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

Time/Date 6.30 pm on TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2023  
Location Forest Room, Stenson House, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3FN  
Officer to contact Democratic Services (01530 454512)



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Chief Executive

**AGENDA**

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<b>PRAYERS</b>	
<b>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	
<b>2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b>	
Under the Code of Conduct members are reminded that in declaring interests you should make clear the nature of that interest and whether it is a disclosable pecuniary interest, registerable interest or other interest	
<b>3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	
<b>4. LEADER'S AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	
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.	
<b>5. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION</b>	
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 Commercial Services.

## **6. 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 Commercial Services.

## **7. MOTIONS**

To consider the following motion received from Councillor S Sheahan:

This Council calls upon Andrew Bridgen to resign as the MP for North West Leicestershire.

Whether or not they supported Mr Bridgen in the 2019 General Election, people generally knew what they were voting for, and it was clear that Mr Bridgen won the support of the largest body of opinion in the North West Leicestershire Constituency, as measured by the votes cast.

This was his democratic mandate, and it was that which gave him the credibility accorded an MP in the eyes of those he would be representing, those he would be making representations to and those he would be working in partnership with, such as this Council.

However, in May of this year, Mr Bridgen joined Reclaim, turning his back on the mandate he was elected on. Soon after, he announced that he would not be standing down to enable a by-election to take place. We believe that this is an affront to democracy and places the people of North West Leicestershire at a real disadvantage, when it comes to influencing important decisions.

Clearly we need a representative with a valid mandate who will restore credibility to the position of our Member of Parliament. Although he has hitherto rejected calls to resign his seat in order to trigger a by-election, we trust Mr Bridgen has had time to properly reflect on the difficulties he has placed himself and his constituents in.

Therefore, we call on him now – don't obstruct democracy; do the right thing for the people of North West Leicestershire.

## **8. PETITIONS**

To receive petitions in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme.

## **9. MINUTES**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 June 2023.

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## **10. CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE**

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## **11. SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT**

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