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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, 22 FEBRUARY 2023 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 7 December 2022. (Pages 5 - 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. Report of the Cabinet.
  - (a) Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/24 - 2026/27. (Pages 23 - 314)



7. To consider the following notice of motion:

(a) Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI) - Mrs M Wright CC

“(a) That this Council notes:

- (i) The submission by the developer Tritax Symmetry to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) of an application relating to the construction of the HNRFI on February 3, 2023;
- (ii) That the County Council has no powers of veto but is a statutory consultee in relation to this application and will respond in both its capacity as a Local Highways Authority and more broadly in relation to its wider responsibilities including flooding, public health, net zero, economic impact and ecology;
- (iii) That the Council has already submitted an Adequacy of Consultation response to PINS expressing the paucity of engagement and consultation with stakeholders by the developer; and
- (iv) That if the application for the HNRFI is accepted by PINS the final decision will ultimately be decided by the Secretary of State for Transport.

(b) That this Council also notes:

- (i) That the HNRFI is a major proposal that will have significant impacts on local rural communities and local rural infrastructure, including the local highways network;
- (ii) That the scale of this proposal, and of its potential impacts, means that it is also of sub-regional significance for the wider Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area;
- (iii) That it is critical that any development of this scale should only proceed if it is accompanied by the necessary funding and infrastructure to satisfactorily mitigate its impacts on local communities and existing wider infrastructure; and
- (iv) That 440 acres of agricultural land will be lost, the impact of which should be tested against the Government’s Food Security Strategy.

(c) Therefore, should PINS accept the application, the County Council will:

- (i) Play its full part in comprehensively assessing the application through the submission of relevant and written representations to the Secretary of State on behalf of residents;

- (ii) Work closely with our strategic partners and other statutory consultees such as Blaby District Council, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and National Highways in the preparation and submission of a Local Impact Report as invited to do so by PINS;
- (iii) Expect the developer to fully engage with local communities and stakeholders on the impact of its proposals;
- (iv) Seek to ensure local communities and stakeholders are regularly updated on the progress of the application;
- (v) Robustly carry out its statutory duties on behalf of affected residents and communities affected by the proposal for the HNRFI.”