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AGENDA

Prayers will be conducted prior to the start of the meeting.
Members are welcome to attend.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber - The Guildhall, Marshall's Yard, Gainsborough, DN21 2NA, , on **Monday, 22nd January, 2018 at 7.00 pm**, and your attendance at such meeting is hereby requested to transact the following business.

To: Members of West Lindsey District Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 November 2017.
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3. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Members may make any declarations of interest at this point and may also make them at any point during the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING
Setting out current position of previously agreed actions as at 12 January 2018.
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5. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - i) Chairman of Council
 - ii) Leader of the Council
 - iii) Head of Paid Service

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6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

7. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9

8. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10

1. “Madam chairmen fellow members, currently council’s do not know definitively and easily how many veterans live within their respective boundaries that is why I am requesting permission from the council to jointly with leader write to the minister pledging the council’s support to the Royal British Legion count them in campaign where by a question would be placed on the census asking people if they are a veteran. The ONS have confirmed their intention to recommend its inclusion. However, support for this campaign needs to continue to ensure it is included in the next census. This would enable the council to know without any doubt how many veterans are within our district so that we can provide them and their families with the support they need and deserve we counted on them now it’s time we counted them in.

I so move”

Councillor Thomas Smith

2. “Council notes:

- The contents of the Smith Institute report into Local Housing Companies and its summary¹.
 - <http://www.smith-institute.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/The-rise-of-local-housing-companies.pdf>
 - <http://www.smith-institute.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/LHCs-Summary-Report.pdf>
- That the Corporate Plan first theme (Open for Business) supports housing led economic growth to deliver:
 - West Lindsey as a place of choice to live
 - A sustainable and thriving economy
 - Sustainable neighbourhoodsFurther, that the second theme (People First) supports meeting local housing needs and aspirations to ensure that residents can live, grow and remain in the District.²

¹ Hackett, P., *‘The rise of local housing companies’*, (England, 2017)

² West Lindsey District Council, *‘West Lindsey Corporate Plan 2016-2020’*, (England, 2016) p. 13

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Council believes that:

- Having handed over the Council Housing stock to ACIS the Council is not in a position to develop the amount of housing needed to meet current and future demand in the district and that with limited appetite from the private sector to deliver affordable homes there may be opportunity for the Council to intervene in the market, whilst not detracting from private enterprises efforts.
- The benefits of developing a Local Housing Company are:
 - Socio-Economic
 - Council can control the direction of housing provision and tenure: increasing supply and tenure mix, especially affordable homes, with the Council as master developer
 - Meet specific housing needs: low income residents, elderly, students, homeless, key workers etc.
 - Act as an innovator: trying different development models and tenure mix
 - Greater accountability and scrutiny than other housing providers
 - Exemption from HCA/government regulations and standards
 - Financial
 - Generates income for the Council: directly through on-lending, property investment and rental/sales income and through additional New Homes Bonus, Community Infrastructure Levy and additional Council Tax receipts
 - Savings to the Council: providing lower cost temporary accommodation and providing cheaper housing maintenance and other services
 - Greater borrowing capacity to meet housing needs (escaping HRA debt/borrowing caps)
 - Securing additional private investment in housing and regeneration
 - Securing better value for Council assets than conventional disposal
 - Receptacle for commuted sums from S.106 agreements
 - Public procurement advantages
 - Place-shaping
 - Intervening and influencing local housing markets: to achieve, support and encourage development
 - Bring forward development: unimplemented consents and provided scale for local construction/suppliers
 - Making best use of Council land: alternative to disposal of site to private developers
 - Stetting higher standards: the Council as an exemplary private landlord, improving design and eco-homes

Council resolves to:

- Mandate Officers to investigate and prepare for the establishment of a

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Local Housing Company and bring forward a paper to the Prosperous Communities Committee prior to the 2018 Annual Meeting of Full Council

- Make necessary provision of resources to achieve this aim
- Ensure that as part of the refresh of the Corporate Plan consideration is given to supporting the development of affordable housing within the district directly by the Council, with particular reference to the mechanism of a Local Housing Company

I so move”

Cllr. Stuart Kinch
Cllr. Mrs. Sheila Bibb
Cllr. Ian Fleetwood
Cllr. Giles McNeill

9. REPORTS FOR DETERMINATION

a. Sudbrooke By Election - Result of Poll

To note the outcome of District Council by-election held on 16 November 2017 in the Sudbrooke Ward.

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b. Adoption of Lea Neighbourhood Plan

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c. Adoption of Scotter Neighbourhood Plan

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d. Members Allowances Scheme 2018/2019

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e. Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2018/19

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f. Collection Fund - Council Tax Surplus and Council Tax Base 2018/19

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g. Owmbly Parish Council - Request for Change of Name
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h. Appointment to Vacancy on the Planning Committee
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10. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To resolve that under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

11. EXEMPT REPORT(S) FOR DETERMINATION

a. Recommendation from the Chief Officer Employment Committee
(TO FOLLOW)

Mark Sturgess
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Gainsborough

Friday, 12 January 2018