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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, 5th September, 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 Full Council Meeting held on 4 July 2022.

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3. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members may make any declarations of interest at this point and may also make them at any point during the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Setting out current position of previously agreed actions as at 25 August 2022.

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5. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - i) Chairman of Council
 - ii) Leader of the Council
 - iii) Head of Paid Service

(VERBAL REPORTS)

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

DEBATE NOT HATE

“Members will be aware of the Local Government Association’s ‘Debate Not Hate’ campaign, based on the premise that, whilst debating and disagreeing with one another is a healthy part of democracy, abuse and intimidation crosses the line into dangerous territory.

Anyone, regardless of their background or political affiliation, should feel safe to become a Councillor and be proud to represent their community. But an increasing level of abuse and intimidation aimed at local politicians is preventing elected members from representing those they serve, deterring individuals from standing for election and undermining local democracy.

The ‘Debate Not Hate’ campaign aims to raise public awareness of the role of councillors in their communities, encourage healthy debate and improve the responses and support for local politicians facing abuse and intimidation. We need to be united in calling for change.

Although individual Councillors can support the campaign simply by signing the public statement on the LGA’s website (something I would urge all colleagues to do) I hereby call upon the Leader of the Council to add West Lindsey District Council to the list of supporting organisations.

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I so move.

Councillor Anne Welburn”

Motion 2

SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY WEALTH FUND PROPOSAL

“An organisation called the Local Trust (established in 2012 to deliver Big Local, a National Lottery Community Fund funded programme) is promoting a proposal to use dormant stocks and shares (which have an estimated value of £900 million) to fund a new Community Wealth Trust.

The proposal is to use the funds so released to directly support the 225 most ‘left behind areas’ throughout the country, including our own Gainsborough East Ward.

This proposal is at a preliminary stage, however similar initiatives such as the Dormant Assets Scheme have already successfully delivered significant social and environmental investment.

Local Trust has now invited local authorities to ‘sign up’ to affirm their ‘in principle’ support for their initiative and accordingly I propose that we recognise the opportunity and take up the offer to potentially benefit not only Gainsborough itself but, by extension, the whole of West Lindsey.

Further information on the Trust is attached to the agenda and the Local Trusts’ website is

<https://localtrust.org.uk/policy/left-behind-neighbourhoods/>

I ask the Leader and Chief Executive to write to Local Trust offering our support for their initiative.

I so move.

Councillor Mick Devine”
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9. REPORTS FOR DETERMINATION

- a. Review Of The Allocation Of Seats To Political Groups On Committees/Sub-Committees

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

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b. Appointment of Committees for the remainder of the 2022/23 Civic Year

In accordance with the provisions of Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, to appoint Members to Committees for the remainder of the 22/23 Civic Year, in accordance with the wishes expressed by the Political Groups.

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c. Appointment of Committee Chairmen /Vice-Chairmen for the remainder of the 22/23 Civic Year

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d. Appointment to Vacancies on Boards and Other Bodies (including outside bodies) following resignation

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Ian Knowles
Head of Paid Service
The Guildhall
Gainsborough

Thursday, 25 August 2022

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber - The Guildhall on 4 July 2022 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillor Mrs Angela Lawrence (Chairman)
Councillor Roger Patterson (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 David Dobbie	Councillor Ian Fleetwood
Councillor Mrs Caralyne Grimble	Councillor Cherie Hill
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan	Councillor Mrs Cordelia McCartney
Councillor John McNeill	Councillor Mrs Jessie Milne
Councillor Peter Morris	Councillor Jaime Oliver
Councillor Keith Panter	Councillor Mrs Judy Rainsforth
Councillor Mrs Diana Rodgers	Councillor Mrs Lesley Rollings
Councillor Robert Waller	Councillor Mrs Anne Welburn
Councillor Trevor Young	

In Attendance:

Ian Knowles	Chief Executive
Emma Foy	Director of Corporate Services and Section 151
Emma Redwood	Assistant Director People and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer
Katie Storr	Democratic Services & Elections Team Manager

Also in Attendance:

Councillor Pamela Duncan – Stow Parish Council
Councillor Martin Cook – Sturton-by-Stow Parish Council

Also Present:

1 Member of the Public

Apologies

Councillor Jane Ellis
Councillor Steve England
Councillor Tom Regis
Councillor Jim Snee
Councillor Mrs Mandy Snee
Councillor Jeff Summers
Councillor Mrs Angela White

92 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all Members and Officers to the meeting. A warm welcome was also extended to representatives from Sturton by Stow Parish Council (Councillor Martin Cook) and Stow Parish Council (Chairman, Councillor Pam Duncan), who would later in the meeting present their successful Neighbourhood Plan to Council.

Brief reference was made to the “near normal” arrangements in place, allowing for representatives and the public to once again join Members and Officers in the Chamber. Whilst public galleries had been re-introduced, all council and committee meetings would continue to be webcast live for those that simply wished to follow proceedings.

93 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Full Council held on 9 May 2022

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Full Council held on 9 May 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

94 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor David Cotton declared a personal interest in relation to Motion 1, given he was a serving Member of the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee, which was referenced within.

95 MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman introduced the report advising Members that the report would be taken “as read” unless Members had any questions that they wished to raise.

The Leader of the Opposition challenged the Leader of the Council over what he considered a lack of action in respect of the motion passed in June 2021 regarding street lighting and questioned when the required report would be submitted to Committee.

In response the Leader advised that no formal response had been received to his communications and he had again this week re-issued such letters. Informally the Leader had been advised of a number of ways in which Parish and Town Councils could approach the County Council direct to seek the re-introduction of lighting.

With no further questions and with no requirement for a vote, the Matters Arising were **DULY NOTED**.

