



# Rutland County Council

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Members of Rutland County Council District Council are hereby summoned to attend the **TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY FOURTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** to be held in the Council Chamber at Catmose, Oakham on **8 November 2021 commencing at 7.00 pm**. The business to be transacted at the meeting is specified in the Agenda set out below.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman will offer the opportunity for those present to join him in prayers.

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Although social distancing requirements have been lifted there is still limited available seating for members of the public. If you would like to reserve a seat please contact the Governance Team at [governance@rutland.gov.uk](mailto:governance@rutland.gov.uk). The meeting will also be available for listening live on Zoom using the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94349634265>

**Mark Andrews**  
**Chief Executive**

## A G E N D A

- 1) **APOLOGIES**
- 2) **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 3) **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**
- 4) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the Regulations, Members are invited to declare any disclosable interests under the Code of Conduct and the nature of those interests in respect of items on this Agenda and/or indicate if Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

**5) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 5 - 10)**

To confirm the Minutes of the 233<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Rutland County Council District Council held on 11 October 2021.

**6) PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Pages 11 - 12)**

To receive any petitions, deputations or questions received from members of the public in accordance with the provisions of Procedure Rule 28. The total time allowed for this is 30 minutes. Petitions, deputations and questions will be dealt with in the order in which they are received and any which are not considered within the time limit shall receive a written response after the meeting.

A Petition has been received from Leah Toseland with 1124 valid signatures. Following a presentation from the lead petitioner, the Chairman will refer the matter to another appropriate body of the Council in accordance with Procedure Rule 28 2) c).

**7) QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

To receive any questions submitted from Members of the Council in accordance with the provisions of Procedure Rules 30 and 30A.

**8) REFERRAL OF COMMITTEE DECISIONS TO THE COUNCIL**

To determine matters where a decision taken by a Committee has been referred to the Council in accordance with the provisions of Procedure Rule 110.

**9) CALL-IN OF DECISIONS FROM CABINET MEETINGS DURING THE PERIOD FROM 11 OCTOBER TO 8 NOVEMBER 2021 (INCLUSIVE)**

To determine matters where a decision taken by the Cabinet has been referred to Council by the call-in procedure of Scrutiny Panels, as a result of the decision being deemed to be outside the Council's policy framework by the Monitoring Officer or not wholly in accordance with the budget by the Section 151 Officer, in accordance with the provisions of Procedure Rules 206 and 207.

**10) REPORT FROM THE CABINET**

To receive any reports from the Cabinet on recommendations referred to the Council for determination.

**11) REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL**

a) To receive reports from Committees on matters which require Council approval because the Committee does not have the delegated authority to act on the Council's behalf.

b) To receive reports from Council Committees on any other matters and to receive questions and answers on any of those reports.

## **12) REPORTS FROM SCRUTINY COMMISSION / SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

To receive the reports from the Scrutiny Commission / Scrutiny Committees on any matters and to receive questions and answers on any of those reports.

## **13) JOINT ARRANGEMENTS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**

To receive reports about and receive questions and answers on the business of any joint arrangements or external organisations.

## **14) NOTICES OF MOTION (Pages 13 - 14)**

To consider the Notice of Motion from Councillor M Jones and seconded by Councillor J Burrows in accordance with Procedure Rule 34.

“That the Council:

- 1) Notes that many local authorities, including this Council, are playing an important role in the UK, taking action to achieve net zero carbon emissions, and to protect and revitalise local wildlife and natural habitats.
- 2) Notes that Parliament in May 2019 declared an Environment and Climate Emergency and this Council has already declared a Climate Crisis.
- 3) Declares an Ecological Emergency.
- 4) Supports the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill.
- 5) Informs the local media of this decision.
- 6) Writes an open letter to Alicia Kearns MP urging her to sign up to support the Bill.
- 7) Writes to the CEE Alliance, the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support.”

Councillors Jones and Burrows have submitted a supporting document setting out the background to the motion.

## **15) APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS (Pages 15 - 20)**

To Receive Report No. 150/2021 from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and Performance, Change and Transformation.

## **16) ANY URGENT BUSINESS**

To receive items of urgent business which have been previously notified to the person presiding.

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**TO: MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor J Dale – Chairman of the Council

Councillor N Begy – Vice-Chairman of the Council

Councillor P Ainsley  
Councillor D Blanksby  
Councillor A Brown  
Councillor P Browne  
Councillor R Coleman  
Councillor O Hemsley  
Councillor A Walters  
Councillor J Fox  
Councillor M Jones  
Councillor M Oxley  
Councillor R Powell  
Councillor G Waller

Councillor E Baines  
Councillor K Bool  
Councillor G Brown  
Councillor J Burrows  
Councillor W Cross  
Councillor L Stephenson  
Councillor D Wilby  
Councillor S Harvey  
Councillor A MacCartney  
Councillor K Payne  
Councillor I Razzell  
Councillor S Webb

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**THE COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC AIMS**

- Delivering sustainable development
- Vibrant Communities
- Protecting the vulnerable
- Customer-focussed services