



**North East
Derbyshire**
District Council

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To: **All Members of the Council**

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held on **Monday, 8 July 2019 at 3.00 pm in the Council Chamber**. District Council Offices, 2013 Mill Lane, Wingerworth, Chesterfield, S42 6NG.

Please note that a number of parking spaces will be reserved for Member use on the day of the meeting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Steuberg".

Joint Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

PLEASE NOTE:

1 For Members' information the following room arrangements have been made for Group Meetings prior to this Council meeting:

Conservative Group	-	Council Chamber
Labour Group	-	Executive Meeting Room
Liberal Democrat	-	Meeting Room 102A

2 Members are requested to bring their laptops and iPads to the meeting where assistance will be provided to anyone who may require it in order to follow the meeting electronically.

AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interests, not already on their register of interests, in any items on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time.

3 Minutes of Last Meeting (Pages 8 - 25)

To approve as a correct record and the Chair to sign the attached Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 20 May 2019.

4 Chair's Announcements (if any)

5 Public Participation

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 8 to allow members of the public to ask questions about the Council's activities for a period up to fifteen minutes. The replies to any such questions will be given by the appropriate Cabinet Member. Questions must be received in writing or by email to the Monitoring Officer by 12 noon seven clear working days before the meeting.

No questions have been submitted under Procedure Rule No 8 for this meeting.

6 To answer any questions from Members asked under Procedure Rule No 9.2

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 9.2 to allow Members to ask questions about Council activities. The replies to any such questions will be given by the Chair of the Council or relevant Committee or the appropriate Cabinet Member. Questions must be received in writing or by email to the Monitoring Officer by 12 noon seven clear working days before the meeting.

- (a) Question submitted by Cllr Tracy Reader to Cllr Martin Thacker MBE, Leader of the Council:-

"In times of austerity and Council budgets being squeezed can the Leader of the Council tell us how much it is costing the Council to rebrand and to also redecorate the Council corridors?"

- (b) Question submitted by Cllr Nigel Barker to Cllr Charlotte Cupit, Portfolio Holder for Environment:-

"Given that the Local Plan process has been paused, what assurances can you give the residents of North East Derbyshire that this will not lead to more opportunistic development in the District?"

7 To consider any Motions from Members under Procedure Rule No 10

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 10 to consider Motions on notice from Members. Motions must be received in writing or by email to the Monitoring Officer by 12 noon seven clear working days before the meeting.

(a) Motion proposed by Cllr Ross Shipman and seconded by Cllr David Hancock

“Council notes:-

- *That the impacts of climate breakdown are already causing serious damage around the world.*
- *That the ‘Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C’, published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in October 2018, (a) describes the enormous harm that a 2°C average rise in global temperatures is likely to cause compared with a 1.5°C rise, and (b) confirms that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society and the private sector.*
- *That all governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to act, and local governments that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies.*
- *That strong policies to cut emissions also have associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits.*
- *That, recognising this, a growing number of UK local authorities have already passed ‘Climate Emergency’ motions.*

Council therefore resolves to:-

- *Declare a ‘Climate Emergency’ that requires urgent action.*
- *Make the Council’s activities net-zero carbon by 2030.*
- *Achieve 100% clean energy across the Council’s full range of functions by 2030.*
- *Make use of the newly announced grant scheme administered by the Forestry Commission; which can fund the implementation of a tree planting scheme to help reduce air pollution and carbon emissions across North East Derbyshire.*
- *Ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2030.*
- *Support and work with all other relevant agencies towards making the entire area zero carbon within the same timescale.*
- *Ensure that political and Chief Officer leadership teams embed this work in all areas and take responsibility for reducing, as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the Council’s activities, ensuring that any recommendations are fully costed and that the Executive and Scrutiny functions review council activities taking account of production and consumption emissions and produce an*

action plan within 12 months, together with budget actions and a measured baseline.

- *Request that Council Scrutiny Panels consider the impact of climate change and the environment when reviewing Council policies and strategies.*
- *Work with, influence and inspire partners across the District, County and region to help deliver this goal through all relevant strategies, plans and shared resources by developing a series of meetings, events and partner workshops.*
- *Request that the Council and partners take steps to proactively include young people in the process, ensuring that they have a voice in shaping the future.*
- *Request that the Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Climate Change convenes a Citizens' Assembly in 2019 in order to involve the wider population in this process. This Group would help develop their own role, identify how the Council's activities might be made net-zero carbon by 2030, consider the latest climate science and expert advice on solutions and to consider systematically the climate change impact of each area of the Council's activities.*
- *Set up a Climate Change Partnership Group, involving Councillors, residents, young citizens, climate science and solutions experts, businesses, Citizens Assembly representatives and other relevant parties. Over the following 12 months, the Group will consider strategies and actions being developed by the Council and other partner organisations and develop a strategy in line with a target of net zero emissions by 2030. It will also recommend ways to maximise local benefits of these actions in other sectors such as employment, health, agriculture, transport and the economy.*
- *Report on the level of investment in the fossil fuel industry that our pensions plan and other investments have, and review the Council's investment strategy to give due consideration to climate change impacts in the investment portfolio.*
- *Ensure that all reports in preparation for the 2020/21 budget cycle and investment strategy will take into account the actions the Council will take to address this emergency.*
- *Call on the UK Government to provide the powers, resources and help with funding to make this possible, and ask local MPs to do likewise.*
- *Consider other actions that could be implemented, including (but not restricted to): renewable energy generation and storage, providing electric vehicle infrastructure and encouraging alternatives to private car use, increasing the efficiency of buildings, in particular to address fuel poverty, proactively using local planning powers to accelerate the*