96 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman

The Chairman addressed Council, advising it had been a quiet start to civic year for her. It had been an honour and privilege to attend the unveiling of the memorial and trail to honour the Polish forces that were based in our part of the county at Witham St Hugh's. Along with other Councillors, the Chairman had undertaken a behind the scenes tour of the Council's relatively new crematorium at Lea Fields.

The Jubilee weekend had seen the District come alive and the Chairman had had the pleasure of attending several events to mark the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee, including the lighting of a beacon at Lincoln castle.

Finally she drew Members' attention to the Celebration of Life Service which would be held on Sunday 31st July at Market Rasen for former Councillors Malcom Parish, Lewis Strange and Reg Shore and all those who had lost relatives during Covid, and to which all Councillors had been invited.

In concluding her announcements, it was with sadness that the Chairman advised the Chamber of the passing of former Councillors Mr Motley Brant who had served in the region of 21 years and John Indian, former Councillor for the Yarborough ward.

In response to a question from the floor, it was confirmed that "loyal greetings" had been issued from the Civic Office, to HM The Queen, on the occasion of her Jubilee. A report was due at the Prosperous Communities over the summer, outlining all the activities which had taken place across the District.

Leader

The Leader made the following address to Council: -

"Thank you Chairman,

The final formal public consultation period on the Proposed Submission draft of the new Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (Regulation 19) closed on Monday 9 May. An encouraging spread of representations was received from a wide spectrum of stakeholders, with at least one comment relating to each of the policies. All of the documentation, once collated, will be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate as a further step towards an Examination in Public that we trust will be arranged for later this year, with the favoured location for it being a venue in Lincoln city centre.

Huge thanks go to residents for their participation in and support for the recent introduction of the separate collection of paper and cardboard, the new purple-lidded bin service. This economically and environmentally important initiative has also resulted in a measurable and significant improvement in the quality of the mixed dry recyclables, the items collected in the blue bins.

It was especially pleasing to see West Lindsey communities of all sizes organising events in celebration of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee last month and on behalf of the Council I'd like to thank the dedicated community volunteers that made these memorable occasions happen. The diverse nature and number of applications to the Platinum Jubilee Community Fund made it one of our most

popular funding offers to date. Huge thanks are also due to all those Members, Officers and partners alike that delivered such a successful presence for our District as part of this year's Lincolnshire Show, especially given the context of a constrained planning timescale.

I was delighted that the District Council's Senior Management Team was short listed in their category in the MJ Awards (Municipal Journal) last month, fully reflecting their outstanding and ongoing contribution to the success of 'Team West Lindsey'. Congratulations and sincere thanks are due collectively and to each and every one of them.

The ten upper-tier Councils in Lincolnshire have been working together to respond to the opportunities for devolved decision-making made available through the Government's ambitious Levelling Up White Paper. This signifies a resetting of the relationship between central and local government, giving councils more power to deliver effectively on behalf of the areas and communities they serve. Please be assured that discussions are ongoing to further develop our case, proposals and especially, vision, in order to present a compelling case that will enable our county to enter into dialogue with the Department (DLUHC) at the earliest possible opportunity.

I'm delighted that West Lindsey District Council has been awarded £2.7m of funding spread over three years (up to March 2025) as part of the new UK Shared Prosperity Fund. This is intrinsically linked to the delivery of the Government's Levelling Up agenda and is subject to the approval by the Department (DLUHC), during this summer, of an Investment Plan Development Proposal. The UKSPF Prospectus states 'Places will be empowered to identify and build on their own strengths and needs at a local level, focused on pride of place and increasing life chances'.

In his speech to the Local Government Association Conference last Tuesday, The Right Honourable Michael Gove MP, the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, promised to give local authorities greater financial certainty including through a two-year financial settlement from next year, a reduction in the number of funding streams and a reduction in the burdens placed on local government. Whilst we await the detail these proposals are clearly greatly to be welcomed in principle. The full speech is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/local-government-association-annual-conference-2022-secretary-of-states-speech>

Thank you again Chairman."

Chief Executive

The Chief Executive addressed Council and was pleased to advise that from 1 June, the Management Team restructure agreed at Chief Officer Employment Committee, had been fully implemented. A summary of the changes had been included in latest issue of the Members' Newsletter.

The Chief Executive further advised of a visit he had undertaken in May, when he had visited Stockport to learn about their approach to Heritage Regeneration. He ensured there would be benefit from the learning as the Council implemented schemes across West Lindsey.

It had been a really successful Lincolnshire Show, the first in three years not held on-line. He paid thanks all those Members that attended the Show and supported the team with their "Meet the Councillor" sessions.

Members were advised that Management Team, on 24 June had attended the MJ Awards, having been shortlisted for Senior Team of the year. Unfortunately, whilst not winning the Chief Executive spoke of his pride in the Team at having been shortlisted.

Finally, the previous week had seen the annual LGA Conference held, at which both the Leader and Chief Executive had been present. Key Note speeches were received from Government Ministers and Shadow Ministers which had been most interesting and would help inform the Council's approach to future service plans.

This concluded announcements for the meeting.

97 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chairman advised the meeting that no public questions had been received.

98 QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9

The Chairman advised the meeting that three questions pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No.9 had been submitted to the meeting. These had been circulated to all Members, separately to the agenda and published on the website.

The Chairman invited, Councillor John McNeill, Ward Member for Market Rasen, to put his question to the Leader as follows:-

"Leader

The equipment that makes the current landline network run is not fit for the future and needs to be upgraded. The technology currently used to make calls on telephone landlines, called 'analogue', is being replaced with an internet-based version, called an 'IP network' (which means Internet Protocol Network).

