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Dear Sir/Madam

I summon you to the MEETING of the LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL to be held at COUNTY HALL, GLENFIELD on WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2024 at 2.00 p.m. for the transaction of the business set out in the agenda below.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Announcements.
2. Report of the Returning Officer. (Pages 5 - 6)
3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7 December 2023. (Pages 7 - 20)
4. To receive declarations by members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.
5. To answer questions asked under Standing Order 7(1)(2) and (5).
6. To receive position statements under Standing Order 8.

To consider reports of the Cabinet, Scrutiny Commission, Scrutiny Committees and other bodies:

7. Report of the Cabinet.
 - (a) Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024/25 - 2027/28. (Pages 21 - 300)



8. Report of the Corporate Governance Committee.

(a) Proposed Changes to the Contract Procedure Rules.

(Pages 301 -
316)

9. To consider the following notice of motion:

(a) Support for Care Experienced People - Mrs D. Taylor CC

(i) This Council notes that:

- (a) Care experienced people face significant barriers that impact them throughout their lives;
- (b) Despite the resilience of many care experienced people, society too often does not take their needs into account;
- (c) Care experienced people often face discrimination and stigma across housing, health, education, relationships, employment and in the criminal justice system;
- (d) Care experienced people may encounter inconsistent support in different geographical areas;
- (e) As corporate parents, members have a collective responsibility for providing the best possible care and safeguarding for the children who are looked after by us as an authority;
- (f) All corporate parents should commit to acting as mentors, hearing the voices of looked after children and young people and to consider their needs in any aspect of council work;
- (g) Members should be champions of the children in our care and challenge the negative attitudes and prejudice that exists in all aspects of society;
- (h) The Public Sector Equality Duty requires public bodies, such as councils, to have due regard of the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, and victimisation of people with protected characteristics.

(ii) This Council therefore resolves that:

- (a) It recognises that care experienced people are a group who are likely to face discrimination;
- (b) It recognises that co-production and collaboration can help ensure that the needs and aspirations of all people are at the heart of decision making;
- (c) Future decision, services and policies made and adopted by the Council should be assessed through Equality Impact Assessments to determine the impact of changes on people with care experience, alongside those who formally share a protected characteristic;
- (d) In the delivery of the Public Sector Equality Duty the Council will work towards including people with care experience in the publication and review of Equality Objectives and the annual publication of information relating to people who share a protected characteristic in services and employment.

- (e) This Council will treat care experience as if it were a protected characteristic whilst recognising that the needs of people with legally defined protected characteristics will need to take precedence if there is a conflict;
- (f) This Council formally calls upon other local authorities within Leicestershire to treat care experience as a protected characteristic until such time as it may be introduced by legislation;
- (g) To continue proactively seeking out and listening to the voices of care experienced people when developing new policies based on their views.