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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.

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 - ii) Leader of the Council

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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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Ian Knowles
Head of Paid Service
The Guildhall
Gainsborough

Friday, 25 October 2019

Agenda Item 2

West Lindsey District Council - 1 July 2019

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber - The Guildhall on 1 July 2019 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillor Steve England (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs Angela Lawrence (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Owen Bierley	Councillor Matthew Boles
Councillor Mrs Jackie Brockway	Councillor Stephen Bunney
Councillor Liz Clews	Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Mrs Tracey Coulson	Councillor Christopher Darcel
Councillor Timothy Davies	Councillor Michael Devine
Councillor Ian Fleetwood	Councillor Mrs Caralyne Grimble
Councillor Cherie Hill	Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan
Councillor Mrs Cordelia McCartney	Councillor Giles McNeill
Councillor John McNeill	Councillor Mrs Jessie Milne
Councillor Keith Panter	Councillor Mrs Judy Rainsforth
Councillor Mrs Diana Rodgers	Councillor Mrs Lesley Rollings
Councillor Jim Snee	Councillor Mrs Mandy Snee
Councillor Lewis Strange	Councillor Jeff Summers
Councillor Robert Waller	Councillor Mrs Anne Welburn
Councillor Trevor Young	

In Attendance:

Ian Knowles	Executive Director of Resources, Head of Paid Service and S151 Officer
Alan Robinson	Strategic Lead Governance and People/Monitoring Officer
Tracey Bircumshaw	Strategic Finance and Business Support Manager
James O'Shaughnessy	Corporate Policy Manager & Deputy Monitoring Officer
Katie Coughlan	Senior Democratic & Civic Officer

Also in Attendance: Three representatives from Willoughton Neighbourhood Planning Group

Also Present: 1 member of the public

Apologies

Councillor David Dobbie
Councillor Stuart Kinch
Councillor Roger Patterson
Councillor Tom Regis
Councillor Mrs Angela White

22 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

This being the first ordinary meeting of Full Council for the 2019/20 Civic Year, the Chairman welcomed all Members, Officers and Members of the Public present.

Representatives from Willoughton Neighbourhood Planning Group, who would later in the meeting present their successful Plan to Council, were also welcomed to meeting.

23 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 20 May 2019

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 20 May 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

24 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Jessie Milne, Paul Howitt-Cowan, Judy Rainsforth, Mandy Snee and Angela Lawrence all declared a pecuniary interest in the motion as they were elected trustees of Almshouses. They further indicated that they would withdraw from the Chamber prior to consideration of the item.

25 MATTERS ARISING

The Monitoring Officer presented the report and advised Members that all actions had been completed within their targets.

RESOLVED that the Matters Arising be duly noted.

26 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman

The Chairman addressed Council and informed members of a slight change to voting procedure, indicating he would only be inviting members for a vote "in favour" or "against". He would not be asking for abstentions unless a recorded vote was requested. Any member who did not identify their wishes would be assumed to have abstained.

Referring to recent engagements, on 29th May the Chairman and his wife attended a garden party at Buckingham Palace. As most Members were aware, the Chairman's Lady, whilst there had met with an unfortunate accident and was treated, first by medical staff on duty at the Palace, before being taken to hospital. The Chairman was pleased to advise his wife was recovering.

On 8th June the Chairman had had the privilege of being present at the unveiling of a Victoria Cross Memorial Stone to honour Private Samuel Needham in Great Limber. It was a

well-attended and moving service.

On 14th June the Chairman had attended the ABF Soldiers Charity reception at Hemswell Court, where there had been an entertaining after dinner speech!

It had been an honour to be present on both days of the Lincolnshire Show, and the Chairman had had the pleasure of meeting many interesting and diverse people.

On 24th June the Chairman had the opportunity to raise the flag here at the Guildhall to honour our armed forces, he thanked all those who had attended.

Later that day the Chairman had presented at the awards ceremony at Riseholme College. It had been uplifting to see so many young men and women receive their diplomas, before they embarked on careers mostly connected to agriculture. It had also been gratifying to have senior members of staff pay some very complimentary remarks about this council.

The Chairman spent Friday 28th in Cherry Willingham viewing an art exhibition by mostly children at Willow Court care home. There was some excellent young talent out there.

And finally, Saturday 29th June had seen the Chairman attend at an Armed Forces Celebration at the kind invitation of Gainsborough Town Council. He thanked those members of the Town Council also present at the evening's meeting, for hosting the event.

ii) Leader of Council

The Leader addressed Council and updated the Chamber in respect of the following matters since taking up office: -

• Leader's Panel

A meeting of the Leaders' Panel had been held shortly after the Annual Council meeting on Friday, 24th May. The Leader had taken the decision to split the Group membership in to two meetings; Core Leaders Panel and Full Leaders Panel.

The Core Leader's Panel would tighten the group back up to a more manageable size comprising up to nine members (down from 20 previously), focusing on the Chairmen of the Council's principle committees and, the Chairman of Council.

In consultation with the Chairmen of the policy committees, The Leader had eliminated the Policy Chairs' Briefing meetings; which served no useful purpose, took up considerable officer time, and duplicated work being undertaken elsewhere. The work would be moved into the Core Leader's Panel remit where necessary.

The Full Leader's Panel would remain central to the political leadership of the Council and would, in future, comprise all the Council's Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen, plus the administration's leadership. The Leader was of the belief that this was a positive step forward in that it would include opposition councillors

- **Lincolnshire Show**

The Leader, like the Chairman, had had the pleasure to attend the Lincolnshire Show. He recorded his thanks to the working group that pulled out the stand together and to officers at the council who worked so hard, this year often in challenging circumstances, to deliver the working group's vision for the stand.

It had also been a pleasure to attend the President's Lunch which had provided a good opportunity to network with a number of key stakeholders and partners.

- **Local Audit Quality Forum**

On Monday, 10th June the Leader had attended the Local Quality Audit Forum in London with the Chairman of the Governance and Audit Committee. He had addressed the forum about his "top tips" for being a new chairman of an audit committee.

The presentation had been positively received, with the Leader receiving personal thanks and direct requests for advice as a result, which was always pleasing.

- **Mark Sturgess (Executive Director of Operations)**

Members had been made aware that Mr Sturgess had supplied to the Leader his notice of retirement. Whilst it was little time yet before Mr. Sturgess would formally leave the Authority the Leader considered it opportune and appropriate to record his and the Council thanks for his service. The Chief Officer Employment Committee had agreed to follow a steady and deliberate course over the next nine months before finalising the Council's future chief officer structure. The Leader considered this to be the right approach and looked forward to the conclusion of the Peer Review later in the year.

- **Feasibility Fund**

The Leader was pleased to report that the Authority was now offering a district-wide fund, which supported the administration's policy to deliver prosperity and jobs. The new Feasibility Fund allowed business to receive a grant of up to £5,000, subject to 50% match funding, to assist in undertaking pre-development and feasibility work. This would help people understand a project's viability and deliver investor-ready plans and the associated financials to assist in improving operations, commercialising a product or service. The Leader hoped this would serve as a precursor to potential major business investment and growth across the whole of West Lindsey.

- **Central Depot Facility**

The Leader expressed his pleasure that at the Corporate Policy & Resources Committee on Thursday, 13th June, the proposals to replace the Council's existing depot facilities received unanimous, cross-party support.

Whilst the investment was still in the early stages, and some elements remained commercially sensitive, The Leader was hopeful that the new facility would be built by the Summer of 2021.

- **Media and TV Interviews**

The Leader also advised of a number of media and TV interviews which he had undertaken, including a piece for the BBC Sunday Politics East Yorkshire & Lincolnshire, an appearance on Sky News and BBC Look North.

- **Greater Lincolnshire Leaders' and Chief Executives' Meeting**

On Friday, 28th June the Leader had attended the Leaders' and Chief Executives' Meeting at Lincoln City Hall with Mrs. Fawcett-Moralee. The ten authorities, police and crime commissioner and LEP were continuing to consider the issue of a Growth Deal for Great Lincolnshire following the end of the previous devolution proposals.

The strategic needs of waste services were also considered at the meeting.

- **Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee AGM**

The Leader had attended the Annual General Meeting of the Central Lincolnshire committee, here in the Guildhall, on Monday 17th June. The Leader of Lincoln City Council, Cllr. Metcalfe, was now the Chairman, succeeding our own Cllr. Summers who held the post in the previous year. The committee were grateful for his service. The Leader was looking forward to his involvement in the review.

