

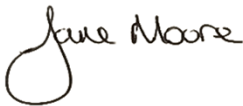


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Dear Sir/Madam

I summon you to the MEETING of the LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL to be held at COUNTY HALL, GLENFIELD on WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2026 at 2.30 p.m. for the transaction of the business set out in the agenda below.

Yours faithfully



Chief Executive

AGENDA

1. To elect a Chairman
2. To elect a Vice Chairman
3. Chairman's Announcements.
4. To receive the report of the Returning Officer. (Pages 5 - 6)
5. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18 February 2026. (Pages 7 - 34)
6. To receive declarations by members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.
7. To answer questions asked under Standing Order 7(1)(2) and (5).
8. To receive position statements under Standing Order 8.



To consider reports of the Cabinet, Scrutiny Commission, Scrutiny Committees and other bodies:

9. Reports of the Cabinet.
 - (a) Youth Justice Plan 2026 - 2027. (Pages 35 - 70)
 - (b) Dates of Council meetings 2026/27 and 2027/28. (Pages 71 - 72)
10. Report of the Constitution Committee
 - (a) Review and Revision of the Constitution. (Pages 73 - 136)
11. To make appointments in accordance with item 11 of Standing Order 4:
 - (a) To appoint the Leader (and to note the members which the Leader proposes to appointment to the Cabinet);
 - (b) To appointment such Cabinet Support Members as the Council considers appropriate.
12. Political Balance and appointment in accordance with items 12 and 13 of Standing Order 4;
 - (a) Political Balance and allocation of Committee Seats - Report of the Monitoring Officer; (Pages 137 - 140)
 - (b) To appoint members of the Scrutiny Commission, Boards and Committees.
13. To consider the following notices of motion:
 - (a) Northern Ireland Troubles: Legacy, Accountability and Veterans - Mr. V. Richichi CC
 - (a) This Council notes that:
 1. The Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 was enacted to address the legacy of the Troubles but was subsequently found by the courts to be incompatible with Convention rights under the Human Rights Act 1998, particularly in relation to its conditional immunity provisions and restrictions on access to justice.
 2. In response to those judgments, Parliament has approved the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 (Remedial) Order 2025, which removes the conditional immunity scheme from statute and lifts the statutory bar on new Troubles-related civil claims.
 3. The UK Government has introduced the Northern Ireland Troubles Bill, which is currently before

Parliament, to repeal and replace the 2023 Act in full and to establish a reformed framework for addressing legacy matters, including new investigatory and information-recovery arrangements.

4. Ministers have indicated that the Bill will be subject to substantial amendment during its Parliamentary passage, including amendments intended to strengthen safeguards for Operation Banner veterans who engage with legacy processes.

(b) This Council further believes that:

1. Legal certainty and fairness are essential to maintaining public confidence in the handling of legacy issues arising from the Troubles.
2. It is vital that any new legacy framework both:
 - protects the rights of victims and survivors to truth, information, and accountability, and
 - avoids the creation of renewed uncertainty, repeated investigations, or disproportionate adversarial processes for veterans and their families many decades after events occurred.
3. A durable and credible approach to legacy can command public confidence only if it is rights-compliant, proportionate, and developed with the meaningful involvement of victims' groups, Northern Ireland political parties, and representatives of the Armed Forces community.

(c) This Council therefore resolves to:

1. Write to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland urging that the Northern Ireland Troubles Bill, as it proceeds through Parliament, delivers:
 - a balanced and rights-compliant legacy framework,
 - clear, statutory safeguards for veterans engaging with legacy mechanisms, and
 - non-adversarial processes that prioritise truth-recovery and information where criminal prosecution is neither realistic nor proportionate.
2. Write to the leaders of the main political parties represented in the House of Lords emphasising the importance of careful scrutiny of the Bill and its proposed amendments, particularly in relation to human rights compliance, veterans' protections, and long-term legal certainty.
3. Reaffirm this Council's commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant, including its responsibility to support those who have served and their families.

(b) Church Lane Bus Route (Whitwick) - Mr J Boam CC

(a) This Council notes that:

1. Arriva's Service 12 has operated along Church Lane, Whitwick since August 2025 as part of its commercial bus network.
2. While the service provides connectivity and is used by a number of passengers, some local residents have raised concerns regarding the operation of the service along Church Lane.
3. The Council has previously engaged with residents and the operator in relation to the routing and operation of the service.

(b) This Council believes that it is appropriate, where residents have raised ongoing concerns, for the Council to keep matters under review and ensure that engagement with the bus operator remains constructive and informed by evidence.

- (c) This Council resolves to request the Director of Environment and Transport to provide a written report to the Growth, Highways, Transport and Waste Overview and Scrutiny Committee within six months, setting out:
- Engagement undertaken with the bus operator in relation to the operation of Service 12 on Church Lane;
 - A review of the operation of the service, including consideration of relevant factors such as safety, punctuality and passenger usage; and
 - Any observations or recommendations arising from that review, within the Council's powers.