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SUMMONS TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE
NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Time/Date 6.30 pm on TUESDAY, 21 MAY 2019
Location Council Chamber, Council Offices, Coalville
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Chief Executive

AGENDA

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PRAYERS	
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	
Members are reminded that any declaration of interest should be made having regard to the code of conduct. In particular, members must make clear the nature of the interest and whether it is 'pecuniary' or 'non pecuniary'.	
3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN	
To appoint the Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.	
4. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN	
To appoint the Deputy Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.	
5. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER	
To appoint the Leader of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.	
6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	

7. LEADER'S AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members are reminded that under paragraph 11.1 of part 4 of the Constitution, questions can be asked of the Leader and Cabinet Members without notice about any matter contained in any address. Questions shall be limited to five minutes in total for each announcement.

8. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

To receive questions from members of the public under procedure rule no.10. The procedure rule provides that members of the public may ask members of the Cabinet any question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties which affect the District, provided that three clear days' notice in writing has been given to the Head of Legal and Support Services.

9. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

To receive members' questions under procedure rule no.11. The procedure rule provides that any member may ask the chairman of a board or group any question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties which affect the District, provided that three clear days' notice in writing has been given to the Head of Legal and Support Services.

10. MOTIONS

To consider the following motion submitted by Councillor S Sheahan:

"Modern slavery is an appalling crime in which people are exploited and treated as commodities. It includes forced and compulsory labour, servitude and human trafficking. Taken together, these are fast becoming the most profitable global crime activity.

The most robust estimate to date of the scale of modern slavery in the UK was produced by the Home Office in 2014. The estimate suggested that there were between 10,000 and 13,000 potential victims of modern slavery in the UK in 2013, although the National Crime Agency (NCA) has been reported as saying that these figures were just the 'tip of the iceberg.'

In its latest UK Annual Report on Modern Slavery (October 2018,) the Home Office states "The NCA assesses that the actual scale of modern slavery in the UK is gradually increasing and, if drivers remain at their current levels, will continue to do so over the next three years."

This Council believes -

- a) that action needs to be taken to raise awareness of the scale and extent of modern slavery in the UK
- b) that councils have an important role to play in ensuring their contracts and supplies don't contribute to modern day slavery and exploitation.

This Council resolves to –

- 1. Train its corporate procurement team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply's (CIPS) online course on Ethical Procurement and Supply.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Require its contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, wherever it applies, with contract termination as a potential sanction for non-compliance. 3. Challenge any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery. 4. Highlight to its suppliers that contracted workers are free to join a trade union and are not to be treated unfairly for belonging to one. 5. Publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery. 6. Require its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery. 7. Review its contractual spending regularly to identify any potential issues with modern slavery. 8. Highlight for its suppliers any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed. 9. Refer for investigation via the National Crime Agency's national referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery. 10. Report publicly on the implementation of this policy annually". 	
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