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# COUNCIL MEETING

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**To All Members of the Council on Friday 11 February 2022**

**Date of meeting: Monday 21 February 2022**

**Time: On the rising of the adjourned Council Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

**Venue: The Council Chamber,  
The Symington Building,  
Adam & Eve Street  
Market Harborough, LE16 7AG**

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Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the Harborough District Council, which you are invited to attend, is to be held as detailed above.

The business to be transacted is set out in the Agenda below.

Yours faithfully

Norman Proudfoot  
Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

Agenda

- 1) Chairman's Announcements.
- 2) To receive Declarations of Members' Interests.
- 3) To receive the Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021
- 4) To receive the report of the Leader and receive questions and answers on it (to follow)

- 5) To answer written questions or receive petitions submitted by the public
- 6) To answer written questions submitted by Members (page 1)
- 7a) To receive any recommendations from the Cabinet:
  1. South Leicestershire Local Plan Making – Statement of Common Ground (November 2021) (page 3)
  2. Shearsby Conservation Area Appraisal (page 15)
  3. Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets (page 49)
  4. Corporate Plan (page 98)
  5. Appointment of Statutory Officers (page 143)
- 7b) To receive a report from the Cabinet (page 150)
- 8) To receive recommendations from the Audit and Standards Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022
  1. Internal Audit Provision: Delegation (page 159)
- 9) To receive reports about and receive questions and answers on the business of joint arrangements and external organisations.
- 10) To receive the report of the Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission (page 166)
- 11) To consider Notices of Motion

1. The following Notice of Motion has been submitted by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Knowles, in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.1 of Part 4(1) of the Council's Constitution:

“Green Motion – Feasibility Study - The Market Harborough – Northampton Rail Link

Reopening this rail link could potentially provide multiple links and serve numerous markets, more goods could be transported by rail as part of a modal shift and people will have a travel choice which is environmentally friendly.

Since this rail link was closed in the early 1980's, the passenger service was in fact closed in the 1960's there have been huge population changes together with changing business logistics.

Milton Keynes was far from the development we now see Northampton was half the size it is now and continues to grow Market Harborough and the surrounding area, as we know, continues to grow.

Such a rail link would join up other rail routes forming a north–west route allowing direct running from Felixstowe and anywhere else to the

Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal (DIRFT) Also the new Northampton Rail Freight Depot.

This rail link would also join up other routes too such as Oxford – Bletchley and create a larger inter-regional market (See tabled Map). The electrification of the Midland Main Line may well make this link attractive to travel north to Sheffield and fit well with the Governments “Levelling Up” Agenda. It would enable a direct route linking Northampton and Leicester.

A new Rail Link travelling through an attractive countryside should incorporate twin tracks with footpaths and cycleways alongside and will offer real choice and encourage modal shift as part of this Councils Climate Crisis Agenda.

The proposal almost certainly enjoys strong support in Northamptonshire.

We move that Harborough District Council:

1. Officers to work with other organisations including the Rail Companies and North Northamptonshire Council to participate in a Feasibility Study to explore this proposal and where necessary potential options.
  2. Following the Feasibility Study, the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Members of Parliament whose constituencies cover the route of the rail link and if applicable to enlist their support.
  3. For Officers of the Council to report back to Council through the appropriate channels on developments and progress at appropriate stages.
2. The following Notice of Motion has been submitted by Councillor Beadle and seconded by Councillor Graves, in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.1 of Part 4(1) of the Council’s Constitution:

Following the recent announcement of the sale of the old allotment site at De Verdon Road, Lutterworth for housing, it is noted that the proceeds that Harborough District Council (HDC) will receive amount to £4.9M.

HDC has announced that the proceeds of the sale will go towards funding projects across the wider district, and some money will be spent in Lutterworth, although there is no commitment as to how much.

HDC's cessation of the lease for the allotments meant that Lutterworth Town Council (LTC) had to source replacement land for

the provision of allotment space, at a cost to the town residents of £330,340. At a full council meeting of LTC on November 9th 2021, a resolution was passed to request HDC to remove this burden from Lutterworth residents by using some of the sale proceeds to reimburse LTC for the capital costs of the new allotments, following which LTC would be able to remove the element from the precept.

The land was originally owned by Lutterworth Rural District Council, with ownership transferring to HDC as a result of the re-organisation of Local Government. It would seem somewhat unfair that this windfall for HDC should benefit areas away from Lutterworth, while leaving Lutterworth residents with increased Council Tax bills. Further, the need for LTC to incur the costs of the new allotments was a direct result of the sale of the land for housing purposes. There is nothing in the published Section 106 agreement relating to this development that recognises the loss of the allotments, nor does anything to mitigate the loss, which LTC deem to be a serious error in the development of the Section 106 agreement. It should be noted that LTC were not consulted at any stage regarding the impact of the development, nor of potential S106 needs.

Lutterworth will take the impact of the new development along with the increased costs of the allotments, and as there is nothing in the S106 agreement to mitigate for the loss, it is only fair that the mitigation is sought from the sale proceeds.

Therefore, it is moved that Harborough District Council will make a payment of £330,340 to Lutterworth Town Council, to mitigate costs incurred by LTC for the provision of allotments."

- 12) To consider an officer's report on the Final Budget 2022/23 & the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (2023/24 to 2026/27) (page 169)
- 13) To consider an officer's report on the Pay Policy Statement (page 356)
- 14) To consider an officer's report on the Amendment to 2008 Approved Harborough District Cemetery Regulations (page 367)
- 15) To consider any urgent items (to be decided by the Chairman).

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