The changeover has been mandated to happen by December 2025, as this is when the old technology will stop working. Everyone who has a landline will move over to the new system. Phone providers have already started work on switching over the network, but residents and businesses in West Lindsey do not need to do anything until their provider gets in touch with them.

Landlines will still exist, and it will still be possible to have a telephone line in our homes and businesses - but the system that underpins it will be different. Phone and broadband companies are leading this change. The Government and Ofcom

(the communications regulator) are supporting it.

For lots of people, the change will be as simple as plugging their phone into their broadband router and in most cases residents and businesses will be able to keep their current phone numbers.

However, if a phone handset is very old, it might need to be changed. Phone providers will be able to advise their customers on this. Also, things that currently use the landline network - like telecare, personal alarms, burglar alarms and fax machines - will be affected by the change. If a device is relatively modern, it should still work fine - but older devices may need to be reconfigured or replaced, again providers should be able to advise their customers on this.

As the new system runs off the internet, residents and business will not be able to make calls without an internet connection at their home or place of work.

BT, which provides most landlines, have committed to not raising prices above inflation for 'voice only' customers – those who do not have home broadband. This commitment is for at least the next 5 years and will mean that whatever technology a customer's landline uses, the old system or the new, their bill should not rise significantly.

As the new system will work off the premises' electricity supply, if there is a power cut it will mean that residents and businesses cannot make phone calls. In these instances, phone companies are advising that residents and businesses should use a mobile phone as a backup. If residents or businesses do not have a mobile or are located in an area where there is no or poor signal, or depend on their landline, for example because they are disabled, their phone provider should offer them a solution like a battery-operated handset. This will mean that residents and businesses can make emergency calls during a power cut."

Was the leader aware of this change to a vital part of the infrastructure in West Lindsey? Is he able to confirm what, if any, proportion of the district has already been switched over to the new system? If this change has not yet commenced, is he able to confirm when it may begin? This change is likely to have several direct effects on West Lindsey's operations, what assessment has been made of this and do we know what, if any, direct costs will be attributable to this change?

Thank you.
Councillor John McNeill"

The Leader of the Council responded as follows : -

"Thank you for your question and yes this matter is on the horizon of Officers.

The digital switchover from analogue telephone services to Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) Technology will happen on a telephone exchange by exchange basis, not on a regional basis (which was the case during the switch from analogue to digital television).

The first stage of the switchover process is for Openreach to issue 'Stop Sell' dates for specific telephone exchanges. Once a 'Stop Sell' date has passed, communication providers will be unable to order any copper based products if a fibre solution is available at the customer's address.

Openreach have identified 581 priority telephone exchanges that will be the first to receive 'Stop Sell' notices.

There are 23 telephone exchanges serving West Lindsey. All of these exchanges are fibre enabled (including fibre to the cabinet and fibre on demand), however, none of the exchanges servicing West Lindsey have been identified as a priority by Ofcom. Instead, these exchanges form part of Ofcom's nationwide 'Stop Sell' date of September 2023, which includes withdrawal of wholesale line rental for analogue services.

Both DCMS and Ofcom are working together with the industry to ensure all users are protected during the upgrade process. This includes ensuring power resilience in the case of a loss of power so that no user is disadvantaged / disconnected due to a loss of power. Additionally, all communications providers have a duty to ensure that vulnerable customers are identified and provided with a back-up line that allows 999 voice calls as a minimum. "At risk" customers will also be provided with a battery back-up solution.

Specifically, Openreach and Virgin Media are making provision for rural areas during the switchover. Openreach are making Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) available to over 6.2 million premises in rural areas. Where this doesn't happen, single order ethernet, or Fibre to the Cabinet will be available which will ensure resilience in case of poor mobile signal or loss of power supply.

The Local Government Association has established a Local Government Switchover Working Group, which includes three Council representatives for each region in England to share issues, opportunities and good practice relating to the digital switchover. End communication providers will contact their customers in advance to notify them of the switchover details and what this means for each individual customer. Openreach and Virgin Media have stated that costs to Councils will be "very low" depending on the contract that each Council has with their own Communications Provider and also for other suppliers of Council services such as switchboards, lift alarms or fire alarms for example.

No direct assessments have been made to date - as advised initial indication from wider providers is that costs to Councils will be "very low" as of yet we have not received information from our providers. The Council does have contingency funds for such matters and should costs be considerable, relevant reports will need to be taken to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee."

No supplementary question was posed and the second questioner, was invited to put his question. In the absence of Councillor Snee, the question was posed by Councillor Matt Boles, on his behalf, as follows: -

"Chairman - Why are we still waiting for the "Opening" of the Riverside Walkway

(June 13th 2022), when we the Council have clearly indicated to the members of the public that this project would see a completion date of September 21.

The Communications team have made further announcements, December 21 and March 22 indicating that opening was imminent.

After numerous contacts with the CEO and Officers, chasing up and constantly raising concerns over the lack of contract management, could the Chairman please advise what the current status is with regards to this project and provide an opening date.

Can the procurement team please reassure members that when we award contracts to companies, due diligence is followed and that mechanisms are in place to ensure everyone is accountable and transparent in their actions.

I look forward to your response.

Councillor Matt Boles on behalf of Councillor Jim Snee.”

The Chairman of the Council thanked Councillor Snee, in his absence, for his question and responded as follows: -

“Thank you for your question on this important matter.

I am delighted to inform the Chamber that the Council took handover from the contractors last Wednesday – 29th June and the new stretch of walk was opened to the public from 30th June. Whilst regrettably the project experienced delays, which during the early stages was as a result of lead times on materials, the challenging nature of the site lead to difficulties for the contractor in laying tarmac to the standards required. The first site inspection happened in July 2021 and subsequent remediation proposals and works took longer than anticipated.

