



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, 26 April 2021 at 3.30 pm**. Access credentials to the meeting will be sent to you under separate cover. The public parts of the meeting will be streamed from the Council's website on its 'You Tube' channel.

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. 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 V13
- Mill Lane Coronavirus Control Measures V8

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

The same advice is given to officers who are also encouraged to participate in the meeting remotely.

Yours sincerely



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 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.

4 Joint Whistleblowing Policy (Pages 7 - 20)

Report of the Joint Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

5 Growth Strategy (Pages 21 - 64)

Report of Councillor C Renwick, Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth

6 Independent Person Recruitment - To Follow

Report of the Joint Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

7 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.

No questions have been submitted under Procedure Rule No 9.2 for this meeting.

8 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 proposed by Councillor R Shipman

North East Derbyshire District Council is committed to making our District a safer place for everyone.

Council notes:

- Public sexual harassment is the most common form of violence against women and girls, restricting their freedom of movement and expression;
- That in surveys, two-thirds of women and girls report they have faced street harassment in the UK;
- That street harassment in the UK is not covered by any specific offence, unlike in Portugal, Belgium and France;
- That stopping street harassment would be a powerful step in tackling inequality and keeping women safe;
- The incredible work of Our Streets Now, and their petition which has attracted over 200,000 signatures to make street harassment a specific crime;
- That, according to a report by Our Streets Now, only 14% of pupils have been taught about public sexual harassment at school; and that 47% of them would not report an incident of public sexual harassment to their school because they were afraid or feared they would not be taken seriously by staff.

Council believes:

- That we must create an environment where street harassment is seen and policed as a crime, and where girls feel safer on our streets;
- That we need to work together with our schools to ensure that anyone who is harassed will feel confident that their report will be treated with the respect, care and seriousness that is required;
- That changing the law, and education for our young people, are key planks in combating street harassment, establishing safer streets and delivering equality.

Council resolves to:

- Promote the Our Streets Now campaign to make street harassment a crime, and encourage all elected members, and residents to sign the petition;
- Ask the Leader of the Council to write to the two MPs who cover the District to ask them to show their support for this campaign by signing the petition and by lobbying ministers to make street harassment a specific crime;
- Ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Home Secretary to ask her to make street harassment a particular crime;
- Ask schools and academies within the District to each develop a clear policy on tackling harassment, separate to their bullying policy;
- Ask local schools to include education and around public sexual harassment as part of their PHSE education;
- Ensure that the recommendations of the Our Schools Now report are communicated to schools with a view to implementing their recommendations.

(b) Motion proposed by Councillor D Hancock – Seconded by Councillor R Shipman

Council notes that:

- According to the Indices of Multiple Deprivation, 30.2% on North East Derbyshire live in some form of poverty;
- According to the Office of Budget Responsibility, Unemployment has more than tripled during the coronavirus pandemic, with this figure likely to rise;
- Results from a Finnish trial of Universal Basic Income (UBI) in 2017-18 showed improvements in employment and wellbeing for the group who participated;
- A network of UBI Labs has been set up and works with local authorities across the UK developing UBI proposals to address poverty, inequality, discrimination and environmental damage, long-term and immediately, in relation to coronavirus.

Council believes that:

- This year more than any other has shown that when unexpected events take place, the precarious nature of low-paid, insecure employment is a major fault-line in the resilience of our economy;
- A UBI could help alleviate poverty, opening the door to opportunities that might otherwise be out of reach, and liberate people from the anxiety of job insecurity through a monthly income regardless of employment status, wealth, or marital status;
- A UBI will prevent the need for short term emergency financial supports in moments of crisis, such as a pandemic or financial crash;
- There are many potential benefits to a UBI including:-
 - More flexible workforce and greater freedom to change jobs;
 - Supporting a caring economy to value unpaid work;
 - Removing the negative impacts of means testing, benefit sanctions and conditionality;
 - Enabling greater opportunities for people to work in community and cultural activities or to train or reskill in areas that will be needed to transition to a lower-carbon economy
- This is the right time to trial Universal Basic Income.

Council resolves to:

- Write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, calling for a fully evaluated and fully-funded trial of basic income in our district, as a result of the effects of the Covid pandemic;
- Work with other local authorities to help test UBI in Derbyshire.

(c) Motion proposed by Councillor T Reader – Seconded by Councillor J Barry

Preamble

Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt in the UK and around the world. Global temperatures have increased by 1 degree Celsius from pre-industrial levels. Atmospheric CO₂ levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm) and continue to rise. This far exceeds the 350 ppm deemed to be a safe level for humanity.

Without more significant and sustained action, the world is set to exceed the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit between 2030 and 2040. Therefore the current UK target of net zero by 2050 is not satisfactory. It is too little too late.

The increase in harm caused by a rise of 2°C rather than 1.5°C is significant. This is described by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C published in October 2018. According to the IPCC, limiting heating to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector and local communities. The costs of failing to address this crisis will far outstrip the investments required to prevent it. Investing now will bring many benefits in the form of good jobs, breathable cities and thriving communities.

Council notes that:

- This Council has declared a climate and ecological emergency;
- There is a Bill before Parliament—the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (published as the “Climate and Ecology Bill”)—according to which the Government must develop an emergency strategy that:
 - a. requires that the UK plays its fair and proper role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with limiting global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees C above pre-industrial temperatures;
 - b. ensures that all the UK's consumption emissions are accounted for;
 - c. includes emissions from aviation and shipping;
 - d. protects and restores biodiverse habitats along overseas supply chains;
 - e. restores and regenerates the UK's depleted soils, wildlife habitats and species populations to healthy and robust states, maximising their capacity to absorb CO₂ and their resistance to climate heating;
 - f. sets up an independent Citizens' Assembly, representative of the UK's population, to engage with Parliament and Government and help develop the emergency strategy.

Council therefore resolves to:

- Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill;
- Inform the local media of this decision;
- Write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill.

9 Exclusion of Public

The Chair to move:-

That the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following items of business to avoid the disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 & 3, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006). [The category of exempt information is stated after each item].

10 Councillor Dispensation (Pages 65 - 73)

Report of the Joint Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer.
(Paragraphs 1, 2 & 3)

11 Senior Management Review - To Follow

Report of Councillor A Dale, Leader of the Council

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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