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To: All Members of the Council

Dear Sir / Madam

You are hereby summoned to attend an extraordinary meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, The Council House, South Street, Atherstone on Tuesday, 22 October 2019. The meeting will commence at 6.30 pm.

The following business will be transacted:

- 1 Evacuation Procedure.
- 2 Apologies for absence / Members away on official Council business.
- 3 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests
- 4 To answer Questions from Members and the Public pursuant to Standing Order No 7.
- 5 The following Motions were received:

“Motion on Warwickshire Police

Council Notes:

That Warwickshire Police is going through a significant period of change following the decision by the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner to end the ‘Strategic Alliance’.

That negotiations with West Mercia Police are ongoing and that the situation remains fluid and uncertain as to what will happen in the future.

That HM Inspector of Constabulary Wendy Williams has said she has “serious concerns about the force’s efficiency”. She went further to say, “I have concerns about the performance of Warwickshire Police in keeping people safe and reducing crime.”

That this is a serious time in the history of Warwickshire Police and that all efforts must be taken to ensure the viability and future stability of the service.

Council therefore commits to:

- a Write to Warwickshire’s Police and Crime Commissioner asking for:
 - i an urgent update meeting on the break from West Mercia, with particular regard to the short-term arrangements that will be put in place to protect vital services currently provided by West Mercia.
 - ii a public inquiry into the ‘Strategic Alliance’ to include how and why it was established and why safeguards surrounding withdrawal were not stronger in regard to protecting services not just finance and what lessons can be learned for the future.
- b Publish this motion, once agreed, with a cross party statement confirming our support for:

A new and urgent plan to secure the long-term future of policing in Warwickshire.”

“Motion on Climate Change

Council Notes:

North Warwickshire Borough Council is ranked as the joint lowest performing Council in the West Midlands for the measures it has taken to tackle climate change;

That the impacts of climate breakdown are already causing serious damage around the world;

That the ‘Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C’, published by the Intergovernmental Panel on climate change in October 2018, (a) describes the enormous harm that a 2°C average rise in global temperatures is likely to cause compared with a 1.5°C rise, and (b) confirms that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society and the private sector;

That all governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to act, and local governments that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies;

That strong policies to cut emissions also have associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits; and

And that, recognising this, a growing number of UK local authorities have already passed 'Climate Emergency' motions.

Council therefore commits to:

Undertake a baseline audit of what measures are currently in place to address climate change;

Declare a 'Climate Emergency' that requires urgent action;

Make the Council's activities net-zero carbon by 2030;

Achieve 100% clean energy across the Council's full range of functions by 2030;

Ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2030;

Support and work with all other relevant agencies towards making the entire area zero carbon within the same timescale;

Ensure that political and senior officer leadership teams embed this work in all areas and take responsibility for reducing, as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the Council's activities, ensuring that any recommendations are fully costed and that the main Policy Boards review council activities taking account of production and consumption emissions and produce an action plan within 12 months, together with budget actions and a measured baseline;

Request that the Council establish a Task and Finish Group of 5 members (2 Labour, 3 Conservative) to consider the impact of climate change and the environment when reviewing Council policies and strategies;

That a report be brought to each meeting of Executive Board outlining the actions taken by the Council to tackle climate change;

Consider the appointment of a shared Climate Change Officer with neighbouring authorities to lead and support the Council in tackling climate change;

Each report brought to the Council or any of its Boards, Sub-Committees or Task and Finish Groups contain an impact assessment on climate change;

Work with, influence and inspire partners across the district, county and region to help deliver this goal through all relevant strategies, plans and shared resources by developing a series of meetings, events and partner workshops;

Request that the Council and partners take steps to proactively include young people in the process, ensuring that they have a voice in shaping the future;

Set up a Climate Change Partnership group, involving Councillors, residents, young citizens, climate science and solutions experts, businesses, Citizens Assembly representatives and other relevant parties. Over the following 12 months, the Group will consider strategies and actions being developed by the Council and other partner organisations and develop a strategy in line with a target of net zero emissions by 2030. It will also recommend ways to maximise local benefits of these actions in other sectors such as employment, health, agriculture, transport and the economy;

Report on the level of investment in the fossil fuel industry that our pensions plan and other investments have, and review the Council's investment strategy to give due consideration to climate change impacts in the investment portfolio;

Ensure that all reports in preparation for the 2020/21 budget cycle and investment strategy will take into account the actions the Council will take to address this emergency;

Call on the UK Government to provide the powers, resources and help with funding to make this possible, and ask local MPs to do likewise; and

Consider other actions that could be implemented, including (but not restricted to) renewable energy generation and storage, providing electric vehicle infrastructure and encouraging alternatives to private car use, increasing the efficiency of buildings, in particular to address fuel poverty; proactively using local planning powers to accelerate the delivery of net carbon new developments and communities, coordinating a series of information and training events to raise awareness and share good practice."

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Chief Executive