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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, 10 JULY 2019 at 2.00 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 15 May 2019. (Pages 5 – 20)
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. Reports of the Cabinet.
 - (a) Leicestershire County Council Planning Obligations Policy. (Pages 21 - 80)
 - (b) Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2019-2020. (Pages 81 - 110)



7. Report of the Scrutiny Commission.

(a) Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19.

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132)

8. To consider the following notices of motion:

(a) Safe Passage 'Our Turn' Campaign - Mr. J. Kaufman CC.

- (a) That this Council notes that the world is experiencing the largest refugee crisis since World War Two with over half the refugees being children, many unaccompanied;
- (b) That this Council notes that the number of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children supported in Leicestershire now stands at 92 and that the cost to the County Council to support such children is £352,000 per annum (net of Government grant);
- (c) That this Council builds on its achievements in caring for vulnerable unaccompanied asylum seeking children and refugee children by supporting the Safe Passage 'Our Turn' Campaign and commits to a target of ten at risk refugee children per year for the next ten years as part of a fully funded Government vulnerable children's resettlement scheme.

(b) Secondary School Transport - Mrs. A. Hack CC

1. This Council notes that:-

- a) Secondary school transport plays an important role in ensuring students get to school safely, reduces vehicle journeys, road congestion and as a result vehicle emissions.
- b) There has been a significant rise, well in excess of inflation, in some the charges levelled on parents for school transport across a number of secondary education providers:
 - (i) Bosworth Academy has increased its charges by £75 to £425 for Years 7-9 (Years 10 and 11 are free), and by £125 to £725 for its Sixth Formers;
 - (ii) Beaver Bus, which covers Lutterworth College, Lutterworth High School, Beauchamp, Thomas Estley, Gartree, St. Martin's and Hinckley, has not increased prices this year and has costs ranging from £420 to £640 per school year;
 - (iii) South Charnwood has increased its charges from £570 to £650.
- c) Excessive increases in charges are not only a further burden on hard pressed parents but act to increase the

use of private cars for the school run.

- d) The prices, as quoted on the Arriva website for commercial bus fares across Leicester Zone 2, which covers Leicestershire is £400 per annum for a child or a student for two journeys a day for 38 weeks.
 - e) Legislation allows for the use of salary sacrifice schemes to subsidise the use of cycles and Ultra Low Emission Vehicles.
 - f) At its meeting on 15th May 2019, the County Council declared a climate emergency and committed to work with other public bodies across the county deliver carbon neutrality from its own operations by 2030.
 - g) Reducing private vehicle use for secondary school transport is a component of tackling the climate emergency and poor air quality and to achieve this it is necessary to encourage co-ordinated policies and action across government and public bodies, including academies.
2. That this Council calls on the Government to recognise:
- a) The significant financial pressures on already hard pressed families who, in line with Government policy, seek to exercise choice;
 - b) The high cost of transport is forcing more parents to drive their children to school resulting in congestion and poor air quality;
 - c) That affordable school transport is fundamental to achieving one of its key objectives of increasing participation in education and training.
3. This Council therefore calls on the Government to undertake a fundamental review of existing school transport policies and guidance with a view to developing a coherent national strategy for school transport which is affordable and environmentally sustainable.
4. That as an interim measure this Council calls on the Government to bring forward legislation to allow parents to use salary sacrifice schemes such as child care vouchers to pay for secondary school transport up to the age of 18.
5. That all Leicestershire MPs be advised of the Council's position and be request to offer their support.