has a duty under Section 130 of the Highways Act to prevent, as far as possible, the 'stopping-up' or obstruction of the highways for which they are the Highway Authority.

It also states that if the parish or representative community body informs the Highway Authority of an obstruction it is the duty of the Authority, unless it is decided that the representations are incorrect, to take appropriate action.

Where the Highway Authority is notified of an obstruction due to overhanging vegetation from a private property the following action is taken.

Officers will send a letter to the householder requesting them to cut back the hedge/tree within 21 days. If householders fail to comply with this they are then sent a further letter giving them another 21 days. If they still do not comply with the request, a team will be sent out to cut the tree/hedge.

- (b) Leicestershire County Council is currently reviewing its approach to highway maintenance to align it with the new national Code of Practice “Well Maintained Highways”. As part of this review a pilot has been approved which will enable the County Council to work with parishes and community organisations to understand the feasibility of, and appetite for, devolving a range of duties. These could range from responsibility for inspecting and reporting to delivering some localised highway services, including in this instance being authorised to issue the first letter to the owner on behalf of the Council. The outcomes of these pilot assessments will help inform how this approach could be applied to both parished and non-parished areas.”

Mr Hunt asked the following supplementary question:-

“The Cabinet Lead Member is saying that parishes or representative community bodies may inform the Highway Authority of outgrowing vegetation obstructing the pavement, etc. Can he tell us what sort of representative community body has the right to instruct the Highway Authority to take action?”

Mr Osborne replied as follows:-

“Chairman, I am just trying to find out exactly what the part in the reply the member did not quite understand. He is asking for an explanation rather than I think looking at the answer and understanding the answer, but if he is still in a fairly befuddled state, I will answer him as best I can later.”

(D) Mr Hunt asked the following question of the Leader or his nominee:-

“Can the Leader please advise:-

- (a) Where does our statutory duty lie with regard to protecting grass verges with pegs, bollards and other impediments for the purpose of preventing non-residents from parking on, and destroying, those grass verges?
- (b) Some residents have been threatened with their removal thereby allowing the grass verges to degrade. Given that the County Council itself employs this practice and because of the extent of their use by residents, is such an approach realistic and what alternative approaches have been considered, particularly in non-parished areas?”

Mr Osborne replied as follows:-

- (a) The County Council’s statutory duties are to maintain the highway in a safe condition. As such, there is no statutory duty on the County Council as Highway Authority to prevent vehicles parking on grass verges or, indeed, to repair damage to grass verges caused by non-residents, residents or their visitors. The County Council’s current operational procedure in relation to verge maintenance can be summarised as:

Highway verges that are either damaged through parking or over-riding will not be repaired except in the following circumstances:

- Where repair or improvements of a highway verge should reasonably be included as part of essential safety schemes (i.e. those with an accident record higher than the national average or higher than otherwise could be expected) which are taking place at the same location.
- Where repair or improvements to a highway verge should reasonably be included within programmed works to maintain the condition of our highway network that are taking place at the same location.
- Where repair or improvements to a highway verge should reasonably be included within infrastructure improvement works aimed at delivering economic and housing growth which are taking place at the same location.

- Where another authority or third party wholly funds repairs or improvements to a highway verge.
- (b) As a result of the above the County Council does not routinely protect verges from inappropriate parking. The use of (typically) white painted stones by residents, is contrary to the Highways Act and may make the resident or the authority liable for third party damage and injuries. However, officers take a pragmatic approach to this and will only seek their removal where there are genuine safety concerns.

We will however work with parish councils, communities and individuals to allow local solutions to be developed subject to appropriate agreements on funding, liability and maintenance.”

Mr Hunt asked the following supplementary question:-

“This is referring to page 13 on the pink papers and in paragraph (a) the Lead Member states, and this is referring to stones, wooden posts, and such-like protecting the grass verges and he says that there is no statutory duty on the County Council as Highway Authority, and then in the ensuing section, which is largely in (b), we hear that the Highways Act, unspecified, has the requirement not to place white stones contrary to the Act on grass verges, and then goes on to say that residents may be liable, and then it says that officers take a pragmatic view. This seems rather confusing to any of us here who are faced with the situation of stones, posts or bollards to protect grass verges and I wonder therefore if the Lead Member would support the Scrutiny Committee in the future taking an item on this to clear up the obvious discrepancy over pragmatic action taken by officers.”

