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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, , on **Monday, 4th November, 2019 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 approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council held on 1 July 2019.
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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
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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. ADOPTION OF GLENTWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
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7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
8. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9
9. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - INVESTIGATION REPORT
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10. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10

Motion 1

“Chairman

The Council notes that West Lindsey District Council does not currently have a formalised policy related to Parental Leave for elected Members. At present there is no legal right to Parental Leave for those elected to public office.

It is proposed that this Council should adopt a Parental Leave Policy for Elected Members.

This Council resolves to refer this matter to the Governance and Audit Committee and requests that consideration is given to the establishment of a working group to consider the establishment of a Parental Leave Policy for Elected Members and where necessary to convene an Independent Remuneration Panel to consider proposals which relate to Member allowances.

I so move
Cllr Giles McNeill”

Motion 2

“Chairman

Council notes:

- that the impacts of climate change are a cause of serious environmental issues both locally and 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 policies to reduce environmental damage caused by human activity can also have associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits

Council resolves to:

- Make the Council's activities net-zero carbon by 2050, in line with the UK Government's target
- to ask the Prosperous Communities Committee to Develop a new strategy on sustainability, climate change, and the environment for the Council, with an initial outline being present to the next Annual Council, looking toward achieving the above target.

Such a strategy will also consider:

- o Achieving 100% clean energy across the Council's full range of functions by 2040;
- o How to ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2050, working to ensure that the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan review embraces this approach;
- o How to support and work with all other relevant agencies towards making the entire area zero carbon within the same timescale;
- o Suggestions for budget actions and a measured baseline;
- o How the Prosperous Communities Committee can consider the impact of climate change and the environment when reviewing Council policies and strategies;
- o Any available research (that is expected to be forthcoming) from APSE relevant to this work
- o Report on the level of investment in the fossil fuel industry that our pensions plan has.
- o Ensure that all reports in preparation for the 2021/22 budget cycle and investment strategy will take into account the actions the council will take to address this agenda;
- o 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

We so move

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Cllr. Giles McNeill | Leader of the Council
Cllr Trevor Young | Leader of the Opposition”

Motion 3

“Chairman.

We all understand how important it is to make the right decision in our council and especially in the planning system. When judging whether an application can be approved or not we have a duty to appreciate we are dealing with people’s lives and lively hoods. Encouraging prospective applicants to apply for a permission in pre-app consultation, only to have the application to be immediately knocked back / refused. Refusing to allow requests from councillors to have an application appear before a committee when there is a genuine case of misinterpretation of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan / an inability to appreciate how the plan was written in such a way to allow flexibility in interpretation to encourage debate in the process. Taking into consideration elements of Harm versus Benefits. A proven need versus the environment, infrastructure and the community.

The plan begins by stating, Quote:

In West Lindsey the council has a captive audience, in other words if someone wants to build they can only acquire permission from West Lindsey! If we were a company in the private sector then that company would have been bankrupt long ago due to applicants going elsewhere for this service.

This all beggars belief for recently I have spoken to three local MP’s and councillors from neighbouring authorities who all think our system is archaic and grossly unfair to our electorate / applicants by freezing out the obligations of the planning committee and applying a system which is far from fair or transparent.

If applicants received appropriate refusal notices and an opportunity to converse with an officer the applicant would hopefully have a better understanding of why their application was refused and go away a little less aggrieved.

Residents and developers continue to lose confidence in our system.

Mr Chairman

I propose the planning system / decision making process adopted by West Lindsey receives some scrutiny by members of the council to look for ways of making our handling of applications more acceptable to the district’s residents and bring back their findings with recommendations to this chamber.

Can I also request a vote is taken tonight to gauge the level of support for my motion as I do not want to waste councils time if my motion has no support?

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I so move.
Cllr. J J. Summers”

11. REPORTS FOR DETERMINATION

- a. Results of the Torksey Ward By-Election and vote of thanks to retiring Member

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- b. Review of Allocation of Seats

To note the number of Members to be appointed to serve on each Committee in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government Act.

(TO FOLLOW)

- c. 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 the Political Groups.

(TO FOLLOW)

- d. Appointment of Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen

(TO FOLLOW)

- e. Appointment of Sub-Committees, Boards and Other Bodies (including Outside Bodies)

(TO FOLLOW)

- f. Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

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Friday, 25 October 2019