The Council’s procurement process, contracting and contract management procedures allowed the council to work with the contracting company to resolve the issues and bring the project to a successful completion.

As with all projects a stage 4 project completion review will now be undertaken and lessons learnt will feed in to future projects.

I have been very pleased to hear about our local community being able to enjoy the new walk this weekend and I look forward to visiting soon as we plan for our public opening, which of course our local Ward Members will be invited to”

The third and final questioner, Councillor Lesley Rollings, Scotter and Blyton Ward, was invited to put her question, to the Leader, as follows: -

“The decision by Lincoln College to cease providing Post 16 education at Gainsborough College has come as a shock and disappointment to many of us who have worked in Education in Gainsborough over the last 30 years.

For the elected Members from the Gainsborough wards, who see first-hand, the impact education has on the life chances of its residents, such a decision appears to demonstrate a complete disregard for the people of Gainsborough – in particular, its young people.

Made in Gainsborough

West Lindsey District Council has done a brilliant job leading on the Made in Gainsborough project – giving local young people the opportunity to take up apprenticeships with Gainsborough manufacturing and engineering companies. Instead of building on this project, establishing a manufacturing base in Gainsborough, it appears that Lincoln College have decided that it is more cost effective to simply expect the learners to travel into Lincoln and forget Gainsborough.

Alternative provision on the Gainsborough College site

The proposal to make money on the site by renting the facility out to an alternative provision company, is, quite honestly, the very last thing Gainsborough needs. Bussing in large numbers of young people with the most challenging behaviour and attempting to keep these young people on site, can only create additional social challenges in the town.

The Levelling up agenda

Post 16 Education and Skills sit at the heart of attempts to create greater equality in our communities, yet the decline in local provision, in public transport links and failure to provide free transport for all 16-19 learners, means that only the most privileged and aspirational access education. Too many young people fall by the wayside.

Without effective Post 16 education provision, the Levelling Up agenda is really just an expensive gimmick.

Post 16 GCSE courses, Automotive engineering, Construction, Hair and Beauty, Hospitality, Performing Arts, Sport, Health and Social Care.

All these courses could take place in Gainsborough, indeed Lincoln College has run some of these courses at Gainsborough, in the past, and dangled the possibility of starting others only to pull out just before the courses were due to start, leaving learners in an uncertain position.

The narrow constraints of how the funding can be used, leaves it highly unlikely that the huge gaps in post 16 education and Adult education will not be met by Levelling Up funding.

What can be done about this?

Other towns in Lincolnshire are linking with Lincoln University. Is this not a possibility in Gainsborough? Why have Lincoln College been allowed to build up

its provision in Lincoln at the expense of running down its provision in Gainsborough?

We have a grammar school in Gainsborough. Are we not exploring the possibility of them taking over the running of vocational courses on the Gainsborough College site?

Whilst I very much appreciate the support that West Lindsey District Council has always given to education in Gainsborough. Can the Leader outline to the Chamber what involvement he has had to date? What actions, the District Council have taken to date and plan to take in the coming weeks? Leader is it not time we invited the Chief Executive of Lincolnshire County Council to account for the lack of provision in Gainsborough, I would welcome your view?

Thank you
Councillor Lesley Rolling”

The Leader of the Council responded as follows: -

“Thank you for your question Councillor Rollings.

Can I start by being clear that this Council is extremely concerned and disappointed with the emerging plans of Lincoln College Group to relocate post 16 provision away from Gainsborough.

Over the past five years, the Council has committed significant Officer time and financial assistance to support the College. This includes the Made In Gainsborough programme, which was designed to address employer recruitment challenges and retain talent within the local area.

Both the Manufacturing and Construction sector provide more than 20% of total employment within the district. To lose this provision at such a crucial time for the economy is extremely concerning. It is also frustrating for all those companies in the town who have invested significant time and resource into the provision.

The district needs a supply of good quality, higher level, further education provision and that is why skills and employment are included in the Council Corporate Plan. It sets out the strategic aims for the district, which includes the ‘creation of a highly educated and skilled workforce, that meets the present and future needs of the local and wider economy.

As part of the Levelling Up Agenda our emerging UK Shared Prosperity Fund highlights the challenges we face across the education and skills sector and I quite agree with you we face a challenge in relation to making best use of available resources.

We recognise that education and skills, whilst not being the main stay of our work as a District Council, it is actually everyone’s business. We are one of only a handful of districts across Lincolnshire to have a successful Employment and Skills Partnership, and I thank all members of the partnership for their continued

support and work on this agenda.

Since the College made the Council aware of these plans, we have sought to find alternative options to continue the delivery of current provision in the town. This has included working with property agents across the town to find vacant premises that may be suitable. To date this has proven unsuccessful. We have invited the College to brief all Members early next week and today I have been advised that a Member workshop will now be organised for 11 July at 4:45 via MS Teams – invites have been issued to all.

In the meantime, I have tasked Officers with establishing a Further Education Taskforce – to bring together all key partners, including the College, County Council and the University to consider a way forward.

I shall obviously be ensuring that Members are well represented on the Taskforce and I look forward to working with you on this important issue.”

On hearing the response and with the permission of the Chairman, Councillor Rollings made further statements indicating the Leader’s response offered some reassurance but again outlining how vital it was that the town retained provisions, recalling the thriving offer of previous years and to see that disappear was of great shame. Furthermore given the huge skills shortages in certain parts of the economy, the example being construction, to undertake such apprenticeships candidates needed a GCSE in maths and there were many people that didn’t attain that at school, for a variety of reasons. As a fundamental basic such courses needed to be on offer within the Town and it was therefore vital Lincoln College and others partners continued to be engaged about this matter. There were concerns the site had been systematically run down over a long period, the town needed to have the infrastructure and services to offer opportunities if it was to grow and be a place people succeeded. Members and Officers had invested time and energy in to Gainsborough being a success and good educational offer was vital to that.