Mr Osborne replied as follows:-

“To answer Mr Hunt, it is not my job, nor it is it within my competence to say what scrutiny should or should not have on its agenda and I am surprised you would want to delegate that authority to me.”

(E) Mr Charlesworth asked the following question of the Leader or his nominee:-

“Would the Leader please advise me of:-

1. The full employer costs for all principal officers (Senior Management) as part of their annual remuneration in 2015/16.
2. Any Honoraria paid to any of the Senior Manager posts in 1 above between 2009/10 and 2015/16, including how much and to whom?”

Mr Rhodes replied as follows:-

“I have interpreted ‘senior management’ to be those Officers covered by the Annual Pay Policy statement i.e. Chief Officers and Assistant Directors.

1. I would refer Mr Charlesworth to the Report of the Employment

Committee and the draft Pay Policy Statement which may be found at pages 19-29 of the Council booklet. The only additional costs are the employer's contributions, i.e. National Insurance payments, and employers' pension contributions – both dictated by national regulations to the level of salary paid.

2. I can confirm that the only honoraria payments made to senior officers within the stated period were to three Assistant Directors between July 2011 and July 2013 in recognition of the cover they provided whilst their Director was on secondment for part of his time to a Government Department.”

52. POSITION STATEMENTS UNDER STANDING ORDER 8.

The Leader gave a position statement on the following matters:-

- Midlands Engine/Midlands Connect;
- Fire and Rescue Service – Member Briefing;
- Energy and Water Strategy;
- Help to Live at Home;
- Glenfield Children's Heart Hospital;
- Elections.

The Cabinet Lead Member for Finance and Resources gave a position statement on Adult Social Care Funding.

The Cabinet Lead Member for Children and Families gave a position statement on the National Funding Formula for Schools.

A copy of the position statements is filed with these minutes.

53. REPORT OF THE EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE.

(a) Pay Policy Statement.

It was moved by Mr Rhodes, seconded by Mr Shepherd, and carried:-

“That the County Council's Pay Policy Statement 2017/18, as referred to in the report of the Employment Committee, be approved.”

54. REPORT OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE.

(a) Members' Planning Code of Good Practice.

It was moved by Mr Kershaw, seconded by Mr Pendleton and carried:-

“That the revised Members' Planning Code of Good Practice as set out in Appendix A to the report of the Corporate Governance Committee, be approved.”

(b) Delegation of Leicester City Council's Internal Audit Function.

It was moved by Mr Kershaw, seconded by Mr Rhodes and carried:-

“That the County Council accepts the delegation of the internal audit function from Leicester City Council on the basis outlined in the report.”

55. REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE.**(a) Establishment of a Joint Committee for the Central Investment Pool.**

It was moved by Mr Rushton, seconded by Mr Hart and carried:-

“That approval be given to the establishment of a Joint Committee made up of the eight Midlands-based Local Government Pension Funds (including the Leicestershire Fund) to form the LGPS Central Investment Pool and that the Chairman of the Leicestershire Local Pension Committee act as the Fund’s representative on the Joint Committee with the Vice Chairman acting as a substitute.”

56. REPORT OF THE CABINET.**(a) Dates of Council Meetings.**

Mr Rushton, with the consent of the seconder of the motion, sought the approval of the Council to move the following altered motion:-

It was moved by Mr Rushton, seconded by Mr Osborne, and carried:-

MOTION 1

- “(a) That the County Council’s Annual General Meeting be held at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 17th May 2017.
- (b) That Standing Order 1(5) be amended to read as follows:
- “SO1(5) Unless the Council otherwise determines, all meetings of the Council shall be held at 2.00 p.m. other than a meeting on a Saturday which shall be held at 10.00 a.m. provided that the time may be varied by the Chairman following consultation with the Group Leaders.”
- (c) That Council meetings in 2017/18 and 2018/19 be held on the following dates:-