delivery of net carbon new developments and communities, co-ordinating a series of good information and training events to raise awareness and share good practice.”

(b) Motion proposed by Cllr Charlotte Cupit:-

“This Council notes that climate change is one of the biggest threats facing our world and recognises that changing human behaviour to confront the danger to our planet and secure a sustainable, healthy and prosperous environment for us and for future generations to continue to enjoy. To confirm our commitment to this challenge, this Council declares a climate and ecological emergency.

In recognising this urgency for change and to lead the way with positive action for the transformation of our District and wider area, this Council therefore resolves to:-

- *Adopt a Climate Change Action Strategy with immediate effect that includes action planning.*
- *Adopt all targets set out in the Council Climate Change Action Plan and achieve at least an 80% reduction in our carbon emissions by 2030.*
- *Implement a monitoring system and reporting mechanisms as set out in the Climate Change Plan, and establish a Climate Change Council Sub-Group of cross-party memberships (chaired by the Council’s Climate Change Portfolio Holder), which will also consider all necessary future actions as required.*
- *Promote and embed sustainable and energy efficient practices, buildings, workplaces and transport across our organisation and services with the target of 100% clean energy by 2030.*
- *Continue to harness our Streetscene Teams and planning processes to protect and enhance our natural environment, stimulate biodiversity and nurture our wildlife and pollinators.*
- *Introduce a communication strategy, organise community action events, establish ‘Climate Change Schools’ conferences, and work with our partners, businesses, schools, communities and other Councils to promote behavioural change, and develop new ideas and co-ordinated responses to climate change and plastic pollution.*

In accepting the above initial steps, this Council also endorses the ongoing close review of, and a dynamic approach to, our climate change strategy to capitalise on new opportunities and technologies, and thereby continue to influence and inspire positive change in the local and wider areas”.

(c) Motion proposed by Cllr David Hancock and seconded by Cllr Pam Windley

“Council notes:-

- The content of Procedure Rules 8.3 and 9.6 – restricting the number of questions per elector and per elected Member to one (plus one supplementary question) per Council meeting.*
- That, during the last two years, there have been only eight questions submitted under Procedure Rule 8 and seven questions submitted under Procedure Rule 9.*
- That questions occasionally require a written response.*

The Liberal Democrats believe that these restrictions are an unnecessary obstacle in regard to the transparency and accountability of the Council, and that the number of questions submitted historically does not present any legitimate logistical reason for imposing any restriction.

The Liberal Democrats also believe that all responses to public questions should be recorded in the public domain, whether the response is given verbally or in writing.

Council resolves to:-

- Delete Procedure Rules 8.3 and 9.6 from its Constitution and to publish all written responses to questions and appendices to the minutes of the meeting”.*

(d) Motion proposed by Cllr Pam Windley to Cllr Charlotte Cupit, Portfolio Holder for Environment:-

“Council notes:-

- Public concerns regarding the frequency of fly-tipping reports around the District.*
- The provisions within The Control of Waste Regulations 2015 permitting the seizure, and the right for Local Authorities to apply to the Court for the destruction of any vehicle involved in fly-tipping.*

Council believes, based on the effectiveness of this enforcement in other parts of the country, that adopting such stringent measures would have a positive effect in North East Derbyshire.

Council resolves to enforce the penalty provisions within the remit of The Control of Waste Regulations 2015 to their maximum extent in order as a deterrent to prospective fly-tippers in order to ultimately reduce the Council’s cost of clearing up after such incidents”.

8 Climate Change Action Plan 2019-30 (Pages 26 - 66)

Report of Councillor C Cupit, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change

9 Protocol for Members Appointed to Represent the Council on Outside Bodies

To consider reports (if any) from Members nominated to represent the Council on outside bodies.

10 Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19 (Pages 67 - 78)

To consider the Scrutiny Annual Report for the 2018/19 municipal year.

11 Pay Policy Statement 2019/20 (Pages 79 - 91)

To consider and approve the Council's Pay Policy Statement

12 Chair's Urgent Business

To consider any other matter which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.



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