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To: Members of Council

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Dear Councillor,

Please attend a meeting of the **Council** to be held at **2.00 pm** on **Wednesday, 17 July 2019** in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG, the agenda for which is set out below.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Janie Berry'.

JANIE BERRY
Director of Legal and Democratic Services

AGENDA

PART I - NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To receive declarations of interest (if any)
3. Chairman of the County Council's announcements
4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15 May 2019 (Pages 1 - 34)
5. To consider the report of the Leader of the Council

6. To receive questions from Elected Members
7. To consider public questions (if any)
8. To receive petitions (if any)
9. To consider reports on the following:
 - 9 (a) Departmental Service Plans 2017-21 (2019-20 update) - Executive Director for Commissioning, Communities and Policy (Pages 35 - 190)
 - 9 (b) Derbyshire Pension Board - Executive Director for Commissioning, Communities and Policy (Pages 191 - 192)
 - 9 (c) Constitution update from the Governance, Ethics and Standards Committee - Director of Legal and Democratic Services (Pages 193 - 232)
10. To receive and debate Motions

Motion received from Councillor P Smith:

As a result of ongoing Government cuts in Derbyshire there are schools in Derbyshire which have had a cash loss in the budget of more than £200,000 over two years. Some schools have lost up to a quarter of their staff. Some schools have had their SEND budget halved.

The National Funding Formula allocating financial resources to schools includes a requirement that schools themselves have to fund the first £6,000 of the support for the most disadvantaged Special Educational Needs pupils (SEND), those with Education Health and Care plans (EHCP). The formula **guesses** the number of SEND children at a school based upon the size of the school and the deprivation in that area. **It does not take into account the number of SEND children at a school.**

This results in schools who develop a good reputation for supporting disadvantaged students facing an unsuitable financial burden when more SEND pupils attend than the National Funding Formula predicts.

It also results in children with additional needs finding it difficult to get a school place. In particular this is a problem when children change schools for example entering reception or beginning secondary school.

Derbyshire County Council resolves to ensure every Derbyshire SEND pupil gets the education they are entitled to get by:

- Urgently looking at setting up a discretionary fund so that those schools which are penalised by the National Funding Formula because they have more SEND Children than predicted can be given

more financial support; and

- To continue to pressure the government for more funding to be invested in education, especially SEND; and
- To bring a report outlining the proposals for funding the discretionary fund and progress made with the government to the next Full Council meeting.