Wednesday 28 June 2017
 Wednesday 27 September 2017
 Wednesday 6 December 2017
 Wednesday 21 February 2018 (Budget Meeting)
 Wednesday 21 March 2018

Wednesday 16 May 2018 (Annual Meeting)
Wednesday 27 June 2018
Wednesday 26 September 2018
Wednesday 5 December 2018
Wednesday 20 February 2019 (Budget Meeting)
Wednesday 20 March 2019
Wednesday 15 May 2019 (Annual Meeting)

MOTION 2 – Procedural Motion in accordance with Standing Order 37

- (d) That the change to Standing Order 1 (The Meetings Procedure Rules) as set out in (b) above, be approved.”

(Note: Standing Order 37 requires that this procedural motion, having been moved and seconded, stands adjourned until the next meeting of the Council.)

2.30 pm – 4.03 pm
22 March 2017

CHAIRMAN

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 22ND MARCH 2017**POSITION STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL****Midlands Engine/Midlands Connect**

Yesterday I had the opportunity to meet with Rt Hon Sajid Javid, the Communities Secretary and Midlands Engine Ministerial Champion and told him that as a member of the Midlands Engine Board and the Midlands Connect Board I welcome the recent Strategy and proposed investment of £392million announced by the Chancellor. This investment is in addition to the £1.5billion of Local Growth Fund investments in the Midlands that has already been announced.

The Midlands, and in particular the East Midlands, has been at the forefront of the recent increase in economic growth and this new investment will enable us to create even more jobs and enhance growth by investing in infrastructure and helping people to acquire the necessary skills to enter the labour market and take advantage of the new opportunities on offer.

The Midlands Connect Strategy sets out proposals for improving connectivity between the East and West Midlands and also between the Midlands and the rest of the country. It is particularly pleasing to see that the early priorities include proposals that I believe will have significant benefits for Leicestershire and the City of Leicester. A list of some of the proposals is at the back of this Statement.

Over the next 3 years Midlands Connect will use £17million of Government funding to undertake planning and design work on these early priorities. The delivery of these projects will depend on further Government funding and I will ensure that this Council works with its Midlands Connect partners to secure the investment so that we can fulfil the economic potential.

Fire and Rescue Service – Member Briefing

I am sure that those members who attended the briefing on 3rd March will have had a useful insight into the day to day challenges facing the Service.

Members were able to see the new technology and equipment in which the CFA has invested to ensure that the Service provides a timely and appropriate response to incidents.

But it is more than just investing in technology. In 2015/16 5086 home fire safety inspections were carried out. 4481 smoke alarms fitted, 1431 events were held promoting fire and road safety which included 332 school visits. This, together with new innovative projects such as the Braunstone Blues, has seen a 46% decline in fire related incidents in the

last 10 years and so the Service is able to protect local communities in a more efficient and cost effective way.

Energy and Water Strategy

I hope that members had the opportunity to see the display in the Members' Lounge showcasing the work done in reducing our energy and water consumption.

Following the approval of the Energy Strategy in 2014 there has been considerable capital investment in energy saving technologies, including amongst others a biomass boiler at County Hall, solar panels on Council buildings and the conversion of street lights to LED.

As a result of the investment, made the Council has reduced building running costs by nearly £420,000 per annum. Renewable technologies now provide nearly 5% of our energy usage and earn us about £130,000 per annum. The scheme to upgrade our street lights is at the half way mark but is already generating annual savings of £680,000.

More can be done and we will engage with schools to help them to upgrade their assets to make them more energy efficient and thereby reduce costs.

The work done to date is of high quality and we are now exploring the possibility of selling our expertise to other public sector bodies.

Help to Live at Home

The Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee was provided with an update on the current position on the Help to Live at Home Scheme. I acknowledge there have been problems with the launch and this has had an on-going effect whilst the Council, NHS bodies and the providers work hard to fill in gaps as a result of the firm, TLC, withdrawing at the last minute. Additionally, we have had to deal with the problems of performance by another provider, Hales but I am pleased that they are working with our staff to put in place the necessary improvements.

I must pay tribute to the staff in the Customer Service Centre, the Adult Social Care teams and our contractors who have stepped up to the plate to ensure we continue to deliver a service to our most vulnerable residents.

