

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

NOTICE IS hereby given that the 39th ANNUAL MEETING of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber at the Guildhall, Gainsborough, on Monday 23 May 2011 at 7pm, and your attendance at such meeting is hereby requested to transact the following business.

To : Members of West Lindsey District Council

A G E N D A

1. PRAYERS
2. WELCOME TO NEWLY ELECTED AND RETURNING MEMBERS.
3. APOLOGIES
4. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL for the ensuing year, following which the Chairman elected will take the Chair and make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
5. TO APPOINT A VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL for the ensuing year following which the Vice-Chairman appointed will make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
6. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Members may make any declaration of interest at this point but may also make them at any point during the meeting.
7. CHAIRMAN'S CHAPLAIN.
 - (a) to move a vote of thanks to the previous Chairman's Chaplain and Councillor David Cotton for their services during the past year; and
 - (b) to receive the appointment of Chairman's Chaplain for the ensuing year.
8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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8. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9

10. NOTICE OF MOTION PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10

Councillor Underwood Frost has submitted the following motion in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 10:

Following my question that was submitted on time for the full council meeting of the 18 April 2011. I wish the council to know that Officers were very uncomfortable that I had submitted a question regarding a subject that many people in the Gainsborough/WLDC area are very concerned about. I was asked at that time to alter the question and soften the contents, the change then made my question unconstitutional Following the full council where Cllr K Smith challenged the question. I will now ask this question in full hard fact. The article in the 225 issue of BBC Focus magazine stated "Do coal fired power stations produce radioactive waste"? the first word in the article is "YES" I asked if the council could set up a Task and Finish group (TFG) to look at pollutants in the district.

Therefore, when the Chernobyl nuclear power station exploded, Environmental Health Officers (EHO) officers in West Lindsey DC allegedly checked radiation fallout by taking specialist equipment reading on local vegetables. I so move that Radiation fallout dater from the time the Chernobyl power station exploded and that any dater over a 20 plus year period after the Chernobyl disaster is now made public and submitted on a none confidential basis to the task and finish group.

Following the BBC Focus (issue 225) article, I so move that the task and finish group is set up from the appropriate committee to work with members, officers and appropriate external experts to ascertain a detailed understanding of pollutants affecting the West Lindsey DC area. The (TFG) remit must include tests in west Lindsey to see if burning coal has had a health impact on the people of WLDC from power stations, this dater must show any details of uranium and or thorium in the atmosphere, soil and local food.

I so move. That the council publishes a report for the people of WLDC on the findings of the (TFG) and the data is of a local nature, local people want answers!

11. COUNCIL MINUTES. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18 April 2011. **PAPER A herewith.**

12. DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2011. To receive the results of the District Council Elections held on 5 May 2011. **PAPER B herewith.**

13. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MEMBERS

14. TO ELECT A LEADER OF THE COUNCIL.

15. TO ELECT A DEPUTY LEADER(S) OF THE COUNCIL.

16. REVIEW OF THE ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS ON COMMITTEES/SUB-COMMITTEES. To note the number of members to be appointed to serve on each committee etc in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. **PAPER C herewith.**

17. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES. In accordance with the provisions of Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, to appoint members to committees for the civic year, in accordance with the wishes expressed by political groups. **PAPER D to follow.**

18. APPOINTMENT OF JOINT STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. To note that the appointment of Members to the Joint Staff Consultative Committee be deferred pending submission of a report to the Policy and Resources Committee following analysis of the outcome of the survey undertaken on staff representation on the Committee.

19. APPOINTMENT OF HOUSING APPEALS BOARD. To confirm not to apply the provisions of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 to the Housing Appeals Board and to appoint six members to serve on the Housing Appeals Board. (Previously, this Board has not reflected the political group membership of the Council. The Rules relating to proportionality can only be suspended if the Council wishes to do so and no member votes against.)

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20. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE.

