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Friday, 23 April 2021

Chairman: Councillor R Crowe
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Mrs P Rainbow

To all Members of the Council:

MEETING: Full Council

DATE: Tuesday, 4 May 2021 at 6.00 pm

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

**You are hereby requested to attend the above Meeting
for the purpose of transacting the business on the Agenda as overleaf.**

**Attendance at this meeting and public access will be by remote means due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.
Further details to enable remote access will be forwarded to all parties prior to the
commencement of the meeting.**

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AGENDA

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Remote Meeting Details

This meeting will be held in a remote manner in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

The meeting will be live streamed on the Council's social media platforms to enable access for the Press and Public.

1. Apologies for absence
2. Election of Chairman of the Council for 2021/22
3. Chairman to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office
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5. Declarations of Interest by Members and Officers and as to the Party Whip
6. Declarations of any Intentions to Record the Meeting
7. Communications which the Chairman or the Chief Executive may wish to lay before the Council
8. Communications which the Leader of the Council and Committee Chairmen may wish to lay before the Council
9. Questions from Members of the Council and Public
10. In accordance with Rule No. 10 to receive the presentation or the debating of any Petitions from Members of the Council (if any)
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14. Notice of Motion

In accordance with Rule No. 13.1, Councillor P. Harris will move and Councillor M. Brock will second a motion to the following effect:

“Many of Newark and Sherwood’s Councillors live quite a distance from Newark. For some it is an hour's round trip to attend a committee meeting. It isn't always easy, particularly during winter time, to attend all the

meetings because of inclement weather and work commitments. There are meetings in the morning, afternoon and evening with some time in-between. That time is not wasted if Members are able to attend remotely from home.

Newark & Sherwood District Council has declared a climate emergency, and by attending meetings via Teams or Zoom we are not driving and using non-renewable resources, but are cutting down on our carbon footprint – a priority of this Council. Virtual meetings have saved the Council a considerable amount of money during this financial year as, for example, travel expenses have been very much reduced. As we are facing a significant short fall in funding for the foreseeable future any saving is helpful.

Councillors wish to attend the District Council committees but are also keen to attend meetings of the Parish Councils within their wards. Some are also County Councillors and inevitably there is often a clash of dates. This means that Councillors have to choose which to attend. The result is less engagement with the District Council, or the County Council or the Parish Councils. Having remote meetings means that Councillors can more easily attend most of the meetings, to the advantage of all the Councils.

The engagement of the public and press has also generally increased (the exception probably being the Planning Committee). The level of reporting about Council business has increased as physical meetings no longer attracted the local press due to cutbacks in their staff.

For some Councillors who have work commitments, mobility issues or are carers remote meetings have been easier for them to attend. This may well help to attract a wider age range of potential Councillors in future elections.

This Council would like to have the flexibility to hold remote and physical meetings. We recognise that some meetings are better dealt with physically and we also recognise that perhaps a hybrid model could also work successfully.

This Council resolves to:

1. Write to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government urging that the temporary change to the meeting rules set out in the Local Government Act 1972 be made permanent, so that after May we have the flexibility to hold meetings remotely or physically or by using a combination of the two;
2. Write to our two MP's, the County Council and Parish Councils asking for support for this flexible approach to Council meetings; and
3. Once our request is successful to explore the use of technology to develop remote meetings even more in order to attract a wider audience."

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