The opportunity to speak with Lincoln College, outlined by the Leader was most welcomed but Councillor Rollings considered engaging the County Council at the earliest opportunity was also vital given they were lead authority for education. Further assurance was sought from the Leader that he would endeavour to ensure the “the right people were around the table”.

In responding to Councillor Rollings supplementary statement, the Leader again acknowledged the importance of post education courses. He spoke of the need to work in partnership with organisations that had influence in this area to ensure aspirations were raised, met and fulfilled throughout the District, recognising it was in all of our wider interest, especially for the medium to longer term.

In closing he encouraged all Members that were able, to join the session which had been organised for the following Monday.

99 MOTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10

The Chairman advised the meeting that two motions pursuant to Council Procedure Rule

No.10 had been submitted to the meeting, these were as set out in the agenda.

Councillor Anne Welburn, was invited to put her motion to the meeting, as follows:

“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”

With the motion duly seconded, lengthy debate ensued.

Numerous Members from across all political affiliations spoke at concerns in losing food producing land to large scale solar farms. Many acknowledged that farming and food production specifically did not attract the tariffs and support it previously had and for many farmers in food production this offered a route out of a not always viable way of living. Members considered it was this offer that needed to change. Food production needed to be given greater priority and financial protection. Solar farms had a place in tackling climate change and sustainability challenges, but the Chamber agreed that this should not be at a cost of losing food producing land, citing current global affairs as an indication of further reason to ensure self-sufficiency not further reliance.

The impact on the land was as yet unknown and once “developed” the likelihood of it returning to its original use was slim, Members were all agreed that the country should not be losing food producing land for any reason, with Lincolnshire being responsible for not only feeding the county but producing 30% of the nation’s crops. It was suggested that any land granted a solar farm development, would be from then on deemed a brownfield site and could be re-developed, which was another matter of concern. Members considered the Government needed a land Strategy, protecting and increasing food production and ensuring any such large-scale developments of this nature were not at the expense of such valuable land.

Members’ attention was drawn to a current group campaigning against the large-scale solar

farms planned for the District and Wider Lincolnshire, and the planning process for such developments in general. An on-line petition seeking to secure 100,000 signatures - the trigger for parliamentary debate, had been established and Members were encouraged to sign up.

During the debate Members expressed concern at the lack of local involvement in such decisions, having it confirmed that it would not be a matter for the District Council to determine but one which would involve considerable resource to respond to in the framework required. Members were also of the view this process needed to be overhauled, favouring local determination or much more favourable local in-put.

Members were unanimous in the view that the protection of food producing land was paramount.

On being put to the vote, the **MOTION AS SUBMITTED** was declared **CARRIED** and as a result it was

RESOLVED that: -

- (a) the Council's representatives on the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee (CLJSPC) be required to ensure West Lindsey views on this matter (subject of motion on 4 July 2022) are reported to future meetings of the CLJSPC and;
- (b) the Council lobby relevant Government Ministers in a similar manner regarding this matter (subject of motion on 4 July 2022).

The Chairman invited Councillor Bunney, to put his motion to Council as follows: -

"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 affects 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.

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”

With the motion duly seconded and with no debate, on being put to the vote, the **MOTION AS SUBMITTED** was declared **CARRIED** and as a result it was:-

RESOLVED that a Scheme to offer additional financial support for the Socially Vulnerable Households, as described in the motion submitted to Council on 4 July 2022, be developed and brought to the next appropriate meeting of the Council or relevant Committee for consideration.

Note: During this item of business Councillor Dobbie left the meeting at 8.05 and returned at 8.07pm

At the conclusion of this item of business Councillor Welburn left the meeting at 8.08 and returned at 8.10pm – prior to the next item of business commencing.

100 ADOPTION OF THE STURTON BY STOW AND STOW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members gave consideration to a report to fully 'make' (adopt) the Sturton-by-Stow and Stow Neighbourhood Plan following a successful referendum. Once adopted the plan would become part of the development plan for the District and would have major influence on planning application decisions in both parishes.

Councillor Tracey Coulson, as Local Ward Member, in introducing the report, advised Members that the Neighbourhood Plan had been prepared by a Residents' Steering Group on behalf of both parish councils. The joint plan addressed current issues; it included measures to make development more resilient to climate change and sought to conserve green spaces for the benefit of residents' health and well-being.

The plan had been successful at examination and referendum, which saw residents voting 88% in favour of the plan. In the wider context, the adoption meant that West Lindsey now had 23 adopted Plans, with 19 in preparation.

Councillor Coulson congratulated everyone that had worked to bring the project to a conclusion, acknowledging the phenomenal amount of work and the challenges with producing a Neighbourhood Plan. Tribute was also paid to residents who took part in surveys given Neighbourhood plans were an incredibly important planning tool for residents in shaping and protecting their communities.

Representatives from both Sturton-by-Stow and Stow Parish Councils 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 Martin Cook, addressed the meeting and made the following short address: -

"Chairman and Members of the Council.

Thank you for inviting us to present to you the Sturton by Stow and Stow Neighbourhood Plan. From the outset both Parish Councils wanted our Neighbourhood Plan to be for our residents. They make our communities special.