- **First Consultation in relation to Local Plan Review**

As Members would be aware consultation in relation to the review of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Issues and Options paper commenced on Thursday, 6th June and ran until Thursday, 18th July 2019.

The consultation contained a number of proposals for how the plan might change, details of suggested new policies as well as detailing those policies currently identified as requiring no change.

Views were being sought from residents, stakeholders and Councillors on these proposals.

Prosperous Communities Committee would be preparing and agreeing a formal consultation response on behalf of West Lindsey District Council, however, as always, colleagues were encouraged to submit their own responses to the consultation.

An email providing further details in relation to the consultation had been circulated to all Councillors via e-mail on Thursday, 6th June 2019 from Rachael Hughes (Planning Policy Manager). The Email contained all the relevant links to the consultation material including contact details for the Central Lincolnshire Local Plans Team for questions and clarifications.

- **DCN Members Board**

On Wednesday, 5th June the Leader attended the District Council Network's Board

Meeting at the LGA's offices in London as a substitute (owing to a number of vacancies arising following the local elections). The most significant item discussed was the approach to the fairer funding formula and the business rates retention scheme. The Leader would also be acting as a substitute at the next meeting in Bournemouth next week at the LGA Conference.

› **APSE National Council**

On Thursday, 14th and Friday 15th June the Leader attended the National Council on APSE in York. APSE was celebrating its twentieth anniversary, following its emergence from ALDO in 1999. The meeting had had a substantive agenda to work through: A review of the organisation business plan, building a new business plan for future years, developing APSE's policy framework, reviewing the research programme – The Leader had specifically asked for some work to be undertaken in relation to temporary staff benchmarking, at the request of the Governance & Audit Committee – and a presentation on the latest joint research on housing.

iii) **Head of Paid Service**

The Head of Paid Service addressed Council on behalf of the Management Team during which the following points were made: -

- **Budget Consultation**

The Budget Consultation would go live next week, the launch date being 8 July. Members were encouraged to promote the consultation throughout their communities.

- **Names Badges**

Councillors had been issued with metal name badges for use at civic events for example. Councillors would still require their full ID Badge when entering the building.

- **Lincolnshire Show**

Thanks were expressed to the Democratic Team for a good Lincolnshire Show and for almost doubling the number of visitors to the Marquee.

- **Local Plan Consultation**

The Leader had provided Members with full details of the consultation underway. Members were reminded the closing date was 18 July and all were encouraged to submit responses.

- **Member Induction**

The Member Induction was drawing to a conclusion with one of the final planned events, the Governance and Audit Training having been held last week, prior to the Committee meeting. Officers were keen to receive Members feedback in order to

improve our offer to members and all were encouraged to complete any surveys they receive in respect of this matter.

- **Unaudited Financial Statements**

The Authority had successfully completed its Unaudited Financial Statements early, having finished the process by 8th May with the accounts published by 31 May. This was an excellent achievement, giving the timeframes previously operated to. The Head of Paid Service expressed his thanks and congratulated Caroline Capon and the team for their efforts.

- **LGA Peer Review**

As mentioned previously in the meeting by the Leader, The Authority had an LGA peer review planned for January 2020. Members would be kept abreast over coming months as to progress.

- **Alchemy Event**

The Authority would be hosting an Alchemy event over the 17/18 July organised by the Executive Director of Commercial and Economic Growth which would involve National Social Enterprises and Social Investors meeting together with local social enterprises to develop new ideas for West Lindsey.

- **September Council Meeting**

Following consultation with both the Leader and the Leader of the Opposition the decision had been taken to Cancel the meeting of Full Council in September due to lack of business.

27 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Monitoring Officer confirmed to the meeting that no questions had been received from members of the public.

28 QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9

Councillor Stephen Bunney, Ward Member for the Market Rasen Ward, submitted the following question to the meeting: -

- 1) ***Question to Councillor Owen Bierley, Chairman of the Prosperous Communities Committee, from Councillor Stephen Bunney, Ward Member for the Market Rasen Ward.***

“Street Littering, Dog Mess and Fly Tipping are problems throughout the whole district. What measures have West Lindsey District Council taken, or are considering taking, to strengthen the enforcement action to reduce these unpleasant environmental nuisances. Also have the Council considered adopting the consequence adopted by

several Councils, Barnsley and Wolverhampton being examples, of seizing and crushing vehicles from which fly tipping has been proved to have taken place.

Thank you”

The Chairman of the Prosperous Communities Committee, Councillor Owen Bierley, responded as follows: -

“Thank you for your question Cllr Bunney.

The Council has measures in place to tackle these types of issues and have a number of officers who are delegated to issue fixed penalty notices for this type of offence. We aim to target hot spot areas and base our approach on intelligence we have along with information from members of the public. We also use Public Space Protection Orders where necessary.

The Council has previously seized vehicles as part of fly tipping investigations and this is an approach we will continue to use in order to ensure that investigations can be carried out and perpetrators can be caught.

However, we do recognise that a partnership approach is likely to be most effective in addressing such long-standing problems as these. For example, in February, West Lindsey ‘signed up’ to work together with Lincolnshire Police, the Environment Agency, the County and other District Councils and other rural stakeholders to further combat fly tipping throughout Lincolnshire. The District Council also supports volunteer led community litter picks, with no fewer than thirty taking place in April and May alone. I also firmly believe that, as a Council and as individuals, we have a lobbying role to ensure that officers in rural areas have the necessary measures and powers available to them both now and in the future.”

Having heard the response, the questioner and a further Member requested additional information, namely: -

- The number of cars which had been seized by the Authority
- The number of cases of this type of offence enforced against and the type of action taken, for example ticket issued or warning given etc.

The Chairman of the Prosperous Communities Committee indicated that he would source such information and provide it to the Members concerned outside of the meeting.

29 MOTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10

Note: Those Councillors who had previously declared an interest in respect of the motion, left the Chamber.

Councillor Jeff Summers submitted the following Motion: -

“Council Tax Exemptions for Empty Almshouses.

What are Alms-houses?

Almshouses are run by local charities. They provide self contained low cost housing. Mostly for older people who have a low income. Often elderly people with no living relatives and homeless with no income or personal wealth.

Where.

Specifically I am referring to the Bell's Almshouses at Kingerby, which has served the parishes of Osgodby, Kingerby and Claxby since 1675 as their own social housing for those in 'need, suffering hardship or distress". This Registered Charity (229226) has a group of trustees made up of two parish councils, the local vicar and three volunteer co-opted members.

History.

The six original Almshouse fell into disrepair in the 1970's and 1980's. They have since been converted into 3 modern forms of accommodation. The work was fully carried out by local volunteers and as you see in the photograph a beautiful row of cottages in a tranquil setting has been established. The exceptional thing here is local volunteers have provided three one bedroom modern homes with no support or funding from West Lindsey. 3 social houses free to the district. Now fully let under licence not a tenancy to very needy local people. Due to the fact the residents are on licence and not tenants, the trustees do not charge a rent in its legal definition. Currently the licence fee is approximately half a commercial fair rent.

The charitable scheme and the latest set of accounts are available for the council to see.

Mr. Chairman.

Based upon the brief information I have presented tonight, the history and particularly the resurrection of these modest yet prestigious housing assets in West Lindsey.

I am asking for Council's approval to take this matter forward to our Corporate Policy and Resources Committee for consideration of approving the exemption of council tax for Unoccupied and Unfurnished Alms-houses.

I so move."

The motion was seconded by Councillor Lewis Strange, who spoke in support of the motions principles.

The Leader of the Council also thanked Councillors Summers for the motion and indicated it was the right and proper thing for the matter to be referred to Corporate Policy and Resources Committee so the full financial implications of the request were understood before a decision was made. The Leader was of the belief almshouses currently contributed around £17,000 in Council Tax to provide County, District and Police Services.

It was suggested that any paper should also look at the cost of providing exemptions for other supported housing schemes across the District, although no formal motion was moved.

The majority of Members were supportive of the motion in principle but indicated they would

need to understand the full cost implications of introducing such a policy.

Councillors Summers was of the belief the matter would only effect 15 almshouses and be of little cost to the Authority. This figure however was challenge and the Chamber was advised that a full report would cover all such matters.