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To note the following Parish and Independent Members

Councillor P Walton	} (2012)
Councillor Mrs R Dobbs	} (2013)
Councillor J Hill	} (2014)

Independent Member Mr A Monighan } (2012)
 Independent Member Mr G Phillips } (2013)
 Independent Member Mr M Airey } (2014)

21. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE to agree to extend the appointment of the existing Independent Member of the Audit Committee to the Governance and Audit Committee for a further 12 month period in view of the limited number of meetings held during her first term of office (five months).
22. APPOINTMENT OF LINCOLNSHIRE SHOW TASK AND FINISH GROUP. To appoint seven members to serve on the Lincolnshire Show Task and Finish Group to oversee the arrangements for a West Lindsey District Council presence at the Lincolnshire Show.

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23. NEW ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL – To present a report detailing the draft recommendations of the Boundary Commission. **Paper E herewith**

24. REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OTHER BODIES

- (a) To note that appointments are to be made on the following basis :
- i) In the first instance any Member with a specialist interest or expertise in the particular field of the Outside Body should be appointed (the appointment should not be party political), Failing this, where possible, appointments should be made geographically involving a local Ward Member. Where neither of these criteria can be met, any other Member should be appointed;
 - ii) wherever possible and practicable the minimum length of service on an Outside Body should be two years;
 - iii) where a body shows that the Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman of a particular committee is the representative, this is because either the constitution of the body concerned requires it or there has been a previous Council decision that the office-holder will serve. Where a body indicates that this has traditionally been the case, there is no actual requirement; and

- iv) those Members appointed to serve on an outside body would be expected to provide a short report on the achievements, finance and forward plans for inclusion in a booklet prior to Annual Council. **To follow**
- v) those Members appointed to represent the Authority on a 'Strategic' body will be allocated a named officer to actively support them in their role.
- (b) to agree that places which have traditionally been filled by the Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman of a particular committee or their nominee continue to be so filled.
- (c) to agree that appointed representatives should arrange for a reserve (where required) with the exception of those bodies marked with an asterisk * (as these are directorships and personal appointments).
- (d) to appoint three members to serve on the Editorial Advisory Board.

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- (e) to agree the member appointments to the Tactical Boards as follows :
 - i) Capital Monitoring and Asset Management Board – Chairman or Vice-Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee or Committee Member
 - ii) Corporate Governance Board – Chairman of Governance and Audit Committee
- (f) to appoint a member Champion for Equality and Diversity

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- (g) to appoint a District Carer and Safeguarding Children Champion to drive the agendas forward in West Lindsey and represent the Council at meetings of the Lincolnshire Carers Partnership.

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- (h) to consider appointing two members to work alongside officers and Arts for Trinity in order to secure the future of the Trinity Arts Centre.

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- (i) to appoint representatives to the following Statutory, Strategic, Charitable and Community organisations.

<u>Statutory Organisation</u>	<u>No of Places</u>
(1) Witham Third Internal Drainage Board	2 vacancies
<u>Community Based Organisation</u>	<u>No of places</u>
(2) Acis Housing Group Local Management Board (Gainsborough Area)	1 vacancy
(3) Gainsborough Town Centre Partnership	1 vacancy
(4) Young and Safe in Gainsborough	1 vacancy
(5) Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire	1 Vacancy plus one named substitute (Challenge and Improvement Committee members if possible but not Prosperous Communities members)
<u>Strategic Organisation</u>	<u>No of Places</u>
(6) West Lindsey Women's Aid Management Board	1 Vacancy
(7) Valley Youth Centre Management Committee	1 Vacancy
<u>Charitable Organisation</u>	<u>No of Places</u>
(8) Trustees for Dixons Almshouses	1 vacancy
(9) Trustees of the Charles Cooper Trust	1 vacancy (to 2015)

NOTE:- MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

Immediately following Annual Council, a meeting of each of the Committees and Sub-Committees will be held for the purpose of appointing Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen and conducting any other relevant business.

Agendas in respect of the above are included.

M Gill
Chief Executive
The Guildhall
Gainsborough

13 May 2011