Our residents were involved whenever possible. We held specific public engagement events including drop-in sessions, leafleted all households specifically about the Plan at different stages, had regular articles in our respective village newsletters, carried out online and paper surveys as well as attending Sturton village hall monthly markets, Christmas Fairs and the horticultural shows. We have made sure that our communities were fully engaged. The emergence of Covid 19 did slow us down, but we carried on working steadily towards the plan you have in front of you today.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Nev Brown from West Lindsey, Steve Kemp along with John Bayes from OpenPlan, Janet Clark from Community Lincs and Ian Marshman from Lincolnshire County Council. Their help has ensured that our plan is robust and, as the independent planning inspector confirmed, in-line with the current Central Lincolnshire Plan. Most of all, however, we must thank our residents not only for their contributions to the Plan,

but also for their support.

We will review our Plan as needed and at least every five years, but we now intend to work towards, where possible, implementing the aspirations for Sturton by Stow and Stow that our residents identified and that are set out in the Community Aspirations appendix to the Plan. Working on the Plan has not only illustrated the separate identities of our two parishes, but also that which we have in common and the opportunities that gives us to work together to further enhance the lives of the people that live and work here.

Thank you for your time this evening.”

The Chairman of Council then formally received the Plan from Councillor Cook and Councillor Duncan.

Members across the floor congratulated and applauded the Group on their remarkable achievement with some Members speaking of the honour and pleasure, former ward Member Councillor Reg Shore, would have taken from seeing the Parishes succeed.

Having been moved and seconded it was: -

RESOLVED that the Sturton-by-Stow and Stow Neighbourhood Plan Neighbourhood Plan be adopted and made.

101 OUTCOME OF THE LGA FOLLOW-UP PEER REVIEW, 2022

Members considered a report which presented the findings of the LGA Peer Review Follow-Up, which had been undertaken to assess progress against the recommendations made in the original Peer Review conducted in 2020.

The Leader of the Council was pleased to present the report and in doing so highlighted to Members the areas, the LGA Peer Review team had particularly commented on, namely:

- Members’ and officers’ enthusiasm, commitment and skills aimed at delivering the best possible services to the district’s residents, businesses and other customers.
- That members and officers have used their strategic skills and knowledge to progress and plan the refresh of their Corporate Plan. WLDC clearly knows what it wants to achieve and what it needs to do to achieve those aims
- More consolidated internal thinking of council specific concepts and programmes, e.g. around the Together 24 Programme and Levelling Up.
- WLDC’s own self-awareness, openness, honesty and ideas as to what it could do better on its continuous improvement journey and why, both through and outside of this Corporate Peer Challenge process.

He considered the follow-up had been a really positive experience resulting in some further recommendations that would now be integrated into the standard planning process and as

such would form a key part of our work going forward.

It had been agreed with the LGA that a further Peer Challenge be undertaken around January 2024.

The Leader took the opportunity, on behalf of the Council, to thank everyone involved in the successful delivery of the process including, Corporate Peers, the LGA, Members and Officers.

Members were delighted to see openness and honesty feature positively once again in the refreshed opinion.

Opposition Members however expressed a differing view and did not support the outcomes of a process, which they considered, had failed to take in to account their Group's views and thoughts from the outset. The Opposition Leader further considered the 10 recommendations which had been focused on, needed revising to reflect and incorporate areas where the Council was failing in his view, and concerns regarding having had equal opportunity to feed into the process needed raising with the LGA.

Having been moved and seconded, on being put to the vote it was: -

RESOLVED that: -

- (a) the significant progress made by the Council against the ten original recommendations arising from the 2020 Local Government Association (LGA) Peer Review be noted;
- (b) the findings of the LGA Peer Review Follow-Up Report, be noted, having paid particular regard to the follow-up recommendations, and the actions being taken to ensure these are implemented in full;
- (c) the actions required be built into the Council's ongoing planning processes; and
- (d) the LGA Peer Review Follow-Up Report (Appendix B of the report) be published on the Council's website.

102 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2021/22

The Chairman of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee presented the Annual Treasury Management Report 2021/22, which stood recommended by her Committee. Full Council were asked to accept the recommendation from the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee and approve the Annual Treasury Management Report and Actual Prudential Indicators 2021/22.

The report summarised the Treasury outturn for 2021-22 and confirmed compliance with both the Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Borrowing requirements. The report also advised on the Prudential Indicators as at the end of the financial year.

Members were advised the three main financial implications arising from the report were:

- Treasury Investment activities had generated £0.167m of investment interest at an average rate of 0.762%;
- Non-Treasury investments (Investment Property acquisitions) had generated a gross yield of 6.79%; and
- Financing activities had resulted in a total of £21.5m of external borrowing at a cost in year of £0.372m.

Having been moved and seconded it was: -

RESOLVED that the recommendation from the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee be accepted and the Annual Treasury Management Report and actual Prudential Indicators 2021/22 be approved.

103 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - TO VARY THE DECISION MADE BY ANNUAL COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE STARTING TIME FOR FUTURE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Chairman of the Governance and Audit Committee presented the report to Members which stood on recommendation from his Committee. Council were advised that following the decision made at its Annual Meeting, concern had been expressed by serving Members of the Governance and Audit Committee, that the resolved start time (2pm) of the Committee would see difficulty arise for some Members to attend, and as such the Committee had considered this matter further at its meeting on 14 June and had made a revised recommendation which sought to rescind Council's previous decision.

Having been proposed and seconded, prior to opening the matter for the debate, at the request of the Chairman, the Monitoring Officer addressed the meeting advising that procedure 13/1 – rescinding Council and Committee decisions, applied to this report. Given there were only two routes by which to vary a Council decision, amendments were not permitted. Members could choose to either vote for the recommendation presented or against, confirming the Council's original decision would remain if the recommendation from the Committee was not supported.