Officers clarified that the wording unoccupied and unfurnished had been specifically used as it was identical to the terminology and definition used in the legislation when determining Council Tax exemptions.

Having being moved and seconded it was **RESOLVED** that: -

the matter be referred to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee for consideration of approving the exemption of council tax for Unoccupied and Unfurnished Alms-houses.

Note: Those Councillors who had withdrawn from the meeting prior to consideration of the motion returned to the Chamber.

30 MAKING THE WILLOUGHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members were asked to give consideration to a report to fully 'make' (adopt) the Willoughton Neighbourhood Plan following a successful referendum.

Councillor Paul Howitt Cowan, as Local Ward Member, introduced the report. He expressed thanks, to the Group for their hard work, and to the Officers for the support they had offered.

Representatives from Willoughton Parish Council were in attendance and prior to Members debating the matter the Chairman invited them to make a short address to Council and present their successful Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor Peter Baldwin, addressed the meeting and made the following short address: -

"You will be pleased to know I am not making a large speech

I would however like to thank some members of the Willoughton Parish Council as well as those villagers who "volunteered" to form the Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee. It has been their time and effort that has resulted in our Plan today.

Initially I was unsure about this when it was first raised and two people deserve special mention for helping the Parish Council arrive at a decision. One of those individuals was Luke Brown who went on to be our consultant and worked with us closely through all aspects – we would not be where we are today without Luke's help.

The other person is from within your midst, and that is Councillor Steve England. Again it was very reassuring to have a District Councillor knowledgeable about the process prepared to come along to one of our meetings and answer our questions

without any prejudice at all.

I am pleased to say that having gone through the process and have an approved Plan in our hands we are delighted with the result.

Thank you”

Councillor Baldwin then formally presented the Plan to the Chairman.

Members across the floor congratulated the Group on their remarkable achievement.

It was moved, seconded and duly

RESOLVED that the Willoughton Neighbourhood Plan be adopted and made.

31 TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019

In accordance with the requirements of the Council’s reporting procedures, Members gave consideration to a report which set out the treasury activity during 2018/19 and the actual Prudential Indicators for 2018/19.

The Leader of the Council presented the report and in doing so advised the report had previously been considered by Corporate Policy and Resources Committee

This report was a requirement of the regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003 and was in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and the Prudential Code for Capital Financing.

It was best practice that Full Council received three reports each year and this was the final report which set out what had been actually achieved against the original budgeted position.

The Leader indicated he was pleased to advise that: -

- Treasury management activity had been undertaken within the approved Prudential Indicators.
- The average investments of £15.975m had generated a£246k income, at a weighted average rate of 1.57%
- Expenditure on capital investments had totalled £21m for the year

In respect of financing capital investments from borrowing, this was reflected in the Capital Financing requirement of £23m (cumulative). The Authority had borrowed £11m from the Public Works Loans Board and had utilised £12m of internal borrowing from cash balances.

In respect of our Non-treasury investments in commercial property, expenditure on the Portfolio as at 31 December had totalled £15.984m with the portfolio generating a 7.27% gross yield and resulting in £0.662m contribution to the costs of running council services.

The Council took a risk based approach to acquisitions and financial management and whilst the Authority did not charge an Minimum Revenue Provision, set-aside in the Valuation

Volatility Reserve was a minimum of 5% of purchase price, to mitigate against any loss of investment upon future sales. In addition, a Commercial Contingency budget of £200k was included within the base budget to mitigate any shortfall of in year income targets. This was considered a prudent approach and in concluding his introduction the Leader moved the report.

Debate ensued and Members posed a number of questions to Officers expressing concern at the variation of the figures within this report when compared to the Statement of Accounts document.

In responding Officers confirmed that the 7.2% yield referred to was a gross yield not a net yield and apologised that this had not been corrected.

Addressing the variances within the figures, the 18/19 figures in relation to income were a part year figure. When preparing Business cases, the full year impact was based on the part year figures.

The 660k contribution was in fact the contribution after all investments costs had been deducted and as such the 7.2% yield related to a much bigger return.

Regarding the variation between the figures in this document and the Statement of Accounts the Executive Director of Resources offered all Members a workshop on the matter. Given the importance of the two documents, it was important Members thoroughly understood the Statements. Members welcomed this opportunity, especially given the number of new members

The Financial Services Manager also advised Members it was important to note the commercial investments referred to within this report were investments bought under the specific policy. The Statement of Accounts would include all property investments some of which would fall outside of this specific policy and therefore account for the differing amounts.

Members asked further questions specifically in respect of the "fair value price" having reduced and whether this would continue. There had previously been concerns raised regarding the out of district investments and if returns were low it was suggested maybe the Authority should invest locally and seek social returns.

Officers responded advising, the different in valuation reflected the cost of acquisition. The fairer value would not continue to fall, but reflected the costs incurred of buying properties. When the properties were valued independently at the end of the year the acquisition price had to be deducted hence the reduction in value.

The value would not fall further. Values had been based on the leases in place and were in fact a multiple of the return the property would make. All leases had a minimum of 10 years to run and as such had considerable "life" within them. Provision had been made should there be any reduction in these incomes however assurance was offered that this was not expected. It was also stressed the value did not affect or impact the income generated. In terms of the investment split the portfolio was a balanced one, with no one sector, or geographical area being flooded with investments, again to mitigate risks, however the policy did state all investments must be within a two-hour drive of West Lindsey.

The low returns referred to within the report related to the treasury management investments. As such, the authority had invested £3m into the CLA fund which returned around 4% to mitigate the low returns offered by other treasury investments. It did not relate to commercial property investments.

It was stressed that the combination of investments was what created the best returns.

In response to questions as to whether this split and policy would continue, Officers advised that there were changes afoot in terms of CIPFA guidance which Officers would need to give cognisance to and which may have an impact. The Corporate Policy and Resources Committee had allocated a £30m fund for investments, £15.9m had been spent, a further property was in process but may not materialise. However, if it did the spend would total in excess of £20m and the future of the fund and policy would be a matter for the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee to determine.

Assurance was also offered that the Authority did invest in District for Social Regeneration and Economic Regeneration. This report looked at properties which met the policy and criteria set out by the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee where a commercial business case could be made. However, there were plenty of investments the Authority had made from its reserves that were purely about Gross Value Added to the District and the community, one recent example being the Saxilby business units which were expected, if all leased, to just about cover their costs.

The Chairman of the Governance and Audit Committee advised that Commercial Acquisitions were no longer to be a matter for the Annual Governance Statement going forward and thus should give Members some assurance that the Council's activity in this area was considered robust.

Furthermore, he advised that Statement of Accounts Training was being held on 23 July at 12pm. Whilst this was mandatory for Governance and Audit Committee Members all Members were welcome and he strongly encouraged them to attend.

In conclusion the Leader of the Council indicated that historically investment returns for internally managed funds had been around 0.42% when he joined the authority and these were now substantially higher and he offered his congratulations to the finance team for their endeavours. He also suggested the 2 September, given the cancellation of Council, may be an opportune date on which to hold the previously mentioned workshop.

RESOLVED that the Annual Treasury Management Report and actual Prudential Indicators for 2018/19 be approved.

Note: Councillors Young, Rollings and Darcel requested that their vote against the above decision be recorded.

32 MEMBERSHIP OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE / REGULATORY COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

Members gave consideration to a report which sought to appoint additional Members to the

Licensing Committee (and Regulatory Committee due to Constitutional requirements) in order that the Committee met the statutory requirements of the Licensing Act 2003, and to reaffirm the Chairman / Vice-Chairmanship, in light of having had to re-appoint to the Committee.

The report also sought to re-appoint the Vice-Chairman of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee following the resignation of Councillor Kinch from the position.

In response to questions, the Monitoring Officer confirmed the oversight at Annual Council had not put the Council at risk as there had been no matters determined by the Licensing Committee in the intervening period.

The Monitoring Officer also confirmed that training would be provided for those two additional members that were being appointed to the Committees.

The Leader placed on record his thanks to Councillor Kinch for the work he undertaken in the role of Vice-Chairmanship.

