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Wednesday, 26 February 2025

Chair: Councillor J Hall
Vice-Chair: Councillor L Tift

To: All Members of the Council

MEETING:	Full Council
DATE:	Thursday, 6 March 2025 at 6.00 pm
VENUE:	Civic Suite, Castle House, Great North Road, Newark, NG24 1BY
<p>You are hereby requested to attend the above Meeting to be held at the time/place and on the date mentioned above for the purpose of transacting the business on the Agenda as overleaf.</p> <p>If you have any queries please contact Nigel Hill on Tel: 01636 655243 Email: Nigel.hill@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk</p>	

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<p>In accordance with Rule No. 3.3.3 the following question has been submitted to the Council from Councillor John Lee:</p> <p>“Given that we are moving towards a unitary system where services will likely be amalgamated rather than separated, is now really the right time to be relocating the camera system hub? Has there been any communication with other councils either by yourself or by Councillor Paul Peacock about whether this is a financially wise decision in the context of future service integration?”</p>	
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Warmer Homes in Newark and Sherwood

In accordance with the Rule No. 3.4.3, Councillor K Melton will move and Councillor M Spoor will second a motion to the following effect:

Council notes that:

1. The incoming Labour Government has announced a plan to ensure it can ... *“lift over one million households out of fuel poverty by consulting on boosting minimum energy efficiency standards for all renters by 2030, delivering warmer homes and cheaper bills.”*
Minister for Energy Consumers Miatta Fahnbulleh – November 2024
2. In October 2024 ... *“The National Wealth Fund (NWF), Barclays, and the Lloyds Banking Group partnered to provide loans for social housing energy efficiency projects. The loans are intended to help housing associations meet their net zero targets and improve the quality of life for residents.”*
3. The MCS* Foundation, whose vision is to *“Make every home in the UK Carbon free...”* is working with our East Midlands Regional organisation N2D2 and the regional mayor, Claire Ward, to help establish decarbonisation projects in the East Midlands.
4. Newark and Sherwood District Council has initiated a few small-scale grant-aided projects to decarbonize some social homes. However, a date has not yet been set for the decarbonization and insulation of the majority of our 5500 social homes.

Council reaffirms its commitment to using the UN Sustainable Development Goals as a guide, and roadmap, for generating Local Action that works towards achieving the UN SDGs.

In view of the accelerating speed of global over-heating and the consequent impact of extreme weather events (*e.g. very cold winters*), plus the availability of funding streams which mean decarbonisation and insulation work should now be undertaken without all capital expenditure responsibility falling to a Local Authority, this Council now resolves:-

- A. To instruct the Director of Housing Health and Wellbeing to investigate incorporating and accelerating decarbonisation of NSDC housing stock.
- B. To instruct the Director of Housing Health and Wellbeing to explore available funding options to fulfil objective A as soon as possible.
- C. To investigate the implications of all NSDC new build social housing in the District being built to net zero carbon standards.

(*MCS = Microgeneration Certification Scheme)

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18. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To consider resolving that, under section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

None