

**MEETING OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019 AT 2.00 P.M.**

**ORDER PAPER**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN**

MR O'SHEA will invite nominations.

MR RUSHTON will move and MR GALTON will second:-

“That MRS PAM POSNETT be elected Chairman for the period until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.”

On being elected the Chairman will read out and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which will be witnessed and signed by the Chief Executive.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – TO APPOINT A VICE-CHAIRMAN**

THE CHAIRMAN will invite nominations.

MR RUSHTON will move and MR GALTON will second:-

“That MR DAVID JENNINGS be appointed Vice-Chairman for the period until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.”

On being appointed, the Vice-Chairman will read out and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which will be witnessed and signed by the Chief Executive.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman will make her announcements.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MINUTES**

**(Pages 5 to 20)**

The CHAIRMAN will move and the VICE CHAIRMAN will second:-

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019, copies of which have been circulated to members, be taken as read, confirmed and signed.”

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman will invite members who wish to do so to make declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**  
**QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 7(1) (2) & (5)**

There have been no questions submitted for this meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – TO RECEIVE POSITION STATEMENTS**  
**FROM MEMBERS OF THE CABINET**

There are no Position Statements to be made at this meeting.

**TO CONSIDER REPORTS OF THE**  
**CABINET, SCRUTINY COMMISSION, SCRUTINY COMMITTEES,**  
**AND OTHER BODIES**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**  
**REPORT OF THE CABINET**

(Pages 21 to 22)

Principal Speakers:-  
Mover of motion (as appropriate)  
Leader of the Opposition (Mr S J Galton)

(A) **Dates of Council Meetings 2019/20 and 2020/21**

MR SHEPHERD will move and MR RUSHTON will second:-

“That Council meetings in 2019/20 and 2020/21 be held on the following dates:-

Wednesday 10 July 2019

Wednesday 25 September 2019

Wednesday 4 December 2019

Wednesday 19 February 2020 (to consider the budget)

Wednesday 13 May 2020 (Annual Meeting)

Wednesday 8 July 2020

Wednesday 30 September 2020

Wednesday 2 December 2020

Wednesday 17 February 2021 (to consider the budget)

Wednesday 19 May 2021 (Annual Meeting)”

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - APPOINTMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEMS 11 AND 12 OF STANDING ORDER 4**

A. TO APPOINT THE LEADER

MR RHODES will move and MR SHEPHERD will second:-

“That Mr N J Rushton be appointed Leader of the Council for the period until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.”

B. TO NOTE ANY CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CABINET MADE BY THE LEADER

MR RUSHTON will move and MR SHEPHERD will second:-

“That it be noted that the Leader proposes to appoint the members named on list ‘1’ attached to the Order Paper as members of the Cabinet.”

C. TO APPOINT CABINET SUPPORT MEMBERS AS THE COUNCIL CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE

MR RUSHTON will move and MR SHEPHERD will second:-

“That the following members be appointed as Cabinet Support Members until the next Annual Meeting of the County Council, as provided for in Article 7 of the Council’s Constitution:-

Mr O O’Shea  
Mr T J Pendleton  
Mrs C M Radford  
Mrs D Taylor”

D. TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (INCLUDING THE NAMING OF SPOKESMEN/SPOKESPERSONS)

MR SHEPHERD will move and MR CHARLESWORTH will second:-

“That the membership of the Scrutiny Commission, Boards and Committees as set out in List ‘2’ attached to the Order Paper be approved.”

D(i) SPOKESMEN

Commissioners

MR SHEPHERD will name the members shown in the second and third column of list ‘S’, as Conservative Commissioners of the Scrutiny Commission as shown.

MR CHARLESWORTH will name the member shown in the fourth column of list 'S', as Liberal Democrat Commissioner of the Scrutiny Commission as shown.

MR HUNT will name the member shown in the fifth column of list 'S', as Labour Commissioner of the Scrutiny Commission as shown.

#### Scrutiny Committees and Development Control and Regulatory Board

MR SHEPHERD will name the members shown in the second and third column of list 'S', as Conservative Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Scrutiny Committees and the Development Control and Regulatory Board as shown.