RESOLVED that: -

- (a) the number of Members to be appointed to serve on the Licensing Committee and Regulatory Committee be noted;
- (b) the allocation to different political groups of seats on the Licensing Committee and Regulatory Committee, as set out in Appendix 1, be noted;
- (c) in accordance with the provisions of section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the wishes expressed by political groups, Members detailed at Sections 3.3 and 3.4 be appointed to serve to on the Council's Licensing Committee and Regulatory Committee for the 2019/2020 civic year;
- (d) the Chairman and Vice-Chairmanship appointments made at Annual Council on 20 May 2019, in respect of the Licensing Committee and Regulatory Committee, be re-affirmed; and
- 5) Councillor Anne Welburn be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee with immediate effect.

The meeting concluded at 8.11 pm.

Chairman

Purpose:

To consider progress on the matters arising from previous Council meetings.

Recommendation: That members note progress on the matters arising and request corrective action if necessary.

Matters arising Schedule

Meeting	Full Council				
Status	Title	Action Required	Comments	Due Date	Allocated To
Black	motion to Council - council tax exemption for almshouses	extract from mins of mtg 1/7/19 Having being moved and seconded it was RESOLVED that: - the matter be referred to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee for consideration of approving the exemption of council tax for Unoccupied and Unfurnished Alms-houses.	alison please can you add this report to the report system for CPR and prepare the report please, setting out the impact of this proposal. I will resend you the motion by e-mail . Due at CPR in November	31/07/19	Alison McCulloch
Black	workshop for Members - treasury	extract from mins of mtg 1/7/19 Regarding the variation between the figures in this document and the Statement of Accounts the Executive Director of Resources offered all Members a workshop on the matter. Given the importance of the two documents it was important Members thoroughly understood the Statements. Members welcomed this opportunity, especially given the number of new members	2/9/19 has been suggested as a date. Please make necessary arrangements and communicate to members workshop is now 7 November 4pm to 6pm. All Members have been advised by email and dates have been published in the bulletin also.	31/07/19	Ian Knowles

Black	question to council re flytipping, litter dog fouling etc	<p>extract from mins of mtg 1/7/19: -</p> <p>Having heard the response, the questioner and a further Member requested additional information, namely: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number of cars which had been seized by the Authority• The number of cases of this type of offence enforced against and the type of action taken, for example ticket issued or warning given etc. <p>The Chairman of the Prosperous Communities Committee indicated that he would source such information and provide it to the Members concerned outside of the meeting.</p> <p>Andy please can you pull together the requested information you have previously been supplied with the full question that was asked by Cllr Bunney</p>	Information provided by e-mail on 22 October	21/07/19	Andy Gray
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Agenda Item 6



Council

4 November 2019

Subject: Adoption of the Glentworth Neighbourhood Plan

Report by:

Executive Director for Economic and Commercial Growth

Contact Officer:

Nev Brown
Senior Neighbourhood Planning Policy Officer
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Purpose / Summary:

To make the Glentworth Neighbourhood Plan.

RECOMMENDATION(S): To make the Glentworth Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: This work is a duty under the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.

Financial: Fin Ref FIN/210/19/SL

For every completed neighbourhood plan the Council receives a grant of £20k from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to help support its neighbourhood planning role in the district.

Staffing: Internal resources in place to deal with neighbourhood planning.

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights: The Plan has been examined under the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations for any issues relating to equality and diversity.

Data Protection Implications : n/a

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities : n/a

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations : n/a

Health Implications: n/a

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

<https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/my-services/planning-and-building/neighbourhood-planning/all-neighbourhood-plans-in-west-lindsey/glentworth-neighbourhood-plan/>

Risk Assessment : n/a

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Following a positive referendum result held on the 5 September 2019, West Lindsey District Council is publicising its decision to make the Glentworth Neighbourhood Development Plan as part of the West Lindsey Development Plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

2. Background

- 2.1 Glentworth Parish Council, as the qualifying body successfully applied for the village to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area, under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012), which became effective in December 2016. Following the submission of the Glentworth Neighbourhood Development Plan to the Council, the plan was publicised on 9 January 2019 and comments were invited from the public and stakeholders.

3. Decision & Reasoning

- 3.1 West Lindsey District Council appointed an independent examiner, Mr Andrew Ashcroft, to review whether the plan met the basic conditions required by legislation and whether the plan should proceed to referendum.
- 3.2 The Examiner's Report concluded that the plan met the basic conditions, and that subject to the modifications proposed in the report, the plan should proceed to a referendum. It was agreed under West Lindsey District Council's delegated powers that the plan should proceed to referendum and, in the outcome of a successful referendum result, it should be made by Full Council.
- 3.3 A referendum was held on 5 September 2019 where 98.4% of those who voted were in favour of the plan. Paragraph 38A (4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended by Section 3 of The Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2017 requires that the Council must make the neighbourhood plan if more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the plan.
- 3.4 West Lindsey District Council is not subject to this duty if the making of the plan would breach, or would otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).
- 3.5 The referendum held on 5 September 2019 met the requirements of the Localism Act 2011. It was held in the Parish of Glentworth and posed the question:

'Do you want West Lindsey District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Glentworth to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area'.

3.6 Greater than 50% of those who voted were in favour of the plan being used to help decide planning applications in the plan area.

3.7 The results of the referendum were:

Question:		
Do you want West Lindsey District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Glentworth to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?		
	Votes recorded	Percentage
Number of votes cast in favour of 'yes'	61	98.4%
Number of votes cast in favour of 'no'	1	1.6%

3.8 West Lindsey District Council has assessed that the plan including its preparation does not breach, and would not otherwise be incompatible, with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).

3.9 In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2017 and the Council's procedure the Glentworth Neighbourhood Development Plan is made and planning applications in the area must be considered against the Glentworth Neighbourhood Development Plan, as well as existing planning policy, such as the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework and Guidance.

4. Recommendation:

4.1 That Members formally agree to make the Glentworth Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.



Council

4 November 2019

Subject: Members' Code of Conduct - Investigation Report

Report by:

Monitoring Officer

Contact Officer:

Corporate Policy & Governance Manager/ Deputy Monitoring Officer

Purpose / Summary:

To present the findings of an investigation into an alleged breach of the Members' Code of Conduct by Cllr Roger Patterson, Ward Member for Scampton

RECOMMENDATION(S): That Members note the content of the investigation and support the recommendations made within it regarding the sanctions to be applied

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: None – this does not impinge on the realms of civil or criminal law
(N.B.) Where there are legal implications the report **MUST** be seen by the MO

Financial: None

Staffing: None
(N.B.) Where there are staffing implications the report **MUST** have a HR Ref

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights: None

Data Protection Implications: None

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities: None

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations: None

Health Implications: None

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: [Members' Revised Code of Conduct](#)
*Wherever possible please provide a hyperlink to the background paper/s
If a document is confidential and not for public viewing it should not be listed.*

Risk Assessment: None

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

Executive Summary

If the main body of your report is longer than 4 sides of A4 then you are required to complete an executive summary. Please summarise the entire content of the report, its purpose and the decisions you require on one side of A4.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 At Annual Council In May 2017, West Lindsey District Council adopted a revised Members' Code of Conduct for elected and co-opted Members of the Council.
- 1.2 The Code sets out for Members the principles they must have regard for in carrying out their duties:
 - Selflessness
 - Integrity
 - Objectivity
 - Accountability
 - Openness
 - Honesty
 - Leadership
- 1.3 When Members are deemed to have not upheld any or a combination of the principles, complaints can be made to the Monitoring Officer for consideration.
- 1.4 The Monitoring Officer, (in conjunction with the Independent Person and Group Leader) has to determine whether:
 - The Code was engaged (i.e was the Member(s) acting in an official capacity when events arose to prompt the complaint?)
 - If so, does the matter warrant formal investigation, or is informal resolution a more appropriate approach?

2. Complaints (x2) made against Cllr Roger Patterson

- 2.1 Two complaints (received on 31st July 2019) were made by members of the public against Cllr Roger Patterson. They referred to comments he had allegedly posted on social media on 9th and 24th July 2019, which were deemed to be offensive and advocated violence against Jeremy Corbyn and his supporters.
- 2.2 Having considered the complaints with the Independent Person, the Monitoring Officer found that the Code had been engaged and deemed the matters to be worthy of formal investigation.
- 2.3 The investigation has been conducted and is reported in Appendix 1.

3. Recommendation:

Members are asked to consider and approve the recommendations contained at Section 6 of the investigation report.

