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**Monday, 13 October 2025**

**Chair: Councillor L Tift**  
**Vice-Chair: Councillor R Jackson**

**To all Members of the Council:**

**MEETING: Full Council**

**DATE: Tuesday, 21 October 2025 at 6.00 pm**

**VENUE: Civic Suite, Castle House, Great North Road,  
Newark, NG24 1BY**

**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.**

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## AGENDA

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| 2. | Apologies for absence                                                                                                             |        |
| 3. | Declarations of Interest by Members and Officers                                                                                  |        |
| 4. | Minutes from the meeting held on 15 July 2025                                                                                     | 6 - 20 |
| 5. | Communications which the Chairman, Leader, Chief Executive or Portfolio Holders may wish to lay before the Council                |        |
| 6. | In accordance with Rule No. 3.1 to receive the presentation or the debating of any Petitions from Members of the Council (if any) |        |
| 7. | Questions from Members of the Public and Council                                                                                  |        |

In accordance with Rule No. 3.3.2 the following question has been submitted to the Council from a member of the public, Laurence Goff:

Empty Properties – Why did it take so long?

“For many years Newark and Sherwood has had empty buildings not being protected, empty properties, often commercial buildings.

Work is set to take place to transform the historic 300-year-old Ollerton Hall that has stood vacant for 50 years. It now has planning permission to turn them into apartments. The Robin Hood Hotel in Newark, a landmark building, stood derelict for over two decades after its closure in 1999 before being transformed into a Travelodge hotel.

The Lilley and Stone School, Newark has stood empty for 9 years; Woods Court former care home is empty; the Oaks and Little Oaks Care Home, 172 London Road, Balderton, Newark is also standing empty. The Corner Exchange, Newark stood empty for years which is now a night club, located in the town Centre.

The question is why they did not have someone to live in to safeguard the properties in the first place? It would be good to setup a Guardianship to safeguard our properties across the District.

An empty property guardianship offers the best solution where an individual lives in and protects vacant properties, at a lower cost than traditional renting, while the property owner benefits from security and reduced risks. Guardians secure the property, preventing issues like squatters, anti-social behaviour and vandalism, and often enjoy more affordable, flexible living arrangements. Not only do property owners

benefit from having their vacant buildings protected, but guardians pay lower rent than market rates in exchange for maintaining the property and ensuring its security.”

In accordance with Rule No. 3.3.3 the following question has been submitted to the Council from Councillor Peter Harris:

“The Leader is our representative to the East Midlands Combined Authority Mayor. What influence does the East Midlands Mayor have at the Government for improving rail services in our area?”

In accordance with Rule No. 3.3.3 the following question has been submitted to the Council from Councillor John Lee:

“During the last election, the Independents for Newark & District set out a number of manifesto commitments. Residents reasonably expect clarity on whether those commitments are being delivered within the current term.

For example:

1. Housing and Green Space – The Council’s Housing Allocation Scheme consultation (Sept 2024) confirmed that demand for homes continues to outstrip supply. In addition, 142 homes were approved on Lowfield Lane, Balderton, land that residents had previously understood would be protected. ([Newark Advertiser, 2024]).
2. Climate Change – The Council has reported a 26% reduction in carbon emissions from its own buildings and operations ([Newark Advertiser, Sept 2025]), but there is no published timetable showing how the wider district will move towards the pledged 2035 net zero target.
3. Health and Wellbeing – While community events have been delivered, there is no published evidence demonstrating improvements in life expectancy or reduced health inequalities.
4. Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour – Nottinghamshire Police figures show shoplifting increased by 21% and burglary by 9% in 2024 compared to the previous year. Overall crime stood at 6,834 incidents per 100,000 people in the year to Sept 2023. ([Notts Police, Jan 2025]; [Varbes, 2023])

Given these published figures, will the Deputy Leader confirm when each of these manifesto pledges will be fully met, or whether she accepts that they will not be met within the lifetime of this administration”.

In accordance with Rule No. 3.3.3 the following question has been submitted to the Council from Councillor Neil Allen:

“With the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee’s annual report having just been published does this report reflect the findings of the recent peer review?

And in particular the recommendations to improve scrutiny and flexibility in regard to: -Working groups; the shaping of policy and strategy; driving

service improvement; and scrutiny and allowing flexibility in regard to allowing Councillors to question performance.”

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In accordance with the Rule No. 3.4.3, the following motions are to be considered:

Motion 1 - Consideration of the introduction of Article 4 Directions within urban areas of Newark and Sherwood (Under the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015)

Motion 2 – Marie Curie Campaign for a Council Tax Exemption for Terminally Ill

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15. 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

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