



**North East  
Derbyshire**  
District Council

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Date: Friday, 4 September 2020

To: **All Members of the Council**

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held on **Monday, 14 September 2020 at 3.00 pm held on the Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform**. Access credentials to the meeting will be sent to you under separate cover. This meeting will be audio-live streamed to the website via YouTube.

Group meetings will be arranged, where necessary, by the Group Leaders.

#### Virtual Attendance and Hybrid Meetings

I have provided the Leader and Deputy Leader with advice on the holding of “hybrid” meetings outlining the risks including to employees dealing with the Chamber and to Members. Hybrid meetings are those where some attendance is in person in the Council Chamber and some is virtual.

I would encourage you all to attend virtually. Government guidance is clear that no more than 2 people should be meeting together in person. Accordingly if you attend in person you will be deemed to have accepted the following disclaimer as applying.

#### Risk Assessment Disclaimer

When attending this meeting in person, I confirm that I have read and understood the contents of each of the following risk assessments and agree to act in line with its content.

- RA – Return to Work Mill Lane Covid 19 V9
- Mill Lane Coronavirus Control Measures V4

Both documents have been emailed to Members and are available on the Modern.Gov App library.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Steuberg".

**Joint Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer**

# **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 6 - 20)**

To approve as a correct record and the Chair to sign the attached Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 July 2020.

## **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 twelve clear working days before the meeting.

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

## **6 Transformation Programme Update - May 2019 to May 2020 (Pages 21 - 43)**

Report of Councillor J Kenyon, Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Transformation and Climate Change.

## **7 Climate Change Update (Pages 44 - 52)**

Report of Councillor J Kenyon, Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Transformation and Climate Change.

## **8 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 twelve clear working days before the meeting.

The following questions have been submitted:-

### **(a) Question submitted by Councillor N Barker**

Can the Leader update the Council on how the COVID crisis has impacted on the financial position of the Council and Rykneld Homes, with special reference to their Capital programmes?

- (b) Question submitted by Councillor J Barry  
Can the Leader summarise what the District Council did to commemorate VJ day?
- (c) Question submitted by Councillor M Jones  
Food drop offs have ceased just at a point where more people are out of work and unable to feed themselves and their families. The food parcels that the Council put together helped a great many people and to stop it now when numbers of COVID 19 are on the rise in NEDDC seem illogical. Can the leader enlighten us as to why this has happened and what reasons are behind it?

## 9 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 twelve clear working days before the meeting.

- (a) Motion submitted by Councillor D Hancock

*“**Council notes** the concerns raised by numerous ward members, residents and the Planning Committee questioning the content of responses submitted by the Highways Authority.*

***Council believes** that, as a responsible planning authority, it has a duty to everyone to ensure that development is sustainable and that all planning decisions should be robustly determined; and that it should have full confidence in the information it is provided with as part of that process.*

***Council resolves** to raise the significant concerns, with Derbyshire County Council Highways, of elected members and the public regarding the accuracy of their responses to consultations and, what would appear to be, numerous failings to include the cumulative impact of other proposed development (as required in the National Planning Policy Framework)”.*

- (b) Motion submitted by Councillor R Shipman

*“**Council notes** the extent of new development in North East Derbyshire, both speculative and in line with the draft Local Plan.*

***Council believes** that all planning decisions should be robustly enforced.*

***Council resolves** to increase the capacity of the planning enforcement team”.*

- (c) Motion submitted by Councillor N Barker

*The Labour Group has concern that on the 6 August 2020, the Government published a White Paper entitled ‘Planning for the Future’ with the aim of ‘slashing red tape and accelerating house building’.*

*With this in mind with regards to responding to the consultation we request that the Council resolves to:-*

*Respond to the consultation highlighting the Council's concerns that*

- *The proposals will give central Government the powers to set arbitrary housing delivery numbers for each authority.*
- *They will remove the opportunity for communities to comment on individual planning applications.*
- *They could lead to unregulated development and as such could be a precursor to what some have termed a 'slum charter'.*
- *The removal of Section 106 and CIL's could lead to less affordable houses being built and the prospect of embedding regional inequalities.*

(d) Motion submitted by Councillor P Windley

*Council notes the recent proposed changes in the government's white paper Planning for the Future. These include handing powers away from Development Management Committees and to government run development corporations and a further expansion of permitted development rights, including the right for developers to build upwards without planning permission.*

*Council believes that the government's current National Planning Policy Framework seriously constrains council's powers to insist that developers provide affordable housing or infrastructure such as schools, GP surgeries or improved public transport in new development.*

*Council resolves for the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to reform planning rules to give local councils more power to:-*

- *Insist on improved infrastructure with new developments;*
- *Challenge viability assessments that allow developers to get away without providing adequate affordable housing for local young people;*
- *Scrap permitted development rights that lead to substandard homes being built.*

**10 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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your language***

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