INVESTIGATION REPORT

COMPLAINT OF ALLEGED BREACH OF MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT BY CLLR ROGER PATTERSON

Investigating Officer	James O'Shaughnessy: Corporate Policy & Governance Manager/Deputy Monitoring Officer – 9 th October 2019
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1. Instruction

I have been instructed on behalf of West Lindsey District Council's (WLDC) Monitoring Officer to conduct an independent investigation into allegations contained within two complaints, dated 27th and 28th July 2019, made by members of the public, that Cllr Roger Patterson has breached the Members Code of Conduct. The complaints refer to comments he made on social media on 9th and 24th July 2019 in respect of Jeremy Corbyn. Both complainants regarded the comments as offensive and incitements to violence.

For the purposes of investigating the matter I was provided with:

- 1 The written complaints (made by Dr Dan Ellin on 27th July 2019 and Mr Daniel Harris on 28th July 2019).
- 2 Copies of:
 - The Council's Members' Code of Conduct adopted by Council in May 2017
 - The Council's Elected Members' ICT Policy
 - The Council's Social Media Policy
- 3 Copies of:
 - Cllr Patterson's signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office dated 7th May 2019
 - Cllr Patterson's signed acknowledgement of the Council's ICT Policy dated 7th May 2019
 - Cllr Patterson's signed receipt of the Council's Code of Conduct for Elected Members dated 7th May 2019

2. Background

On 31st July 2019 the Council received via email, two complaints from residents of West Lindsey relating to the behaviour of Cllr Roger Patterson, the Ward Member for Scampton. Both alleged that Cllr Patterson had posted inappropriate comments on social media.

The first complaint was made by Dr Dan Ellin. He alleged that on 24th July 2019, Cllr Patterson had tweeted that Jeremy Corbyn should be hung; advocating the murder of an elected representative and effectively advocating violence.

The second complaint was made by Mr Daniel Harris. He alleged that on 9th July 2019 @ 07.37, Cllr Patterson had tweeted:

“The only minority to be cleansed are Corbyns (sic) terrorist sympathiseing (sic) anti semitic (sic) cult. They are a dirty stain on this country.”

and that on 24th July 2019@ 23.52, Cllr Patterson provided a statement on Twitter with the following words:

“It’s Corbyn who shouldn’t be in Parliament. The traitor should be swinging from the gallows like Saddam Hussein. He’s betrayed his country by his support for terrorists and our enemies.”

Screen shots of the two messages accompanied this complaint.

As a result of these messages, the complainant felt, *“such sentiments and words have no place in any community. The statements are hate-filled and could be interpreted as an incitement to kill. His words are dangerous and threatening. The accusation regarding “support for terrorists” has no substantiating evidence and could qualify as libellous. They are completely offensive and bring his elected position and West Lindsey District Council into disrepute.”*

The Members’ Code of Conduct for WLDC contains the following advice:

“As a member, or co-opted member, of West Lindsey District Council, you have a responsibility to represent the community and work constructively with your fellow members, our staff and partner organisations to secure better social, economic and environmental outcomes for all.”

“When acting in this capacity you must have regard to the following principles in carrying out your duties, in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 (The Act):

- 1. Selflessness*
- 2. Integrity*
- 3. Objectivity*
- 4. Accountability*
- 5. Openness*
- 6. Honesty*
- 7. Leadership”*

Further guidance is offered against each Principle along with General Provisions and General Obligations.

All Members of the Council are required to sign up to the Code, acknowledge and work within it.

Investigation Report

On 20th August 2019, the Council's Monitoring Officer met with the Independent Person to consider the complaints and allegations made within them. It was determined that the Council's Code of Conduct had been invoked and that an investigation was warranted. All parties were subsequently notified of this decision.

Questions for this investigation:

- 1 Whether Cllr Patterson was acting in his capacity as a Councillor of WLDC when the social media messages were posted?
- 2 If Cllr Patterson was acting in such a capacity, did his conduct breach the Code as set out for Members of WLDC?

3. Councillor Details and History

Name	Councillor Roger Michael Patterson
Address	33 Devonshire Road, Scampton, LN1 2UB
Length of service	Councillor since May 2011
Outstanding disciplinary action	-
Position at WLDC	Cllr for Scampton Ward

4. Investigatory Notes and Record of Statements

26th September 2019: Telephone conversation with Mr Daniel Harris (3.05-3.12 p.m). To expedite the process I chose to speak to Mr Harris over the phone. A record of the contemporaneous notes taken during the conversation are provided below:

Q. When did you first see the message/tweet posted by Cllr Patterson?

A. The day after he posted it; 25th July

Q. How was it brought to your attention?

A. It was re-tweeted as unacceptable by someone and I saw a message about it on Facebook

Q. What is your particular complaint about it?

A. I provided a full account in my complaint form. Nothing further to say about it.

Q. Have you seen anything further posted by Cllr Patterson since that time?

A. I believe Cllr Patterson now uses a private account. I have not seen anything posted by him since the event.

Q. Is there anything else you would like to add?

A. I am absolutely disgusted with the complete lack of respect or regard shown by Cllr Patterson towards Jeremy Corbyn and those who support him. As my ward Councillor I expect a more respectful approach to human beings and those in political opposition. Clearly he broke the Code of Conduct.

Brief explanation of next steps was related to Mr Harris.

26th September 2019: Telephone conversation with Dr Dan Ellin (3.15-3.22 p.m.). To expedite the process I chose to speak to Dr Ellin over the phone. A record of the contemporaneous notes taken during the conversation are provided below:

Q. When did you first see the message/tweet posted by Cllr Patterson?

A. I saw it the following day.

Q. How was it brought to your attention?

A. It was re-tweeted by someone with a screen shot and described as unacceptable.

Q. What is your particular complaint about it?

A. As my ward Member I felt something needed to be done about it. This is a symptom of things going on in the wider context of society and politics; dividing people and it is unacceptable behaviour.

Q. Have you seen anything further posted by Cllr Patterson since that time?

A. I haven't seen anything else

Q. Is there anything else you would like to add?

A. Using language like betrayal, traitors, are incitement to violence. I was astonished and shocked and couldn't really believe what I was seeing.

Brief explanation of next steps was related to Mr Harris.

7th October 2019: Interview with Cllr Patterson; Members' Room, The Guildhall, Gainsborough (10.48-11.49 a.m.). Contemporaneous notes taken of the interview which was read back to Cllr Patterson. Each page and overall declaration signed and dated by both parties.

Councillor Patterson was courteous throughout the interview and understood the nature of the complaints made against him. He acknowledged signing his Declaration of Acceptance of Office (including an undertaking to observe the code as to the conduct which is expected of Members of WLDC) and receipt of the Members' Code of Conduct, ICT and Social Media Polices and was familiar with their content and intent. In respect of the Code of Conduct he expressed an understanding of the guiding principles contained within it.

He confirmed that he had issued the two postings in question from the account @cllrrpatterson. With regard to the one posted on 9th July 2019 @ 7.37 a.m., he said that the message he was responding to was posted by a Labour Party Member which was an anti-Semitic tweet about cleansing Israel of Zionists. He took offence to this and lost his temper. It was a single comment posted by him, preceded by many other comments posted by others.

With regard to the message posted on 24th July 2019 @ 23.52, he said he was in France (it was therefore 00.52 a.m. local time). He could not sleep and was tired. The message posted to which he was responding had referred to Auschwitz and Jeremy Hunt. He had asked the poster of the message 'When?' and to 'Prove it' and had then gone onto post the message referring to Jeremy Corbyn. It was an "off-the-cuff remark"; more designed to annoy than incite anything.

In respect of the content of Dr Ellin's complaint, Cllr Patterson denied he had written that Jeremy Corbyn should be hanged and he was definitely not advocating murder or violence against anyone. When asked if he could understand why the content of the messages could be construed as advocating violence he said he didn't know as he has seen other messages more explicitly inciting such behaviour. However, he then did appreciate that others could (and have) viewed his comments differently.

Cllr Patterson did not feel that his comments regarding Jeremy Corbyn's support for terrorists was libellous (as alleged by Mr Harris). Having served in the defence forces in Northern Ireland he stated that he had witnessed Mr Corbyn speak on a platform with IRA members and he believes that Jeremy Corbyn has also openly expressed support for HAMAS. Cllr Patterson believes he is not alone in forming this opinion.

He used his own mobile phone to post the messages and has not posted anything similar since July 2019. He is still using social media in a positive manner to promote community matters and the work of the Council. He said he is more aware now of what he comments on; although he still comes across vile content, but has chosen not to get involved. He believes that social media is a good thing when used appropriately.

