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AGENDA

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This Meeting will be available to watch live via: <https://west-lindsey.publici.tv/core/portal/home>

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 July, 2022 at 7.00 pm**, and your attendance at such meeting is hereby requested to transact the following business.

To: Members of West Lindsey District Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
To confirm and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 9 May 2022.

(TO FOLLOW)

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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4. MATTERS ARISING

Setting out current position of previously agreed actions as at 24 June 2022.

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5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i) Chairman of Council
- ii) Leader of the Council
- iii) Chief Executive

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Questions, if received, under this Scheme will be published by way of supplement following closure of the deadline.

(TO FOLLOW)

7. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9

Questions submitted by Members under Procedure Rule No.9 will be published by way of supplement following closure of the deadline.

(TO FOLLOW)

8. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10

Motion 1

“Members - Do you not think that the first priority of any government or governing body should be to ensure the ability to protect food sources and not become reliant on imports which adds to their carbon footprint?”

Using farmland for housing and solar farms means an ever-downward shift to an unacceptable inability to be self-sufficient in food production and recent events on the world stage shows how short-sighted that could be in an emergency.

Food and water is the first basic need for life surely we should be protecting these. We need to ensure that no more productive farmland is taken and if farmers are unable to be sustainable then we need to lobby the government for a fairer package or new cooperatives to make farming work and feed our nation.

I would like Council to support this motion by requiring our representatives on the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee (CLJSPC) to ensure West Lindsey views on this matter be reported to future meetings of the (CLJSPC) and that this Council lobby relevant Government Ministers in a similar manner.

I so move

Councillor Anne Welburn”

Motion 2

Additional financial support for the Socially Vulnerable Households

“WLDC Corporate Plan for 2019 to 2023 has in its aims **‘improving the lives of its residents’** and the development of the **‘social and economic prospects’** of the district. It highlights Health & Wellbeing, Vulnerable Groups & Communities, Leisure, Skills, Educational Attainment and Social Regeneration as being priorities to obtain these aims.

Many households are facing the very real risk of poverty as a result of the current cost of living crisis with its associated price rises. This is definitely placing pressure on achieving these aims and objectives, with a high level of risk that they worsen rather than improve. Poverty not only effects living standards but also brings about social unrest and deterioration of both the physical and mental health. The long-term effects of these can be devastating as it brings about a deterioration in education, skills and enterprise adding to the material difficulties, time and pace of recovery. It also has the effect of adding to the already unaffordable burden of Health Services, Adult, and Children’s Social Care. In short it creates a self-generating worsening cycle of social decline. It is imperative that we all together to prevent this from happening.

The Chancellor of The Exchequer has during the year announced funding for various measures to help reduce this poverty. However, Think Tanks, Including the well-respected Joseph Rowntree and Resolution Foundations, do not believe that the measures are likely to last long enough or indeed are of a sufficient level to avert all of the problem. They are also concerned that not all households facing poverty will be eligible for the much-needed support. It is likely that being in receipt of Free School Meals will be used to define child poverty. Whilst this makes sense for some it will not catch all in this category as Free School Meals are not available to all low-income families depending on which benefits they receive. Also, they are dependent on a household’s income and do not take into account the number of children in the unit.

To mitigate this in the West Lindsey area, we believe that the District Council should look to topping up this support by releasing funds from the general fund working balance. The General fund working balance is currently £5.406m, which exceeds the minimum level of £2.5m.

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In particular, this support could be provided to vulnerable households by extending the Household Support Grant Scheme, currently being devised by Lincolnshire County Council on behalf of The Government, by including a discretionary element to extend the time length of the scheme and by making it available to as many low-income households as possible.

Council requests The Chief Executive and The Director of Corporate Services to ask Officers to develop such a scheme and bring it to the next appropriate meeting of The Council or relevant Committee.

I so move.

Councillor Stephen Bunney”

9. REPORTS FOR DETERMINATION

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b. Outcome of the LGA Follow-Up Peer Review, 2022
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c. Recommendation from the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee -
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d. Recommendation from the Governance and Audit Committee - to vary the
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e. Recommendation from the Governance and Audit Committee - Amendment
to the Constitution
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- f. To Appoint to the vacancies remaining on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee following Annual Council

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Friday, 24 June 2022