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Dear Sir/Madam

I summon you to the MEETING of the LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL to be held via MICROSOFT TEAMS on WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 at 2.00 p.m. for the transaction of the business set out in the agenda below.

Yours faithfully



Chief Executive

Please note: This meeting will not be open to the public in line with Government advice on public gatherings. The meeting will be webcast live via YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWFpwBLS6MnUzGOWjejrQtQ>

A G E N D A

1. Chairman's Announcements.
2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8 July. (Pages 3 - 22)
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) Medium Term Financial Strategy - Latest Position. (Pages 23 - 56)



7. Report of the Constitution Committee.

(a) Appointment of Independent Persons.

(Pages 57 - 62)

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

(a) Sky Lanterns and Helium Balloons - Mr. J. Orson JP CC

Sky Lanterns are essentially small hot air balloons made of paper with an opening at the bottom where a small fire is suspended. The lanterns can be released into the air once lit until they burn out. A Defra report concluded that the main concern regarding sky lanterns was in relation to causing fire, as there have been several significant fires nationally which have been attributed to their use. In respect of helium balloons the report also raised concerns in relation to the ingestion of such balloons by animals.

The Fire Service, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) and many other organisations including the Marine Conservation Society, Women's Food and Farming Union (WFU), Soil Association and National Farmers Union (NFU) all support a ban on sky lanterns and helium balloons.

This motion therefore calls on the Council:-

- a) Refuse permissions for the release of any sky lanterns or helium balloons from any Council owned land regardless of the purpose for the release;
- b) Refuse the sale of any sky lanterns or helium balloons at any Council event or property;
- c) Require officers to introduce a condition of contract relating to outdoor events and organised functions on land or property owned and/or controlled by the County Council to prohibit the release of any sky lantern or helium balloons regardless of purpose.
- d) To provide information on its website and write to the Association of Parish Councils drawing attention to the harmful effects of sky lanterns and helium balloons on the environment and animals
- e) To write to the Secretary of State (DEFRA) requesting a ban on the sale of sky lanterns and helium balloons.