



Nottinghamshire County Council

County Hall West Bridgford Nottingham NG2 7QP

SUMMONS TO COUNCIL

date Thursday, 11 May 2023
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

- 1 Election of Chairman
- 2 Election of Vice-Chairman
- 3 Minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2023 7 - 34
- 4 Apologies for Absence
- 5 Declarations of Interests by Members and Officers:- (see note below)
 - (a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
 - (b) Private Interests (pecuniary and non-pecuniary)
- 6 Kirkby South By-Election Result and Recognition of Members and Officers of Groups 35 - 36
- 7 Chairman's Business
 - a) Presentation of Awards/Certificates (if any)

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(a) Questions to Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority

(b) Questions to the Leader, Cabinet Members and Committee Chairmen

15 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Motion One

Nottinghamshire County Council welcomes the announcement that smart motorways will be removed from Government road-building plans. It has been stated this is due to the "...lack of public confidence felt by drivers."

This Council notes that there have been at least 79 deaths linked to smart motorways. There have also been hundreds of accidents causing injury and distress connected with smart motorways.

This council further notes that around 10% of England's motorway network is made up of smart motorways and that large parts of the M1, going through Nottinghamshire form a smart motorway. This Council believes that resident's lives are being put in danger on these roads of death.

This Council therefore calls for the Government to undertake an urgent review of existing smart motorways and calls for immediate Government investment to ensure that motorist's lives are not put in danger in Nottinghamshire and across the UK.

This Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Transport making this Council's opposition to smart motorways clear.

Councillor Tom Hollis Councillor Dave Shaw

Motion Two

On 30 March 2023, Labour Party Leader Sir Keir Starmer stated that he would freeze Council Tax rises for the year 2023/24 if Prime Minister. This would be paid for by an increased windfall tax on energy companies who have profited excessively during the cost-of-living crisis, when so many people are struggling to pay bills and when food prices have risen by 19.2%, the highest observed annual rate in over 45 years.

A freeze in Council Tax rise at this time would provide an opportunity for Nottinghamshire residents to have more disposable income which could be used to mitigate the cost-of-living crisis.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- a) Support any proposals from this Government, or a future Government, to deliver a freeze in Council Tax rises for Nottinghamshire residents in the year 2024/25, paid for by an increased windfall tax on energy companies.
- b) Following years of significant cuts to public services, write to the Government outlining the case for long-term funding settlements and increased Local Government investment, to enable this Council to deliver the services our residents need.

Councillor Kate Foale Councillor Jim Creamer

Motion Three

Encouraging Active Travel in Nottinghamshire is one of the stated ambitions of this Council.

This is acknowledged in the Nottinghamshire Plan as a Council priority to tackle the Climate Emergency.

Active Travel is sadly often too unsafe in some areas of Nottinghamshire, and this is notably the case for pedal cyclists.

Over in the last decade more than 1,875 cyclists have been injured by motor vehicles across Nottinghamshire.

For cyclists, potholes and highway junctions are a particular concern when trying to get safely to their destination.

To move beyond active travel advocacy and to accelerate increasing numbers of participation, it is clear that more needs to be done to improve safety.

This Council will therefore:

- Acknowledge that more needs to be done to make active travel participants feel safe, particularly pedal cyclists who travel by road.
- Identify the most dangerous areas in each Borough and District of the County for pedal cyclists and outline the steps which will be taken to improve active travel measures in these areas, and when these changes can expect to be delivered, on the Nottinghamshire County Council website.

Councillor Penny Gowland Councillor Paul Henshaw

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) Lunch will usually be taken at approximately 12.30pm.
- (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 budget meeting and an extraordinary 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 15 minutes for this item.
- (5) At any Full Council meeting except the budget meeting and an extraordinary meeting Members may present a petition to the Chairman of the County Council on any matter affecting the residents of their division, and in relation to which the County Council has powers or duties. The Member presenting the petition can introduce and speak about the petition for up to one minute. Members are reminded that there is a time limit of 15 minutes for the presentation of petitions, after which any petitions not yet presented will be received en bloc by the Chairman.
- (6) In relation to questions to the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority and questions to the Leader, Cabinet Members and Committee Chairmen; after receiving an answer to their question, the Councillor asking the original question may ask one supplementary question on the same matter. There will be no additional supplementary questions.
- (7) Members' attention is drawn to the questions put to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, the Cabinet Member for Children and Families, the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Asset Management, the Cabinet Member for Finance, and the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, under paragraphs 46, 49, 50 and 57 of the Procedure Rules, and the answers to which are included at the back of the Council book.
- (8) Members are reminded that these papers may be recycled. Appropriate containers are located in the respective secretariats.
- (9) Commonly used points of order
 - 26 – Constituency issues must be about issues which specifically relate to the Member's division and is relevant to the services provided by the County Council
 - 55 – Only 1 supplementary question per question is allowed from the Councillor who asked the original question and supplementary questions must be on the same matter
 - 65 – The Mover or Seconder has spoken for more than 10 minutes when moving the motion

68 – The Member has spoken for more than 5 minutes

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

71 – The Member has already spoken on the motion

90 – Points of Order and Personal Explanations

99 – Disorderly conduct

(10) Time limit of speeches

Motions

68 – no longer than 5 minutes (subject to any exceptions set out in the Constitution)

Constituency Issues

26 – up to 3 minutes per speech allowed

29 – up to 15 minutes for this item allowed

Petitions

33 – up to one minute per petition allowed

37 – up to 15 minutes for this item allowed

Questions

49 – up to 60 minutes for this item allowed

(B) For Members of the Public

- (1) Members of the public wishing to inspect "Background Papers" referred to in the reports on the agenda or Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act should contact:

Customer Services Centre 0300 500 80 80.

- (2) The papers enclosed with this agenda are available in large print if required. Copies can be requested by contacting the Customer Services Centre on 0300 500 80 80. Certain documents (for example appendices and plans to reports) may not be available electronically. Hard copies can be requested from the above contact.
- (3) This agenda and its associated reports are available to view online via an online calendar –
<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/dms/Meetings.aspx>