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Date: Wednesday, 23 February 2022

To all Members of the Council

Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday, 3 March 2022 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford to consider the following items of business.

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Yours sincerely



Sanjit Sull
Monitoring Officer

AGENDA

Moment of Reflection

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2021 (Pages 1 - 16)
To receive as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2 December 2021.
4. Mayor's Announcements
5. Leader's Announcements
6. Chief Executive's Announcements

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7. Citizens' Questions

To answer questions submitted by Citizens on the Council or its services.

8. 2022/23 Budget and Financial Strategy (Pages 17 - 160)

The report of the Director – Finance and Corporate Services is attached.

9. Council Tax Resolution 2022/23 (Pages 161 - 168)

The report of the Director – Finance and Corporate Services is attached.

10. Levelling Up White Paper and Devolution Opportunities (Pages 169 - 182)

The report of the Chief Executive is attached.

11. Upper Saxondale Community Governance Review (Pages 183 - 200)

The report of the Chief Executive is attached.

12. Hickling Parish Neighbourhood Plan (Pages 201 - 206)

The report of the Director – Development and Economic Growth is attached.

13. Notices of Motion

To receive Notices of Motion submitted under Standing Order No.12

- a) This Council recognises the contribution that solar power can make in moving Rushcliffe towards net zero carbon by means of solar power generation in/on new buildings, and also that it is possible to position, design, build and operate solar farms to produce valuable renewable energy in a way that benefits the community, biodiversity, wildlife, and recreational enjoyment of the countryside. However, Council also recognises the potential negative impacts of solar farms, for example in terms of loss of agricultural land, management methods that reduce biodiversity, restriction of movement of wildlife, loss of habitat variety, reduced recreational access to the countryside, negative impact on the landscape and openness of the countryside, and impact on the amenity of neighbouring residents.

Council will:

1. Before the next Local Plan, issue planning guidance to:
 - maximise opportunities for solar power generation and

- energy efficiency in new buildings, in line with current Local Plan and National policies; and
- supplement Policy 16 of Local Plan Part 2 in terms of the location and design of solar farms to help ensure negative impacts are minimised.
2. In the next Local Plan:
 - strengthen policies to achieve improved solar power generation and energy efficiency in new buildings; and
 - advance the positive benefits of solar farms for the community, whilst protecting against the negative impacts.
 3. Call on the government to strengthen national planning policies relating to solar power generation and energy efficiency in new buildings so that this does not rely on local policies.

Councillor C Thomas

- b) Council recognises that use of chemical pesticides (including herbicides and insecticides) has the potential to harm the health of our residents and have negative impacts on the environment and biodiversity. Council resolves to:
 1. Build on existing actions to reduce the use of pesticides in its own operations, replacing with less harmful alternatives over a three year period, except for a small list of permitted exceptions to be determined.
 2. Work with partner organisations, including Nottinghamshire County Council, to influence their own use of the pesticides in public areas within Rushcliffe.
 3. Conduct a public awareness campaign and otherwise use its influence to encourage the public and businesses in Rushcliffe to similarly eliminate the use of pesticides on their own land.
 4. Include appropriate advisory notes in planning consents for residential developments which include public open spaces to incorporate construction management plans and ongoing management agreements for public open space which are similarly pesticide-free.

Councillor L Way

14. Questions from Councillors

To answer questions submitted by Councillors under Standing Order No. 11(2)

Membership

Chairman: Councillor S Mallender

Vice-Chairman: Councillor T Combellack

Councillors: R Adair, S Bailey, B Bansal, M Barney, K Beardsall, N Begum, A Brennan, B Buschman, R Butler, N Clarke, J Cottee, G Dickman, A Edyvean, M Gaunt, P Gowland, B Gray, L Healy, L Howitt, R Inglis, Mrs C Jeffreys, R Jones, R Mallender, D Mason, G Moore, J Murray, A Phillips, V Price, F Purdue-Horan, S J Robinson, K Shaw, D Simms, J Stockwood, Mrs M Stockwood, C Thomas, R Upton, D Viridi, J Walker, R Walker, L Way, G Wheeler, J Wheeler and G Williams

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