When asked directly if he felt that he had breached the Members' Code of Conduct he agreed that he had, with regard to Principle 4 (Accountability) in particular. He stated that he is accountable for his actions at all times and as a Councillor, this must be the case. He re-iterated that he had made a mistake; had not meant to threaten or incite anyone, but takes responsibility and is accountable for his actions. He said he will learn from this and apologised unreservedly for any embarrassment or harm his actions may have caused

5. Summary

At the outset, my investigation was instigated to establish whether Cllr Patterson had breached the Council's Members' Code of Conduct by posting social media messages that were deemed by two members of the public as offensive and incitements to violence against Jeremy Corbyn.

The first matter to establish is whether at the time of issuing the messages (9th and 24th July 2019) Cllr Patterson was acting in his official capacity as a Councillor of WLDC. There is no dispute that this was the case, as the social media account he used was entitled @cllrpatterson. Principle 4 – Accountability is therefore triggered, as while acting in his official capacity, Cllr Patterson was accountable for his decisions to the public and was open to scrutiny.

Consideration has also been paid as to whether Cllr Patterson breached Principle 7 – Leadership. The Code states that:

“You must promote and support the above principles by leadership and example.”

WLDC's code also includes local provision relating to:

1. Respect, Bullying and Harassment
2. Confidential Information
3. Use of Resources

These principles articulate the fundamental values of public service that underpin the conduct of Members and are expected to be upheld by Members of the authority when they are acting in that capacity.

The Code covers respect, bullying and harassment within Part 2: General Principles; Section 3: General Obligations. Members are advised to be mindful that such behaviour (while emotive and subjective) can manifest itself in many guises, including through the use of electronic communications and social media.

The Code states that:

“Councillors at all times must show respect to each other, staff and members of the public and engage with them in an appropriate manner and one that underpins the mutual respect that is essential for local government. Councillors may not always agree with the political views of their member colleagues but they will respect the right for those views to be held.”

In determining whether Cllr Patterson breached Principle 7 – Leadership, and contravened the general obligations related to respect, bullying and harassment I have considered the language used in the relevant postings. I have determined that the language used by Cllr Patterson in both social media postings was not respectful; was inflammatory in nature and could be regarded as incitement to violence. Such language is not expected of someone holding a position of leadership.

From the extracts provided of the messages and the contextual information provided by Cllr Patterson during his interview, it is evident that differing political opinions and doctrines were being vehemently expressed. However, Cllr Patterson failed to respect the right for those views to be held and resorted to the type of language referred to above.

In summary, I therefore conclude that Principle 4 – Accountability and Principle 7 – Leadership, have been breached.

6. Recommendations

Having established that the Members’ Code of Conduct was engaged and that Cllr Patterson has breached it as a result of his social media postings, I recommend the following remedial actions:

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- That Cllr Patterson issues a formal public apology. This should take the form of a statement at the next meeting of Full Council that Cllr Patterson attends
- That Cllr Patterson undertakes Social Media Training within four months of the issue of the decision
- That Cllr Patterson stands down as a member of WLDC's Standards Sub-Committee for the remainder of his current term of office
- That the sanctions imposed are made publically available on the Council's website for a period of three months from the date of the issue of the decision

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL**WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL****Election of a District Councillor for
Torksey Ward**

on Thursday 24 October 2019

I, Alan Robinson, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
ELLIS, Sarah Jane	The Conservative Party Candidate	378 Elected
MULLALLY, Noel Joseph	Liberal Democrat	346
PEARSON, Nicholas	The Brexit Party	299
SMITH, Perry Peter	Labour Party	37

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	1
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	3
E rejected in part	0
Total	4

Vacant Seats: 1

Electorate: 2448

Ballot Papers Issued: 1064

Turnout: 43.46%

And I do hereby declare that,

Sarah Jane Ellis

is duly elected Councillor for the said Ward.

Dated Friday 25 October 2019

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Alan Robinson
Returning Officer

Agenda Item 11f



Council

4 November 2019

Subject: Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

Report by:

Monitoring Officer

Contact Officer:

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Purpose / Summary:

To consider the outcome of the recent review of polling districts and polling places

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- 1. That the proposals for the polling districts, polling places and polling stations in the District, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved.**
- 2. That the Returning Officer be granted delegated authority for keeping polling districts and polling places under review and amending any such arrangements (following consultation with Local Ward Member(s) where there is an operational need, prior to the next compulsory District review.**

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To seek to provide reasonable facilities for voting that, so far as is practical, are accessible to all electors including those who are disabled, to comply with the requirements of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013.

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: None arising from this report

Financial: FIN/93/20/TJB

The designation of any additional polling place will have financial implications regarding the hire of premises and polling staff fees and will be contained within existing budgets

Staffing : None arising from this report.

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights: Representation of the People Act 1983 require the accessibility needs of disabled persons to be taken into account when designating polling places.

Data Protection Implications: None arising from this report.

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities: None arising from this report.

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations: None arising from this report.

Health Implications: None arising from this report.

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Risk Assessment : None arising from this report.

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Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

x

Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

x

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Electoral Registration & Administration Act 2013 introduced a change to the timing of compulsory reviews of UK Parliamentary polling districts and polling places. The current compulsory reviews must be completed by 31 January 2020. Subsequent compulsory reviews must then be held once every five years.

1.2 In undertaking a review the local authority must:

- a) Publish notice of the holding of a review;
- b) Consult the (Acting) Returning Officer for every parliamentary constituency which is wholly or partly in its area;
- c) Enable any such (Acting) Returning Officer to make representations to the authority and publish them in a prescribed manner;
- d) Seek representations from such persons that it thinks has particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability;
- e) Allow any elector in the authority's area to make representations which could include proposals for alternative polling places.

1.3 On completion of a review the authority must give reasons for its decisions in the review and publish such other information as is prescribed in the Act and regulations.

1.4 Details of the Returning Officer's proposals regarding polling districts, polling places, electorates and postal voters are set out at Appendix 2.

2. POLLING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND POLLING PLACES

2.1 Polling Districts are, in effect, sub divisions of Electoral Wards. Each parish is automatically a polling district in its own right but then that area can be broken down into further polling districts dependent on the size of the parish and the number and location of the electors.

2.2 When designating polling districts the local authority must seek to ensure that all the electors in the area have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practical in the circumstances.

2.3 In determining where polling places should be located the Council must seek to ensure that all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practical in the circumstances and that, so far as is reasonable and practical, polling places chosen are accessible to all electors, including those who are disabled.

3. CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN

3.1 Public notice of the review was given on 1 October 2018 and full details of the review were placed on the Council's website. The period for

representations to be made on the Returning Officer's proposals was from 1 October 2018 to 13 January 2019.

3.2 In addition the following specific consultations were undertaken explaining the reason for the review and factors which could influence the Returning Officer's proposals regarding the location of polling districts/places:

- a) with all Members of the Council prior to the publication of the Returning Officer's proposals by way of electronic mail on 1 October 2018.
- b) with all Town/Parish Councils and Chairs of Parish Meetings by way of a letter dated 3 October 2018.
- c) letters advising of the review, accessibility and proposals dated 1 October 2018 to:
 - i. Gainsborough Constituency Conservative Association
 - ii. Gainsborough Constituency Labour Party
 - iii. West Lindsey Liberal Democrats
 - iv. United Kingdom Independence Party
 - v. Lincolnshire Independents
- d) with 22 organisations and persons connected with the Disability Network within the West Lindsey area by way of electronic mail on 1 October 2018.

3.3 Press releases were issued to the local media and notices placed on parish notice boards throughout the Council's administrative area.

4. COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

4.1 A total of 14 responses were received and these are summarised in the schedule set out at Appendix 1. The schedule provides details of the parishes on which comment has been received, observations of the Returning Officer and the name of the person or organisation who has made comments or representations.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 The Council is aware that in a vast, mainly rural area such as West Lindsey, there are many electors who have to travel some miles in order to vote at their allocated polling station. However, postal voting is available to all electors and is an easier and more convenient method of voting for many electors. The current records show that almost 11,150 electors have already chosen to vote by post on a permanent basis, an increase of over 650 since the last review was undertaken in 2014.

5.2 Throughout the review process every effort has been made to ensure that electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practical in

the circumstances and that, so far as is reasonable and practical, polling places are accessible to all electors, including those who are disabled.

