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Dear Sir/Madam

I summon you to the MEETING of the LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL to be held at NELSON SUITE, LEICESTER RACECOURSE, LEICESTER RD, OADBY, LEICESTER LE2 4AL on WEDNESDAY, 7 JULY 2021 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 19 May 2021. (Pages 5 - 14)
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 Scrutiny Commission.
  - (a) Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21. (Pages 15 - 44)



7. Report of the Constitution Committee.
  - (a) Proposed Changes to the Structure of Overview and Scrutiny Bodies. (Pages 45 - 52)
8. Report of the Corporate Governance Committee.
  - (a) Proposed Changes to the Contract Procedure Rules. (Pages 53 - 82)
9. To appoint members of the Highways and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Environment and Climate Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
10. To consider the following notice of motion:

Considerate Highway Charter - Mrs. A. J. Hack CC

- (a) That this Council notes:
  - (i) Many Leicestershire roads contain clutter resulting from highways maintenance, contractors and other parties work on the highway;
  - (ii) Too much litter, including recyclable cans and bottles, is being thrown onto grass verges and pavements and is a threat to the environment and wildlife;
  - (iii) Lighting is required for the safety of some footways and cycleways;
  - (iv) The need to maintain the highway network to a high standard and this includes footways and cycleways;
  - (v) The importance of biodiversity on roadsides;
  - (vi) The risks of tree foliage hiding lighting and tall grasses at junctions.
- (b) This Council therefore calls for the development of a Considerate Highway Charter to:
  - (i) Obtain a common agreement across all partners for cleaning roads including the district authorities who are responsible for street cleansing and Highways England where the road is under their responsibility;
  - (ii) Work with the relevant organisations including utility companies and developers to ensure that all highways clutter is removed and stored rather than being left at the roadside;
  - (iii) Consider the management of lighting cycleways and footways in response to Government's commitment to active travel to support greater choice in how people move around the county safety when walking and cycling, particularly in the winter months;

- (iv) Commit to a 'safety first' approach to maintenance and management of the roadside;
- (v) Work in partnership with the district authorities to seek to persuade the public to act in a more responsible way, taking litter home, and consider approaches taken by other local authorities, such as Lincolnshire County Council and Highways England who provide litter bins in every parking refuge point on the A46 to seek to minimise roadside litter;
- (vi) Include a management plan for all future tree planting at the roadside to ensure that the benefits for the local environment and air quality are maximised, as well as considering the long-term costs of tree management;
- (vii) Set out arrangements already in place to maintain roadside verges and green spaces where there is split responsibility for particular stretches of a road to as to ensure that residents are clear as to how that particular road is managed.