To set the context, the Council and the NHS now provide, through the Help to Live at Home Service, 22,566 hours of care to 1619 service users each week, and every week an average of 531 hours of additional care are commissioned for 42 new service users.

The tendering process for the contracts previously held by TLC is not yet concluded. We have asked officers to engage in discussions with potential providers to fully understand their tender submissions and their plans for roll out. Given our previous experience it was

felt necessary to include this additional step to seek the assurances we need before awarding any contracts.

Glenfield Children's Heart Hospital

The consultation on the future of the East Midlands Congenital Heart Centre at the Glenfield Hospital is live until 4 June. I would urge all of you who have not already responded to the consultation to do so; we need to make every effort to keep this service, which has been recognised by the CQC as outstanding, in Leicester.

I would like to thank the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for its excellent work in holding NHS England to account and asking them the difficult questions about these young, vulnerable patients who will definitely be put at risk and could be made to travel as far as Birmingham, London or Leeds for treatment.

Elections

I would like to echo your words, Chairman, and pay tribute to all members of the Council who will not be seeking re-election for their work and contribution to the Council and wish them well for the future.

The next Council will face significant challenges as it is clear that austerity will continue and that the Council will need to reduce expenditure. Whilst the work we have done so far means that we are in a much better financial position than most other Councils we will need to implement the next stage of our Transformation Programme, continuing to change the way we work and deliver our services, keep a keen eye on costs, pay down debt and importantly keep council taxes as low as possible.

We will also be a powerful driver of economic growth, deliver the very best Children's, Adults and Health services, despite the pressures we face. But most of all, will keep our focus on outcomes for the people we serve, making Leicestershire the best place to live, to work and to prosper.

MIDLANDS ENGINE/MIDLANDS CONNECT PROPOSALS

- A package of improvements along the A46 corridor running across the Midlands from Tewksbury to the Lincolnshire coast to support the manufacturing sector – this could deliver a new Junction on the M1 (J20a) and a south eastern bypass for Leicester, which would provide substantial traffic relief to places such as Oadby and Wigston and Thurnby and Bushby.
- A strategic enhancement of the A5 route with phase 1 being upgraded between the A38 and the M1. This has the potential to address traffic problems along the A5 at Hinckley.
- The ‘Midlands Rail Hub’ (improvements to rail infrastructure in and around Birmingham), allowing up to ten extra trains an hour through central Birmingham – currently a key bottleneck limiting east-west rail movements. This has the potential to deliver vastly improved rail services for people living in South West Leicestershire.
- Leicester to Coventry and Leicester to Birmingham rail improvements.
- M1 (Junction 19 to 23a) Smart Motorway Scheme.
- Business cases for use of HS2 ‘released capacity’ and classic compatible services.
- A52 Corridor Multi-Modal Study (Derby, Nottingham, HS2 Hub Station and East Midlands Airport).
- Improvements to the A42 and A1(M).

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 22ND MARCH 2017**POSITION STATEMENT FROM THE CABINET LEAD MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND RESOURCES****Adult Social Care Funding**

There was some very welcome news in the budget. The government recognised the acute pressure being faced by adult social care and allocated £2bn over the next three years. For Leicestershire this means;

- £9.5 million extra in 2017/18;
- £6.8 million extra in 2018/19; and
- £3.4 million extra in 2019/20.

The funding is one-off, requiring expenditure to either be for investments in improvement initiatives or relieving short term pressures. Although this additional funding is very welcome it will not provide a long term solution to our financial challenge. Hence we also welcome the announcement of a green paper on Social Care later this year.

Guidance detailing the conditions surrounding this funding has not yet been released. Based upon the information contained in the budget it is expected that:

- Funding will be for adult social care support;
- A key objective will be to ease pressure on the NHS;
- Delayed transfers of care between NHS and social care services will be a particular focus;
- The BCF approach of working with NHS colleagues will be required;
- Additional reporting requirements are expected, possibly involving the CQC.

We will be working with partners to develop a plan to ensure this extra funding is invested wisely.