- 5.3 The proposals as listed in Appendix 2 reflect the composition of the 20 district council wards. The proposals reflect several parishes which have had to be 'moved' into new areas with a consequent change in their polling place within the new ward.
- 5.4 On occasions designated polling places may become unavailable for use during elections owing to the closure of buildings or premises being used for other events. The Returning Officer requires approval by the Council in order to change polling places at relatively short notice. It is recommended that delegated authority be given to the Returning Officer following consultation with local Ward Member(s) to approve any such changes during an election period.

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2019

**SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED
as at close of public consultation on 1 April 2019**

BARDNEY WARD

No written responses or comments received.

CAISTOR & YARBOROUGH WARD

Responses were received from the Ward Members, Cllr Bierley and Cllr Lawrence and both are happy with the current position.

CHERRY WILLINGHAM WARD

No written responses or comments received.

DUNHOLME & WELTON WARD

Cllr D Rodgers did comment on Lissington Church, when she last attended an evening meeting there, the path was uneven and the area was dark. No other comments were made and does not think there is any need for change.

Cllr S England, whilst he understands the parish meetings concerns, given the costs involved agrees to keep the arrangements as they stand.

Lissington Parish Meeting – Martin Wilkinson, Chairman

A copy of Mr Wilkinson's statement was circulated to all members and a response was received from Cllr J McNeill as follows:

'Firstly, is it possible for a private dwelling to be used as a polling station or does it have to be a public building like a village hall, shop, pub, school or church?

Secondly, regarding the costs, having spoken to Revd Steven Johnson, the costs of hiring the church might only be £40 and your calculation does not take into account the reduced training costs if online training (instead of face to face training) is undertaken by polling staff at half the cost (only £40). I've already found £100 saving or £2 per elector (based on 50% turnout). What is considered a reasonable cost per elector to keep (or in this case) re-open a polling station?

Thirdly, I believe that your response is partly dictated by the need for the provision of a polling station to be affordable and reasonable to WLDC's standard, however would it be reasonable –for example – for someone else to pay the costs rather than they fall on the council?

Response – Private dwellings can be used as polling stations but the owners must make sure they inform their insurance company to cover any eventuality.

When calculating polling station hire charges, consideration must be given to the heating and lighting that will be used constantly for nearly 16 hours.

West Lindsey as yet does not have election training available on-line. This has been considered, but again costs have to be taken into consideration compared with face to face training. Meeting the polling staff also enables them to ask any questions and we are able to hand out the Electoral Commission handbooks and literature rather than sending out through Royal Mail.

Proposed to keep the current arrangements.

GAINSBOROUGH EAST WARD

Cllr M Devine is in full agreement with current arrangements.

GAINSBOROUGH NORTH WARD

No written responses or comments received.

GAINSBOROUGH SOUTH-WEST WARD

No written responses or comments received.

HEMSWELL WARD

No written responses or comments received.

KELSEY WARD

Bigby Parish Council are happy with the current venue.

Cllr Strange highlighted the fact Searby-cum-Owmbly does not have a polling station and as such communities should be advised of their rights to have a postal vote.

Response – Anyone can apply for a postal vote, and have the option of applying for one every year via the Household Registration Form during the canvass. All eligible electors receive a poll card prior to an election and details of how to obtain a postal vote are printed on these. Application forms are also available on our website or that of the Electoral Commission.

No changes proposed

LEA WARD

Lea Parish Council asked why the Butler's Pantry is no longer used and could it be used in the future.

Response – The polling station was moved to the Village Hall in 2011. The Butler's Pantry is quite remote which could discourage electors from visiting the polling station after dark. Staff also felt vulnerable when closing the station at 10pm. The Village Hall has disabled access and is more central to the village.

It is therefore my proposal to keep the Village Hall as the polling station for Lea.

MARKET RASEN WARD

Osgodby Parish Council feel the Village Hall is satisfactory and works well.

Cllr J McNeill has no problem with the current proposals

Cllr T Smith (in October 2018) understood the rationale for not using the Church in Owersby but was concerned it would leave electors with no other viable option, in most cases to travel by car, meaning if they don't drive they are disenfranchised by this unintentionally. Cllr Smith asked for clarification on postal voting.

Response – Following a meeting with the North Owersby Parish Council the Little Owls, North End, North Owersby was secured as a polling station going forward. This station was used in the May 2019 elections.

Regarding postal votes, anyone can apply for a postal vote and have the option to request an application form during the Household Canvass held annually in the autumn. Poll cards sent out before elections which have details of how to apply for a postal vote.

Proposed to keep the current arrangements.

NETTLEHAM WARD

Nettleham Parish Council considered the contents of the polling station review and agreed unanimously that the Old School be the only polling place for Nettleham residents and for Grange de Lings to have their own polling station.

Response – If the whole of Nettleham were to use the Old School it would mean over 3,100 potential electors. The village hall takes away nearly 1,000 electors which also alleviates the parking and the traffic onto and off Mill Hill through the village

For Riseholme to have their own polling station it would cost them in the region of £500.

No response or comment has been received from Riseholme Parish Council.

Proposed to keep the current arrangements

SAXILBY WARD

Cllr J Brockway raised the issue that a large number of houses are being built in Saxilby, over 400, so resident numbers could increase by about 800 or more within the next year or two.

Response – This is something to certainly monitor. The Village Hall has the capacity to house a third station as and when necessary.

SCAMPTON WARD

No written responses or comments received.

SCOTTER & BLYTON WARD

No written responses or comments received.

STOW WARD

No written responses or comments received.

SUDBROOKE WARD

No written responses or comments received.

TORKSEY WARD

No written responses or comments received.

WADDINGHAM & SPITAL WARD

No written responses or comments received.

WOLD VIEW WARD

No written responses or comments received.

GENERAL

The Assistant Electoral Registration Officer met with the Gainsborough Branch of Disability Network Group on 12 September 2018. Everyone was happy with the voting process but many were not aware they could apply for a postal or proxy vote. Application forms were handed out and assisted with applying if required. No-one had any issues with their polling station.

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2019

SUMMARY OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

BARDNEY WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
AA Apley	Stainfield & Apley Village Hall	61	(11)
AI Stainfield		83	(7)
		144	(18)
AB Bardney	Bardney Village Hall	1555	(203)
AC Bullington	Restaurant Annex, Thornes Beehives, Rand	27	(5)
AD Fulnetby		10	(2)
AE Goltho		67	(16)
AF Holton-cum-Beckering		103	(23)
AG Rand		33	(4)
		240	(50)
AH Southrey	Southrey Village Hall	177	(27)

CAISTOR & YARBOROUGH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
BA Brocklesby	The Village Hall, Great Limber	77	(4)
BE Great Limber		216	(27)
		293	(31)
BB Cabourne	Caistor Town Hall	61	(7)
BC Caistor No.1		1303	(180)
BD Caistor No.2		1077	(156)
		2441	(343)
BF Keelby No.1	The Village Hall, Keelby	891	(123)
BG Keelby No.2		782	(96)
		1673	(219)
BH Riby	St. Edmund's Church, Riby	105	(5)

CHERRY WILLINGHAM WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
CA Barlings	The Memorial Hall, Langworth	368	(63)
CG Newball		38	(5)
CI Stainton-by-Langworth		71	(15)
		477	(83)
CB Cherry Willingham No.1	The Church Hall, Cherry Willingham	1548	(257)
CC Cherry Willingham No.2		905	(108)
CD Cherry Willingham No.3		934	(153)
		3387	(518)
CE Fiskerton	Fiskerton Village Hall	986	(160)
CF Greetwell	Ramper Farm, Wragby Road East, North Greetwell	670	(133)
CH Reepham	The Methodist Schoolroom, Reepham	742	(140)

DUNHOLME & WELTON WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
DA Buslingthorpe	The Village Hall, Faldingworth	48	(13)
DD Faldingworth		398	(50)
		446	(63)
DB Cold Hanworth	The Village Hall, Hackthorn	25	(2)
DF Hackthorn		146	(20)
		171	(22)
DC Dunholme	The Village Hall, Dunholme	1607	(240)
DH Snarford		47	(7)
		1654	(247)
DE Friesthorpe	Broadbent Theatre, Wickenby	27	(6)
DG Lissington		112	(21)
DI Snelland		65	(19)
DN Wickenby		180	(20)
		384	(66)
DJ Spridlington	The Village Hall, Spridlington	168	(21)
DK Toft Newton	Washington Drive Social Club, New Toft	375	(50)
DL Welton No.1	The Village Hall, Welton	1451	(251)
DM Welton No.2		2041	(252)
		3492	(503)

