

**MEETING OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 2.00 PM**

**ORDER PAPER**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**(see separate sheets)**

The CHAIRMAN will invite nominations.

MR GALTON will move and MR RUSHTON will second:-

“That MR JEFFREY KAUFMAN be appointed Vice-Chairman for the period until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2021.”

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. 2 – CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman will make her announcements.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER**

(pages 3 – 4)

The CHIEF EXECUTIVE will present the report of the Returning Officer on the election of MR LESLIE MARK PHILLIMORE to the County Council at the election held on 12 December 2019.

The CHAIRMAN will welcome MR PHILLIMORE.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MINUTES**

(Pages 5 to 22)

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

“that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4 December 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**

**QUESTION ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 7(1) (2) &(5)**

**(A) Question by MR HUNT**

“I am very pleased to see that our fourth Local Transport Plan is being prepared to replace LTP3. Can we expect LTP4 to fulfil our Prime Minister’s vision of *“electric buses to convey us cleanly around our towns, roads that are free of the congestion that causes so much pollution, and where a new generation of cyclists pedal safely and happily to school and work in tree-dappled sunlight on their own network of fully segregated cycle paths”*, and if so can you point to any hints of this in your seminal Strategic Transport Plan 2020 to 2050?”

**Reply by MR PAIN**

“I welcome the Prime Minister’s interest in passenger transport, and the Government’s very recent announcements, including the new funding for electric buses and potential additional funding to be made available for extending cycle routes in the future. Officers are currently studying the details of these announcements to understand how the County Council can take best advantage of the new funding that might be available.

The existing LTP3 already talks about promotion of sustainable transport modes, and I would expect this to continue in LTP4. Further, we continue to provide support to passenger transport services through the County Council’s Passenger Transport Policy and Strategy, and, as previously indicated, officers are undertaking work to develop a Cycling and Walking Strategy.

Encouraging people to walk and cycle, and to use public transport are aspects of the draft Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Transport Priorities (LLSTP), which also references the development of town and area wider strategies, within which improving facilities for pedestrians, cyclists and passenger transport users will be important elements. Notwithstanding this, officers will review the draft LLSTP in the light of the Government’s very recent announcements and revise it as necessary.”

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

**GENERAL POSITION STATEMENTS**

(Note: Standing Order 8 provides as follows:-

- (a) A position statement may give rise to an informal discussion by the Council.
- (b) At the conclusion of the discussion a formal motion may be moved to the effect that a particular issue relevant to the statement be referred to the Cabinet, the Commission, a Board or a Committee for consideration. This shall be moved and seconded formally and put without discussion. No other motion or amendment may be moved.
- (c) The discussion of any position statement shall not exceed 20 minutes but the Chairman may permit an extension to this period.)

LEADER

- (i) The Leader will make his statement.
- (ii) An informal discussion may then take place.

LEAD MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

- (i) The Lead Member will make his statement.
- (ii) An informal discussion may then take place.

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

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

(Pages 23 to 260  
and pages 3 – 53 of the supplementary pack)

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

[NOTE: The final Local Government Settlement will be discussed by the House of Commons on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020. An additional recommendation (recommendation (p)) has been added to allow for the budget proposals to be updated to take into account any new information in the final settlement.]

(A) Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 – 2023/24

MR RHODES will move and MR SHEPHERD will second:

- “(a) That subject to the items below, approval be given to the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) which incorporates the recommended revenue budget for 2020/21 totalling £390m as set out in Appendices A, B and D of this report and includes the growth and savings for that year as set out in Appendix C;
- (b) That approval be given to the projected provisional revenue budgets for 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24, set out in Appendix B to the report, including the growth and savings for those years as set out in Appendix C, allowing the undertaking of preliminary work, including business case development, consultation and equality and human rights impact assessments, as may be necessary towards achieving the savings specified for those years including savings under development;

- (c) That approval is given to the early achievement of savings that are included in the MTFS, as may be necessary, along with associated investment costs, subject to the Director of Corporate Resources agreeing to funding being available;
- (d) That the level of earmarked funds as set out in Appendix J be noted and the use of those earmarked funds as indicated in that appendix be approved;
- (e) That the amounts of the County Council's Council Tax for each band of dwelling and the precept payable by each billing authority for 2020/21 be as set out in Appendix L (including 2% for the adult social care precept);
- (f) That the Chief Executive be authorised to issue the necessary precepts to billing authorities in accordance with the budget requirement above and the tax base notified by the District Councils, and to take any other action which may be necessary to give effect to the precepts;
- (g) That approval be given to the 2020/21 to 2023/24 capital programme as set out in Appendix E;
- (h) That the Director of Corporate Resources following consultation with the Lead Member for Resources be authorised to approve new capital schemes, including revenue costs associated with their delivery, shown as future developments in the capital programme, to be funded from funding available;
- (i) That the financial indicators required under the Prudential Code included in Appendix M, Annex 2 be noted and that the following limits be approved:

	2020/21 £m	2021/22 £m	2022/23 £m	2023/24 £m
Operational boundary for external debt				
i) Borrowing	264	264	263	263
ii) Other long term liabilities	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	265	265	264	264
Authorised limit for external debt				
i) Borrowing	274	274	273	273
ii) Other long term liabilities	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	275	275	274	274

- (j) That the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to effect movement within the authorised limit for external debt between borrowing and other long-term liabilities;
- (k) That the following borrowing limits be approved for the period 2020/21 to 2023/24:
- (i) Upper limit on fixed interest exposures 100%;

- (ii) Upper limit on variable rate exposures 50%;
- (iii) Maturity of borrowing:-

	<u>Upper Limit</u>	<u>Lower Limit</u>
	%	%
Under 12 months	30	0
12 months and within 24 months	30	0
24 months and within 5 years	50	0
5 years and within 10 years	70	0
10 years and above	100	25

- (l) That the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to enter into such loans or undertake such arrangements as necessary to finance capital payments in 2020/21, subject to the prudential limits in Appendix M;
- (m) That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and the Annual Investment Strategy for 2020/21, as set out in Appendix M, be approved including:
  - (i) The Treasury Management Policy Statement, Appendix M; Annex 4;
  - (ii) The Annual Statement of the Annual Minimum Revenue Provision as set out in Appendix M, Annex 1;
- (n) That the Capital Strategy (Appendix F), Corporate Asset Investment Fund Strategy (Appendix G), Risk Management Policy and Strategy (Appendix H), Earmarked Funds Policy (Appendix I) and Insurance Policy (Appendix K) be approved;
- (o) That it be noted that the Leicester and Leicestershire Business Rate Pool will continue for 2020/21.
- (p) That the Director of Corporate Resources following consultation with the Lead Member for Resources be authorised to make changes to the MTFs which may be required as a result of the outcome of the final Local Government Settlement for 2020/21, noting that any changes will be reported to the Cabinet.”

(B) Community Safety Strategy

MR OULD will move and MRS TAYLOR will second:

“That the Community Safety Strategy 2019 – 2021 be approved.”

(C) Corporate Parenting Strategy

MR OULD will move and MRS TAYLOR will second:

“That the Corporate Parenting Strategy be approved.”

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