

Democratic and Civic Support City Hall 115 Charles Street Leicester LE1 1FZ

1 May 2015

Sir or Madam

I hereby summon you to a meeting of the LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL to be held at the Town Hall, on THURSDAY, 22 JANUARY 2015 at FIVE O'CLOCK in the afternoon, for the business hereunder mentioned.

Kamal Adaha

Monitoring Officer

AGENDA

1. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th November are available to view at: <u>http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk:8071/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=81&MId=6578&Ver=4</u>. Copies are also available from Democratic Support on (0116) 454 6352 or <u>Committees@leicester.gov.uk</u>.

4. PETITIONS

- Presented by Councillors
- Presented by Members of the Public

5. QUESTIONS

- From Members of the Public
- From Councillors

6. MATTERS RESERVED TO COUNCIL

- 6.1 Capital Programme 2015/16*
- 6.2 Treasury Strategy 2015/16
- 6.3 Call-In of Executive Decision City Council Golf Courses

* A colour list of the 'rag' overview of projects is attached to the agenda for Councillors.

7. REPORTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

- 7.1 Revision to the Constitution
- 7.2 Access to Information Procedure Rule 17 Monitoring Report

8. EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES

To report on any changes to the Executive, or fill any vacancies of any Committee of the Council.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Proposed by Councillor Potter, seconded by Councillor Naylor:

The council notes:

• It has been estimated that the UK Treasury loses as much as £12 billion to tax dodging by multinational companies every year. Developing countries lose three times more to tax dodging than they receive in aid each year – enough to give a basic education to the 57 million children

currently missing out.

- The UK has a particular responsibility to end tax dodging, as it is responsible for 1 in 5 of the world's tax havens in the British Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies.
- The use of tax havens by UK companies is rife, with 98 of the FTSE 100 companies routinely using tax havens.
- Large multinational companies pay as little as 5% in corporate taxes globally, while smaller businesses pay up to 30%.

This council believes:

- As a local authority we have a duty to provide the best possible public services.
- Our ability to provide quality local services would be significantly enhanced by the increased revenues from the government tackling tax dodging.
- All who benefit from public spending should contribute their fair share.
- The UK must take a lead role in creating a fairer tax system and combatting tax dodging.

This council resolves:

• To support the campaign for tax justice by supporting the motion:

"While many ordinary people face falling household income and rising costs of living, some multinational companies are avoiding billions of pounds of tax from a tax system that fails to make them pay their fair share. Local governments in developing countries and the UK alike would benefit from a fairer tax system where multinational companies pay their fair share, enabling authorities around the world to provide quality public services. The UK government must listen to the strength of public feeling and act to end the injustice of tax dodging by large multinational companies, in developing countries and the UK."

10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

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