GAINSBOROUGH EAST WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
EA Gainsborough No.1	St. George's Church Hall, Gainsborough	1568	(199)
EB Gainsborough No.2		865	(60)
		2433	(259)
EC Gainsborough No.3	Cornerstone Christian Centre, Gainsborough	966	(124)
ED Gainsborough No.4	Gainsborough Uphill Community Centre, Gainsborough	1991	(190)
EE Gainsborough No. 5		6	(0)
		1997	(190)

GAINSBOROUGH NORTH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
FA Gainsborough No.5	West Lindsey Leisure Centre, Gainsborough	1816	(291)
FB Gainsborough No.6	Mercer's Wood Academy, Gainsborough	906	(101)
FC Gainsborough No.7		508	(97)
FD Gainsborough No.8		1001	(110)
		2415	(308)
FE Gainsborough No.9	Sea Scout Headquarters, Gainsborough	1165	(155)

GAINSBOROUGH SOUTH-WEST WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
GA Gainsborough No.10	United Reformed Church Hall, Gainsborough	1116	(112)
GB Gainsborough No.11	Trinity Arts Centre, Gainsborough	985	(106)
GC Gainsborough No.12	Benjamin Adlard County Primary School, Gainsborough	1182	(201)
GD Gainsborough No.13		669	(55)
		1851	(256)

HEMSWELL WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
HA Blyborough	Conservatory, Hillside, Blyborough	85	(12)
HD Grayingham		110	(28)
		195	(40)
HB Corringham	The Village Hall, Corringham	404	(69)
HC Glentworth	The Village Hall, Glentworth	240	(37)
HE Harpswell	The Village Hall, Hemswell	45	(11)
HG Hemswell		277	(35)
		322	(46)
HF Heapham	The Village Hall, Springthorpe	89	(24)
HI Springthorpe		118	(25)
		207	(49)
HH Hemswell Cliff	Hemswell Court, Hemswell Cliff	519	(77)
HJ Willoughton	The Village Hall, Willoughton	277	(33)

KELSEY WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
IA Bigby	The Village Hall, Bigby	311	(57)
IE Somerby		35	(15)
		346	(72)
IB Grasby	The Village Hall, Grasby	398	(55)
ID Searby-cum-Owmbly		169	(39)
		567	(94)
IC North Kelsey	The Village Hall, North Kelsey	812	(137)
IF South Kelsey	The Village Hall, South Kelsey	490	(82)

LEA WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
JA Kexby	The Village Hall, Kexby	299	(45)
JB Knaith	The Village Hall, Knaith Park	281	(41)
JC Lea	The Village Hall, Lea	826	(173)
JD Upton	Methodist Schoolroom, Upton	391	(45)

MARKET RASEN WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
KA Legsby	Legsby County Primary School	185	(38)
KJ Sixhills		40	(7)
		225	(45)
KB Linwood	The Festival Hall, Market Rasen	91	(23)
KC Market Rasen No.1		1421	(177)
KD Market Rasen No.2		1829	(300)
KF Middle Rasen No.2		768	(112)
		4109	(612)
KE Middle Rasen No.1	The Church Hall, Middle Rasen	914	(124)
KM West Rasen		60	(10)
		974	(134)
KG North Willingham	The Memorial Hall, Tealby	103	(13)
KK Tealby		486	(66)
		589	(79)
KH Osgodby	The Village Hall, Osgodby	470	(76)
KI Owersby	Little Owls, North End Farm, North Owersby	228	(27)
KL Walesby	The Village Hall, Walesby	201	(48)

NETTLEHAM WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
LA Grange-de-Lings	The Village Hall, Nettleham	34	(11)
LC Nettleham No.2		960	(134)
		994	(145)
LB Nettleham No.1	The Old School, Nettleham	1147	(169)
LD Nettleham No.3		1083	(201)
LE Riseholme		244	(65)
		2474	(435)

SAXILBY WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
MA Broadholme	The Village Hall, Saxilby	77	(29)
MB Broxholme		65	(11)
ME Hardwick		40	(12)
MG Saxilby-with-Ingleby No.1		1829	(256)
MH Saxilby-with-Ingleby No.2		1534	(279)
		3545	(587)
MC Burton No.1	The Estate Club, Burton	140	(16)
MD Burton No.2	The Woodcocks, Burton Waters	654	(150)
MF North Carlton	St. Luke's Church, North Carlton	152	(22)
MI South Carlton		78	(9)
		230	(31)

SCAMPTON WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
NA Aisthorpe	BSA Village Hall, Aisthorpe	80	(7)
NB Brattleby		95	(8)
NF Scampton No.1		175	(29)
NH Thorpe-in-the-Fallows		19	(5)
		369	(49)
NC Cammeringham	The Village Hall, Ingham	102	(17)
NE Ingham		742	(115)
		844	(132)
ND Fillingham	The Village Hall, Fillingham	180	(21)
NG Scampton No.2	Scampton Youth HUB, RAF Scampton	754	(112)

SCOTTER & BLYTON WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
OA Blyton	The Memorial Hall, Blyton	993	(166)
OG Pilham		56	(11)
		1049	(177)
OB East Ferry	Ferry Farm, East Ferry	89	(12)
ON Wildsworth		67	(12)
		156	(24)
OC East Stockwith	Grosvenor House Care Home, East Stockwith	200	(19)
OM Walkerith		66	(15)
		266	(34)
OD Laughton	Methodist Schoolroom, Laughton	326	(50)
OE Morton	Morton Village Hall	1149	(186)
OL Thonock		30	(2)
		1179	(188)
OF Northorpe	The Village Hall, Scotton	112	(26)
OK Scotton		526	(60)
		638	(86)
OH Scotter No.1	The Village Hall, Scotter	1367	(241)
OI Scotter No.2		1090	(178)
		2457	(419)
OJ Scotter No.3	Barlings House Farm, Susworth	95	(15)

STOW WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
PA Stow	St. Mary's Church, Stow	279	(47)
PB Sturton-by-Stow	The Village Hall, Sturton-by-Stow	1202	(141)
PC Willingham	The Village Hall, Willingham-by-Stow	482	(51)

SUDBROOKE WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
QA Scothern	The Village Hall, Scothern	745	(103)
QB Sudbrooke	The Village Hall, Sudbrooke	1396	(250)

TORKSEY WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
RA Brampton	St Peter's Church, Torksey	58	(16)
RG Torksey		733	(244)
		791	(260)
RB Fenton	The Village Hall, Kettlethorpe	388	(93)
RD Kettlethorpe		355	(45)
		743	(138)
RC Gate Burton	The Village Hall, Marton	40	(8)
RE Marton		585	(90)
		625	(98)
RF Newton-on-Trent	St. Peter's Church, Newton-on-Trent	302	(25)

WADDINGHAM & SPITAL WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
SA Bishop Norton	The Village Hall, Bishop Norton	260	(22)
SB Caenby	The Village Hall, Glentham	51	(6)
SC Glentham		368	(57)
		419	(63)
SD Normanby-by-Spital	County Primary School, Normanby-by-Spital	314	(46)
SE Owmbly		249	(54)
SF Saxby		33	(1)
SI West Firsby		22	(2)
		618	(103)
SG Snitterby	The Village Hall, Snitterby	207	(26)
SH Waddingham	The Jubilee Hall, Waddingham	507	(52)

WOLD VIEW WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
TA Brookenby	The Village Hall, Brookenby	527	(63)
TD Kirmond-le-Mire		25	(7)
TH Stainton-le-Vale		57	(19)
TJ Swinhope		126	(48)
TL Thorganby		36	(12)
		771	(149)
TB Claxby	The Village Hall, Claxby	140	(21)
TF Normanby-le-Wold		44	(9)
		184	(30)
TC Holton-le-Moor	Moot Hall, Holton-le-Moor	150	(17)
TE Nettleton	Nettleton Village Hall	577	(65)
TG Rothwell	The Village Hall, Rothwell	182	(26)
TK Thoresway		85	(14)
		267	(40)
TI Swallow	Swallow Village Hall	174	(35)

TOTAL ELECTORATE	74,345	(11,150)
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