The delayed transfer of care position for Leicestershire is that whilst we are not meeting our own stretching targets, we are performing better than average, and in relation to social care we have 6th best performance out of 22 comparator authorities.

Governments approach to this funding will provide an indication of the level of the Improved Better Care Fund resources that could be incorporated in the MTFs from 2018/19. This funding is recurrent and could make a significant contribution to reducing the County Council's funding gap.

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 22ND MARCH 2017**POSITION STATEMENT FROM THE CABINET LEAD MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES****National Funding Formula for Schools**

Members will no doubt have read the Cabinet report on the implications for the County Council and Leicestershire schools of the proposed National Funding Formula. You can view the report at the following link –

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=135&MId=4859&Ver=4>

I think it is absolutely right that the funding formula is being reviewed but it seems that rather than looking to ensure fairness the Government focus is on maintaining stability.

I believe the starting point should be to ensure that all schools receive a basic level of funding sufficient to ensure that they are properly staffed and can operate sufficiently.

I fully accept that some schools and areas will need additional support given the particular difficulties that they face as a result of various factors including deprivation. However, as I said in my letter sent to the Prime Minister in my capacity as F40 Chairman, it should be as the name suggest – additional!

So what does this mean for Leicestershire schools? Two primary and 25 secondary schools will gain but a total of 151 schools will lose funding. The changes will hit small schools particularly hard and could put many in a financially vulnerable situation.

There is a lot more I could say on the formula and the detail can be found in the Cabinet report.

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REPORT OF THE CABINET

A. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017/18 AND 2018/19

Introduction

1. This report concerns proposed changes to the start time of Council meetings, a procedural motion on the proposals having been moved and seconded at the last meeting of the Council to meet the requirements of Standing Order 37.

Background

2. At the last meeting of the Council approval was given to future Council meetings starting at 2.00pm. The County Council's Standing Order 1, as currently drafted, states that 'Unless the Council otherwise determines, all meetings of the Council shall be held at 2.30p.m. '
3. Any motion to add, vary or revoke Standing Orders must, having been proposed and seconded, stand adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Council. Accordingly, at the last meeting of the Council such a motion was duly moved and seconded.
4. Appendix A to this report sets out the dates of County Council meetings in 2017/18 and 2018/19.

A motion to the following effect, moved by Mr Rushton and seconded by Mr Osborne, stands adjourned from last meeting:

'That Standing Order 1 (5) be amended to read as follows:-

"SO1(5). Unless the Council otherwise determines, all meetings of the Council shall be held at 2.00 p.m. other than a meeting on a Saturday which shall be held at 10.00 a.m. provided that the time may be varied by the Chairman following consultation with the Group Leaders." '

**N J Rushton
Chairman**

Background Paper

Report of the Cabinet to the County Council on 22nd March concerning the dates of Council meetings.

Appendix A**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS**
2017/18 and 2018/19

Wednesday 28 June 2017

Wednesday 27 September 2017

Wednesday 6 December 2017

Wednesday 21 February 2018 (Budget Meeting)

Wednesday 21 March 2018

Wednesday 16 May 2018 (Annual Meeting)

Wednesday 27 June 2018

Wednesday 26 September 2018

Wednesday 5 December 2018

Wednesday 20 February 2019 (Budget Meeting)

Wednesday 20 March 2019

Wednesday 15 May 2019 (Annual Meeting)

All meetings to commence at 2.00p.m.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 17 MAY 2017**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE****A. APPOINTMENT OF CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE LOCAL AUTHORITY COMMITTEES DEALING WITH EDUCATION**

The Local Government Act 2000 requires local education authorities which maintain Church of England Schools to include at least one representative of the Church of England on any relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Subcommittee. Similar provision is included for Roman Catholic Schools that are maintained.

The nomination for the Church of England representative must be made by the appropriate Diocesan Board of Education and for the Roman Catholic Church the nomination must be made by the Bishop of the appropriate Diocese.

The following nominations have been received to serve on the Children and Families Service Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Church of England – Canon Carolyn Lewis

Roman Catholic Church – Mr Gerard Hirst

(Motion to be moved:

That Canon Carolyn Lewis be appointed as Church of England representative and Mr Gerard Hirst 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 2021).

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