

SUMMONS TO COUNCIL

date Thursday, 11 July 2019
commencing at 10:30

venue County Hall, West Bridgford,
Nottingham

You are hereby requested to attend the above Meeting to be held at the time/place and on the date mentioned above for the purpose of transacting the business on the Agenda as under.



Chief Executive

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| 1 | Minutes of the last meeting held on 16 May 2019 | 9 - 20 |
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| 2 | Apologies for Absence | |
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| 3 | Declarations of Interests by Members and Officers:- (see note below)
(a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
(b) Private Interests (pecuniary and non-pecuniary) | |
| 4 | Chairman's Business
a) Presentation of Awards/Certificates (if any) | |
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| 5 | Constituency Issues (see note 4) | |
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| 6a | Presentation of Petitions (if any) (see note 5 below) | |
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| 6b | Responses to Petitions Presented to the Chairman of the County Council | 21 - 34 |
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9	Questions	
	a) Questions to Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority	
	b) Questions to Committee Chairmen	
10	NOTICE OF MOTION	

MOTION ONE

In 2018, the County Councils Network (CCN) commissioned PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) to conduct an *Independent Review of Local Government Spending Need and Funding*, to which Nottinghamshire County Council contributed a significant amount of data and information. The report was published in May 2019 and a copy is available on the County Councils Network website at: <https://www.countycouncilsnetwork.org.uk>

This Council, as a CCN member, agrees with the key conclusions from the PwC report, that:-

- the current local government funding model does not reflect underlying spending need, which is driven by huge increases in demand for services and the increased cost of delivering those services;
- the scale of these funding pressures varies across different tiers of local government, with CCN authorities being the most exposed and having the fewest options available to resolve the problem;
- all future Government decisions in relation to local government funding need to take account of the relative spending need of councils, recognising variations in demand for services, the cost of their delivery and the ability of councils to provide a consistent level and quality of service.

This Council, through the Council Leader, will write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government, in support of the CCN's "Key Asks", which are that:-

- Government must provide substantial extra funding for local councils to preserve and enhance local services, with this funding being prioritised on the areas that face the biggest cost pressures;
- the Fair Funding Review should proceed to implementation and must address the underfunding of county areas in comparison with other parts of the country;
- the Spending Review should consider wider reforms to the local government system, including New Homes Bonus and a higher share of locally retained business rates.

Councillor Richard Jackson

Councillor Reg Adair

MOTION TWO

'This Council instructs the Communities & Place Review & Development Committee to investigate the feasibility of a number of measures that could minimise our negative impact on the natural environment and protect and enhance wildlife throughout Nottinghamshire, including:-

- a revised trial of grass cutting on rural roadsides, so that only a small strip of vegetation along road verges would be cut back annually to maintain safe sight lines for traffic;
- a review of our weed spraying policy, analysing the extent to which chemical treatments may be contaminating soil and leaching into water courses, and how to prevent any such occurrence;
- a review of our tree and hedgerow maintenance policy, to determine whether a less aggressive pruning and pollarding regime would be practical and beneficial; and
- an examination of our capacity to plant more trees on Nottinghamshire County Council land, increasing greenery and improving air quality for the benefit of current and future generations.

This Council instructs the Communities & Place Review & Development Committee to report its findings and recommendations to Policy Committee for consideration and decision.

Councillor John Cottee Councillor Sue Saddington

MOTION THREE

On 10th June 2019, the BBC informed viewers that free TV licences for over 75's will be scrapped for those not on pension credit.

This council recognises that this action will have a significant detrimental impact to some of our most vulnerable elderly residents across Nottinghamshire.

This council resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to ask him to consider the consequences of these actions and to request that they reconsider the 2015 decision to no longer fund TV licences for over 75's.

This council further resolves to write to the BBC to request that they too reconsider their recent decision.

Councillor Alan Rhodes

Councillor Kate Foale

MOTION FOUR

This Council notes the crisis in Social Care and further notes the multiple delays to the green paper on Adult Social Care. The green paper was first promised in the March 2017 budget as a route to a more secure and sustainable system – it has now been delayed numerous times – Ministers citing ‘Brexit’ as the main reason.

The green paper aimed to confront two issues: chronic underfunding of the existing means-tested care system caused by the huge cuts in government funding to councils since 2010 and the urgent need to protect self-funding people outside the current system from catastrophic care costs.

This Council further notes:

(1) The proportion of the council’s budget spent on Adult Social Care in 2019/20 is 35p in every £1 of Council expenditure. This amounts to £356 million pounds this financial year. This is £11.9 million more than this County Council expected to raise in Council Tax this year. This is unsustainable.

(2) The Association of Directors of Adult Social Services recent statement that social care in England was adrift in a “sea of inertia” caused by years of budget cuts and that “The system is not only failing financially, it is failing people.”

(3) That this is causing significant pressure on the finances of Nottinghamshire County Council - becoming this Council’s single biggest expenditure.

(4) The importance of a reformed funding system to give Councils like Nottinghamshire the financial certainty to address the underlying problems.

(5) That delays to the green paper make it impossible for Councils like Nottinghamshire to plan ahead and deal with the biggest crisis we face.

(6) That the funding crisis, in particular the failure to publish the green paper caused by Brexit-related policy paralysis is putting untold Nottinghamshire residents at risk with un-met care needs.

This Council therefore resolves to instruct the Leaders of the Ashfield Independents, the Conservatives and Labour Parties on Nottinghamshire County Council to write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care setting out the consequences of the Government’s failure to get to grip with funding social care, calls for emergency parachute payments to Councils, calls for a timetable for the publication of the green paper and to reiterate our call for this to be published as soon as possible so we can deal with the biggest catastrophe facing Nottinghamshire County Council.

Councillor Jason Zadrozny

Councillor David Martin

11 ADJOURNMENT DEBATE
(if any)

Notes:-

(A) For Councillors

(1) Members will be informed of the date and time of their Group meeting for Council by their Group Researcher.

(2) The Chairman has agreed that the Council will adjourn for lunch at their discretion.

(3) (a) Persons making a declaration of interest should have regard to the Code of Conduct and the Procedure Rules for Meetings of the Full Council. Those declaring must indicate whether their interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or a private interest and the reasons for the declaration.

(b) Any member or officer who declares a disclosable pecuniary interest in an item must withdraw from the meeting during discussion and voting upon it, unless a dispensation has been granted. Members or officers requiring clarification on whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

(c) Declarations of interest will be recorded and included in the minutes of this meeting and it is therefore important that clear details are given by members and others in turn, to enable Democratic Services to record accurate information.

(4) At any Full Council meeting except the annual meeting, a special meeting and the budget meeting, Members are given an opportunity to speak for up to three minutes on any issue which specifically relates to their division and is relevant to the services provided by the County Council. These speeches must relate specifically to the area the Member represents and should not be of a general nature. They are constituency speeches and therefore must relate to constituency issues only. This is an opportunity simply to air these issues in a Council meeting. It will not give rise to a debate on the issues or a question or answer session. There is a maximum time limit of 30 minutes for this item.

(5) Members are reminded that petitions can be presented from their seat with a 1 minute time limit set on introducing the petition.

(6) Members are reminded that these papers may be recycled. Appropriate containers are located in the respective secretariats.

(7) Commonly used points of order

21 – Constituency issues must be about issues which specifically relate to the Member's decision and is relevant to the services provided by the County Council

37 – Supplementary Questions must be on the same matter

49 – The Member has spoken for more than 10 minutes

51 – The Member is not speaking to the subject under discussion

