

**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2025**

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**ITEM 6 - QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

**QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR D BIGBY TO COUNCILLOR R BLUNT**

'In the light of Kemi Badenoch's recent statements that she believes the UK's 2050 net zero target is "impossible" to achieve and that, if ever elected again to government, the Conservative Party plans to repeal the Climate Change Act, as Council Leader and Leader of the Conservative Group, can you confirm the Administration's continued commitment to the Council's current net-zero policies including working towards a net-zero council by 2030 and a net zero district by 2050.'

**RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR R BLUNT TO COUNCILLOR D BIGBY**

'The Council declared a climate emergency on 25 June 2019 and adopted its Zero Carbon Roadmap and Action Plan on 31 March 2020. The Action Plan recommends activity to achieve the ambition of working towards a net Zero Carbon Council by 2030 and a net Zero Carbon district by 2050.

Whilst I share the view that these targets are challenging, the Administration remains committed to doing all it can in addressing climate change.

There is no change in the Council's position and commitment. "Clean green and zero carbon district" remains a Council Delivery Plan priority with the aim to be carbon neutral as a council by 2030 and as a district by 2050.

The Council's emissions are predominantly driven by utilities and fuel. We have transitioned fifteen vehicles to electric and there is a long-term commitment to use HVO instead of diesel for all other fleet, driving significant emissions benefits. Costs to decarbonise the Council's property portfolio, across both the general fund and HRA, however, may prove unaffordable, however, without additional government funding.'

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### **ITEM 7 - MOTIONS**

Following publication of the motion on the agenda, a slight change to the wording has been requested from Councillor M Wyatt. The changes are detailed below:

Council notes the recent announcement by Keir Starmer's Labour Government of plans to introduce a mandatory Digital ID scheme for all UK residents.

Council further notes that the Government's plan:

- Could require every resident to obtain a Digital ID to access public services and entitlements;
- Could risk criminalising millions of people, particularly older people, those on lower incomes, or those without access to digital technology;
- Raises significant privacy and civil liberties concerns;
- Could result in billions of pounds of taxpayers' money being wasted on a massive IT project, with no clear benefit or safeguards.

Council believes that Labour's scheme:

- Represents an expensive measure that will undermine public trust;
- Will do nothing to address the real priorities facing communities such as NHS backlogs, cost of living crisis, etc;
- Fails to protect our core British values of liberty, privacy and fairness.
- Do very little to address the threat from illegal immigration and illegal working with the UK.

Council resolves:

- To formally oppose the Labour Government's Digital ID plans;
- To request the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive write to: The Home Secretary ~~for the Home Department~~; the local Members of Parliament representing North West Leicestershire and the Minister for Digital Infrastructure expressing this council's firm opposition to Labour's mandatory Digital ID system and calling for the plans to be scrapped.

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## **Council Procedure Rules – Motions and Amendments**

### **What members can do**

- When seconding a motion, a member may reserve their speech until later in the debate (rule 15.3).
- Members may only speak once on a motion or amendment whilst it is being debated (rule 15.5, 15.5.1).
- Members may also move a further amendment if the motion has been amended since they last spoke (rule 15.5.2).
- Members can exercise a right of reply, raise a point of order or make a personal explanation during debate (rule 15.5.4, 15.5.5 and 15.5.6).
- Members can speak on the main issues if their first speech was on an amendment (rule 15.5.3).
- The mover of a motion has a right of reply at the close of debate on the motion, before it is put to the vote (rule 15.15).
- The mover of a motion has a right of reply at the close of debate on any amendment (rule 15.16).

### **What members can't do**

- Members cannot make a speech until a motion has been seconded (rule 15.1).
- Members cannot speak again whilst a motion is being debated, except to exercise a right of reply, raise a point of order or make a personal explanation (rule 15.5).
- Members cannot speak for more than 5 minutes without the consent of the Chairman (rule 15.4).
- The mover of a motion may not speak on an amendment, other than to exercise his right of reply (rule 15.16).
- The mover of an amendment has no right of reply at the close of debate (rule 15.17).

## Motions and Amendments – Flowchart