MR CHARLESWORTH will name the members shown in the fourth column of list 'S', as Liberal Democrat Spokesmen of the Scrutiny Committees and the Development Control and Regulatory Board as shown.

MR HUNT will name the members shown in the fifth column of list 'S', as Labour Spokespersons of the Scrutiny Committees and the Development Control and Regulatory Board as shown.

#### Other Regulatory Bodies

MR SHEPHERD will name the members shown in the second column of list 'S', as Conservative Spokesmen of the bodies as shown.

MR CHARLESWORTH will name the members shown in the third column of list 'S', as Liberal Democrat Spokesmen of the bodies as shown.

MR HUNT will name the members shown in the fourth column of list 'S', as Labour Spokespersons of the bodies as shown.

A copy of list 'S' is attached.

#### D(ii) SUBSTITUTES

MR SHEPHERD will move and MR CHARLESWORTH will second:-

“That the Chief Executive be authorised to make and terminate appointments to the Commission, committees, boards and other County Council bodies (not including the Cabinet) in accordance with the wishes of the political groups to whom the seat in question has been allocated, subject in the case of those bodies set out in list '2' to the Group giving one day's notice to the Chief Executive of its wishes.”

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – NOTICE OF MOTION**

#### (a) Climate Emergency – Mr M. Hunt CC

Mr Hunt, with the consent of the seconder of the motion, will seek the approval of the Council to move the following altered motion:-

MR HUNT will move and MR PAIN will second:-

- (a) That this Council notes:
- (i) the UK has, at international level, signed into the Paris Accord 2015 and to the commitments agreed in 2018 at the Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP24) which amongst other things recognise the need to limit by 2030 temperature rises to between 1.5° C and 2° C above the internationally recognised pre-industrial baseline;
  - (ii) the UK has at a national level, set targets into law under the Climate Change Act 2008, but the UK is not currently on track to meet its statutory carbon targets set in the 4th and 5th carbon budgets for the period 2023-2027 and 2028-2032 respectively;
  - (ii) the County Council in July 2018 agreed a revised and dynamic Environment Strategy 2018-2030 which sets out various carbon reduction targets in line with national targets including a significant role to protect and enhance the wider county environment;
  - (iv) the County Council's progress towards meeting our 2011-21 climate change targets has been highly laudable, particularly those internal to the Council such as the total emissions from LCC Operations (excluding external contractors) and total waste for LCC Sites but not recycling from LCC Sites;
  - (v) the County Council has also signed up to the UK100 pledge acknowledging our responsibility to secure the future for our communities and for people around the world when faced with the challenge of a changing climate.
- (b) That this Council further notes that in October 2018 the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) published scientific evidence and determined that any rise above 1.5° C would cause much more serious outcomes than Paris Accord envisaged, thereby having a more rapid adverse impact in the north and south polar regions and the Himalayan 'third pole' and in doing so recognises that the current efforts and targets towards reducing emissions and limiting temperature rises is clearly not enough.
- (c) That this Council also notes that there are increasing calls for councils to declare a climate emergency and to commit to carbon neutrality by 2030 for their administrative areas.
- (d) That this Council notes that:-
- (i) it can only operate within its own scope of control and influence;
  - (ii) there is a need to balance the competing demands on its decreasing resources and finances;

- (iii) not all the technological solutions nor the required powers and resources are currently in place.
- (e) That this Council declares a climate emergency and will aim to achieve carbon neutrality from its own operations by 2030 and accordingly requests officers to undertake a review of the aspects of the Environment Strategy 2018-30 necessary to achieve this aspiration together with an assessment of the cost and technology implications of so doing to enable the Cabinet and Council to take an informed decision on revising the ambitions of the Environment Strategy recognising that this will require the reallocation of resources by the Council.
- (f) That this Council, as a key place leader, also commits to work with business and other public bodies across the county and region to deliver this ambitious goal through all relevant technologies, strategies and plans.
- (g) That this Council recognises that there is an increasing urgency for action to avoid the worst impacts of climate change and in doing so calls for the support of all parties to urge the Government to:-
  - (i) provide the powers and resources to local authorities and others to make the wider 2030 target more possible;
  - (ii) work with other governments (both within the UK and internationally) to determine and implement best practice methods to limit global warming to less than 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.'