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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, 28 SEPTEMBER 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 29 June 2016. (Pages 5 - 18)
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 Constitution Committee.
 - (a) Annual Review of the Constitution. (Pages 19 - 26)
 - (b) Appointment of Independent Persons. (Pages 27 - 30)



7. To consider the following notices of motion:

(a) 2021 Census and the Armed Forces Community - 'Count them in Campaign' - Mrs. P. Posnett

This Council notes:

1. The obligations it owes to the Armed Forces community within Leicestershire as enshrined in the Armed Forces Covenant.
2. The absence of definitive and comprehensive statistics on the size or demographics of the Armed Forces community within Leicestershire which includes serving Regular and Reserve personnel, veterans, and their families.
3. That the availability of such data would greatly assist the Council, local partner agencies, the voluntary sector, and national Government in the planning and provision of services to address the unique needs of the Armed Forces community within Leicestershire

In light of the above, this Council supports the Royal British Legion's call to include a new topic in the 2021 census that concerns military service and membership of the Armed Forces community and urges Parliament and local MPs to ensure that the 2021 census includes questions concerning our Armed Forces community.

(b) Grammar Schools - Mr. G. Welsh

1. That this Council notes:-

- (a) That Leicestershire was one of the first authorities to abandon the grammar school system and is proud of the success of its schools within a fully comprehensive system.
- (b) The Prime Minister's announcement that she intends to allow new selective schools to open, allow existing selective schools to expand and allow non-selective schools to become selective.
- (c) The reasons why grammar schools went out of favour including:
 - (i) The social segregation of students by ability.
 - (ii) Evidence that they depress overall educational achievement and perpetuate socioeconomic disadvantage.
 - (iii) That the countries with the most successful school systems do not utilise selective schools but instead focus on raising standards and attainment for all students.

(iv) That eleven years old is too early to determine a child's life chances and discriminates against late developers.

(d) The numerous criticisms that have been made of the policy, including those by Nicky Morgan, MP for Loughborough the previous Education Secretary.

2. That this Council therefore supports the warnings given by Nicky Morgan MP and others, and urges Government not to relax restrictions on, or provide extra support for, selective schools.