
COUNCIL MEETING

To All Members of the Council on Friday 3 December 2021

Date of meeting: Monday 13 December 2021

Time: On the rising of the Extraordinary Council Meeting on the 13th December 2021

**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 meeting of Council held on 27th September 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. Development Management Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) (page 2)
 2. Planning Application Local Validation List (page 121)
 3. Mid-Year Treasury Management Report 2021/22 with Prudential Indicators (page 151)
 4. Draft Corporate Plan (page 171)
 5. Leicester & Leicestershire Authorities – Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) (page 182)
- 7b) To receive a report from the Cabinet (page 194)
- 8a) To receive recommendations from the Audit and Standards Committee held on 20th October 2021
 1. Appointment of External Auditor (page 203)
 2. LGA Model Code of Conduct (page 213)
- 8b) To receive recommendations from the Constitutional Review Committee held on 29th June 2021
 1. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution – Financial Procedure Rules (page 253)
 2. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution – Contract Procedure Rules (page 258)
 3. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution – Principles of Delegation (page 278)
- 8c) To receive recommendations from the Constitutional Review Committee held on 9th November 2021
 1. Proposed Amendment to the Constitution - Financial Procedure Rules (page 284)
- 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 (to follow)
- 11) To consider Notices of Motion.
 1. The following Notice of Motion has been submitted by Councillor Knowles and seconded by Councillor James, in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.1 of Part 4(1) of the Council's Constitution:

“The decision to move to the Strong Leader and Executive model was taken by Council at its meeting on 4th April 2011. The report titled

Changing Governance Arrangements. We all accept that Times change, needs evolve. The question as of today, is the decision taken more than ten years ago still the best outcome for the delivery of services to our community?

Does the termed Strong Leader and Executive model utilise the wide range of talents available within the pool of councillors to deliver the best for our residents, our district and the collective future needs? After ten years it is surely beneficial to review this model and to either endorse it as still being the best for the needs of Harborough District or to look at the alternatives and to evaluate if the alternatives would give a better future for the serving of our communities.

We move that the officers be requested to produce a report outlining the alternatives that are available to the current model, produce a detailed document that evaluates the comparable options along side the current model and that this report be put before a special meeting of Full Council for consideration where Full Council will be asked to either, endorse the continued use of the current model known as Strong Leader and Cabinet or make the decision, following the evaluation of the alternatives, to decide to change from the current model”.

2. The following Notice of Motion has been submitted by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Fosker, in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.1 of Part 4(1) of the Council's Constitution:

"UK Plastic and General Recycling

Many Members will recall that during 2018/19-2019/2020 several questions, motions and extensive press coverage was devoted to understanding the amounts recycling waste produced by Harborough District Council and Leicestershire generally, what happens to it and where it is processed. To repeat a comment in one of the news articles, our responsibility for recycling does not end at the kerbside or at the tip sites.

Nationally it was exposed that UK recycling waste was being transported across the world for sorting and disposal specifically to Indonesia, Thailand, and Malaysia. Plastic waste that was contaminated, up to 50%, was being dumped in the Oceans causing contamination and death to sea life. Following a change of Government in Malaysia thousands of tonnes of waste was returned to the UK.

Now it seems that we are dumping plastic waste on Turkey with our plastic shopping bags seen floating off their coastline. We continue to dump waste on other countries and much of it is burned in the open air damaging the health of local people, killing wildlife and polluting oceans.

Working and living conditions are often appalling, akin to modern slavery and encouraging immigration for desperate people.

In the UK we produce more plastic waste per person than other countries second only to USA.

Less than 10% of the plastic that we use is recycled in the UK. As a District Council committed to doing our bit acting on the Climate Emergency, we need to play our part to stop this appalling practice as does our County Council and National Government. We need to fix this problem so that it does not harm people and our planet.

Against this concerning backcloth we move that Harborough District Council:

1. Calls upon our residents of the District to minimise the use of plastics in everyday life.
 2. Calls upon our officers to establish exactly what happens to our recycling plastic waste and where it ends up in the world, reporting this back to members.
 3. Calls upon the Members of Parliament whose constituencies cover Harborough District to do all they can to stop the present practice of dumping our plastic waste on other Countries in the world.
 4. Asks our Members of Parliament whose constituencies cover Harborough District to support our Common Objective to bring about change and ensure that UK plastic waste is processed in the UK.
 5. Our officers are requested to communicate details of the views of Harborough District Council to Members of Parliament whose constituencies cover Harborough District and request a written acknowledgement and responses".
- 12) To consider an officer's report on Annual Reports of the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) and Safeguarding Children Partnership (SCP) (page 300)
 - 13) To consider a report from the Chairman of the Climate Emergency Working Group on the Climate Emergency Action Plan (page 349)
 - 14) To consider any urgent items (to be decided by the Chairman).

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