Councillors who had previously raised concerns at the Committee meeting at 10am again spoke against the recommendation, outlining all those concerns previously raised, and the points which had been raised as a Question to Council previously.

A Member requested a recorded vote, with the request duly being seconded.

Similar counter-arguments to those which had previously been expressed were repeated, when it was noted by some Members, that those Councillors voicing most objection did not serve on the Committee, and as such they considered the needs of the Members' appointed to serve on the Committee needed to be considered as a priority.

Councillor Dobbie raised a Point of information, to correct information given to the Chamber, by advising the reason he did not serve on the Committee was due to the timing having been changed from December 2021.

In response to questions, the Chairman of the Governance and Audit Committee again outlined the reasons the start times were being reconsidered. The matter had been given full consideration by his Committee at their meeting in June, the proceedings were available to view, and whilst some Members had abstained it had been a unanimous decision in favour.

With points being repeated and Councillors being very clear on their position the Chairman indicated the vote would be taken. Members continued to vocalise their views, with debate becoming heated, and the Chairman's ruling not being adhered to the Chairman again called for order, and requested the Monitoring Officer proceed with the recorded vote.

Votes were cast in the following manner: -

For:- Councillors Bierley, Brockway, Coulson, Davies, Devine, Fleetwood, Grimble, Lawrence, McCartney, J McNeill, Milne, Morris, Patterson, Waller and Welburn (15)

Against:- Councillors Boles, Bunney Clews, Cotton, Darcel, Dobbie, Hill, Howitt-Cowan, Oliver, Panter, Rainsforth, Rollings, and Young (13)

Abstain: - Councillor Mrs Rodgers (1)

With a total of 15 votes in favour, 13 votes against and 1 abstention, the recommendation was carried and as such it was: -

RESOLVED that the recommendation from the Governance and Audit Committee be accepted and Minute 87 resolution (c) from the Annual Meeting of Council held on 9 May 2022, relating to the commencement time for Governance and Audit Committee, be varied, as such the start time for the Governance and Audit Committee for the remainder of the civic year be 10.00am.

104 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Chairman of the Governance and Audit Committee presented the report which stood recommended from his Committee, explaining the rationale for having made the proposal.

Members as a whole were supportive of increased flexibility.

RESOLVED that the recommendation from the Governance and Audit Committee be accepted and such the Constitution be amended as follows: -

Paragraph 5.1, of Part V, Rules of the Procedure, the following words be inserted after the first sentence, "Where necessary and expedient, the Head of Paid Service can vary the time of committee meetings in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, and where

practicable, the Committee as well”.

105 TO APPOINT TO THE VACANCIES REMAINING ON THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOLLOWING ANNUAL COUNCIL

Council considered a report which sought to appoint Members to the vacancies remaining on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee following Annual Council on 9 May 2022. The report also sought to elect a Vice-Chairman for the Committee, a position which had not been filled at the Annual Meeting.

The following nominations were made by the Leader and seconded: -

Committee Members Councillors J Brockway, P Howitt-Cowan and J McNeill

Vice-Chairman Councillor R Patterson

There was heated political exchange across the Chamber, with both the Administration and Opposition expressing distain and apportioning blame to the other, as to why the Council found itself in the situation it did.

Councillor Anne Welburn, raised a Point of Information, advising the Chamber that the Leader of the Opposition had been gifted a Vice-Chairmanship. This point was disputed.

The Leader of the Opposition was offered further opportunity to make nominations but declined to do so.

A Lincolnshire Independent Councillor, expressed concern that the Committee would lose its objectivity, in the absence of Opposition Members, and following clarification, gave indication he was willing to fill a vacancy if permissible. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that to be the case and on that basis it was: -

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) Councillors J Brockway, C Darcel, P Howitt-Cowan and J McNeill be appointed to serve on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2022/23 Civic Year; and
- (b) Councillor R Patterson be appointed Vice- Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2022/23 Civic Year.

The meeting concluded at 8.53 pm.

Chairman

Council Matters Arising Schedule

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	Publication of the LGA Peer Review Follow up report	Extract from mins of mtg on 4/7/2022 (d) the LGA Peer Review Follow-Up Report (Appendix B of the report) be published on the Council's website.	Please ensure the report is published as approved by Council -	07/07/22	Ellen King
Black	Amended start times for G and A Cttee	Extract from mins of mtg 4/7/2022 Minute 87 resolution (c) from the Annual Meeting of Council held on 9 May 2022, relating to the commencement time for Governance and Audit Committee, be varied, as such the start time for the Governance and Audit Committee for the remainder of the civic year be 10.00am.	Diaries amended, Internal /External web pages and Mod Gov system updated, external visitors /officers to the meetings advised, room bookings updated.	07/07/22	Katie Storr
Black	Amendment to Constitution	Extract from Mins of Mtg 4/7/2022 Paragraph 5.1, of Part V, Rules of the Procedure, the following words be inserted after the first sentence, "Where necessary and expedient, the Head of Paid Service can vary the time of committee meetings in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, and where practicable, the Committee as well".	The amendment has been made and the revision published	07/07/22	Katie Storr

