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Chairman: Councillor S Saddington Vice-Chairman: Councillor Mrs L Hurst

To all Members of the Council:

**MEETING:** Full Council

DATE: Tuesday, 19 July 2022 at 6.00 pm

VENUE: Civic Suite, Castle House, Great North Road,

Newark, Nottinghamshire, 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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- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. Declarations of Interest by Members and Officers
- 3. Notification to those present that the meeting will be recorded and streamed online
- 4. Minutes from the meeting held on 17 May 2022

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- 5. Communications which the Chairman, Leader, Chief Executive and 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

'We are all well aware of the climate crisis and the need for every person and household to play their part. In order to significantly reduce waste to landfill we feel there is an urgent need to improve kerbside recycling in Newark. Kerbside recycling should include glass and food waste as well as the existing services. We need more clarity on what can/can't be recycled and a community campaign to increase recycling and make Newark an ecofriendly town. We all want to play our part in looking after our planet and community, and with improved recycling services we can make a huge difference'.

To be presented by Councillor R. Jackson, as the Portfolio Holder for Cleaner, Safer Greener on behalf of the petition organiser Mrs Clare Maydew.

7. Questions from Members of the Public and Council

In accordance with Rule No. 3.3.2 the following questions have been submitted to the Council from members of the public:

## (i) Darrell Pointing

If NSDC are as green as they claim to be, can you please tell me why you don't have a policy of leaving road and path verges along with large areas of open grass to grow naturally during the wild flower season to help bees and other flora and fauna survive. If you are worried about some of the short grass and straight lines brigade getting upset you could get your contractors / groundsmen to cut a narrow strip adjacent to pathways and roads showing that the grass areas are still being managed by the council. This would not only be of great help to wildlife but would save a great deal of resources and energy (fuel) leading to a saving in taxpayers money and help to combat climate change. This is already common practice with many councils.

### (ii) Jennifer Harding

I have read the Assurance Lincolnshire Audit Report - Titled "Lessons Learned", dated 27th June 2022. I would like to know who bears ultimate responsibility for the failures that lead to the lack of the following:-

- due diligence
- asset management plans and disposal plans
- public engagement
- public consultation
- evidence for the need for car parking
- a sound commercial case
- legal and financial opinions
- consideration of the environmental impact

And with reference to Para 1.28 on page 6 of the Audit Report, I ask similarly, who is ultimately responsible for the "deal" which cost the Council over £500,000 of taxpayers money?

# (iii) Wendy Patterson

When Protect Newark Green Spaces' representatives met with Lucy Pledge and her colleagues at Assurance Lincolnshire, a range of issues were discussed which related to the substantial written submission PNGS had sent prior to the meeting. These included:

#### Freedom of Information process

Risk assessments given to contractors informing them that violence towards workers was a risk, including missile-throwing and drone-dropping

The behaviour of council contractors during the protests, including the health and safety concerns

Detailed review of the protest and actions taken

Complaints process

Protect Newark Green Spaces' representatives were told at the meeting that all these issues were within the scope of the inquiry. Who decided that they were not within its scope and when was that decision made?

- 8. Political Composition of the Council and Allocation of Seats on Committees 22 25 to Political Groups
- 9. Record of Urgent Decision Sherwood Forest Landscape Recovery Pilot Bid 26 31
- 10. Notices of Motion (if any)
- 11. Minutes for Noting
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