Black	Further appointment to O and S Committee	<p>Extract from the mins of mtg held on 4/7/22</p> <p>(a) Councillors J Brockway, C Darcel, P Howitt-Cowan and J McNeill be appointed to serve on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2022/23 Civic Year; and</p> <p>(b) Councillor R Patterson be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2022/23 Civic Year.</p>	All appropriate admin actions arising from the decision have been implemented	(blank)	Katie Storr
Green	New Code - Adoption by Parish Councils	<p>Extract from mins of mtg 6/11/21</p> <p>all Parish Council's across the District be encouraged to adopt West Lindsey's new Code of Conduct by May 2022</p> <p>(c) the implementation of the roll-out process detailed in Section 3 of the report and set out below be approved ;</p> <p>Communications to Parish and Town Councils November 2021</p> <p>Series of Workshops / Training to be held with Parish Councils to raise awareness and encourage adoption. These may be cluster events or attendance at individual Parishes Virtual arrangements will be used wherever possible Jan – March 2022</p>	<p>Communications issued to all Parish Council by end of February and matter promoted in parish news</p> <p>workshops to be held in March/April .</p> <p>Deadline was extended to June at end of May 50% had notified us of adoption. Reminder issued .</p> <p>As At August 22 parishes are yet to notify the MO - individual correspondence has been sent to those councils during August - with an extension until November . The DC can not mandate PC s to adopt their code. But will continue to encourage. The ideal been that by May 2023 all out elections we are all working to one code wherever possible.</p>	01/06/22 – revised to November 2022	Emma Redwood

Green	Motion to Council - Preserving / Safeguarding Food Production Land	<p>Extract from mins of mtg 4/7/2022 RESOLVED that: -</p> <p>(a) the Council's representatives on the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee (CLJSPC) be required to ensure West Lindsey views on this matter (subject of motion on 4 July 2022) are reported to future meetings of the CLJSPC and;</p> <p>(b) the Council lobby relevant Government Ministers in a similar manner regarding this matter (subject of motion on 4 July 2022).</p>	<p>Please see full Minute for views and comments expressed by Members - please update this action with any progress made - letters sent or responses received - planned approach</p> <p>Work has commenced, this action will be further updated by Council's next meeting.</p>	31/10/22	Sally Grindrod-Smith
Green	MOTION TO COUNCIL - additional financial support for the Socially Vulnerable Households	<p>Extract from Mins fo Mtg 4/7/22 With the motion duly seconded and with no debate, on being put to the vote, the MOTION AS SUBMITTED was declared CARRIED and as a result it was:-</p> <p>RESOLVED that a Scheme to offer additional financial support for the Socially Vulnerable Households, as described in the motion submitted to Council on 4 July 2022, be developed and brought to the next appropriate meeting of the Council or relevant Committee for consideration.</p>	<p>Please see full minutes for detail of the Motion - please undertake necessary work and ensure this is added to the workplan for the CPR Cttee at the appropriate point - please update this action to advise Council when this report can be expected.</p>	01/10/22	Emma Foy
Amber	motion to council - street lights	<p>extract from mins of meeting 28/6/21</p> <p>(a) The Leader of the Council to commence robust discussions with Leading Members of the County Council with a view to seeking the re-introduction of street lighting in parts of West Lindsey, particularly into those communities we ourselves have deemed to be vulnerable; and</p> <p>(b) the Leader feed back to this Council, by way of reporting to Prosperous Communities, the outcome of these discussions, potential options which could be investigated and their associated</p>	<p>A written approach has been made to the Leader and relevant portfolio holder of LCC requesting a meeting to further discuss this matter initially – a response is awaited”</p> <p>Further information will be presented to The Prosperous Comms Cttee in accordance with the motion as this matter progresses”</p> <p>arising report will need programming into Prosp Comms workplan .</p>	25/10/21	Cllr. O Bierley

		<p>costs.</p>	<p>This matter was again raised at the meeting on 6 September : -</p> <p>The Leader of the Opposition expressed his disappointment and the lack of willingness from the Administration to provide an update regarding street lighting motion, passed by the Council, and which was important to many residents. He commented on the noticeable absence of any media coverage regarding the motion, surmised at the reasons for this, and spoke of opportunities missed by the Leader.</p> <p>The Chairman interjected and advised that he would request the Leader to respond in writing, but that Leader's announcements were concluded and not for debate.</p> <p>22/10 - Up to the time of writing Lincolnshire County Council has not responded to my (the Leaders) letter; however I have been informally advised that requests for specific lighting to be turned on overnight, made through the normal channels, will be considered. This clearly remains work in progress.</p> <p>- it is hoped a report can be made to the Prosperous Communities Committee before the end of the civic year</p> <p>16/8/22 - Further communications were issued in July and again in August – to the Leader of LCC requesting engagement or at least a response in writing. This will be the last correspondence issued before a report is submitted to PC Cttee during the Autumn of 22</p> <p>A response has now been received from Cllr Richard Davies which will enable a report to go to PC Cttee in November, fulfilling the second part of this motion. The response detailed the savings achieved, advised that LCC had no plan to change its current</p>		
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			<p>approach, and spoke of findings of a Scrutiny Review into the matter. Also attached was the criteria and costs should street lighting be converted to all-night operation in communities WLDC Consider vulnerable, this would be at a cost to the DC</p>		
<p>Amber</p>	<p>Question to Council re Pay Award and ways of supporting staff</p>	<p>extract from mins of mtg 7/3/21 response from HPS - We do not offer pay advances, however through Joint Staff Consultative Committee I would ask that the subject of financial wellbeing be discussed to determine if there are further opportunities to support our staff.</p>	<p>Please ensure this matter is built into the JSCC work plan and please advise on its anticipated timeframe for consideration</p>	<p>30/04/22</p>	<p>Emma Redwood</p>

Agenda Item 8



The case for a Community Wealth Fund – explainer

About the Community Wealth Fund Alliance

The Community Wealth Fund Alliance is a group of nearly 600 civil society, public and private sector organisations supporting the call for a Community Wealth Fund. The proposed new fund would invest in the structures and processes that support the formation of social capital in the most 'left behind' places.

Our argument is simple – if levelling up is to be a success in the most deprived and 'left behind' neighbourhoods, it needs to bolster their social infrastructure alongside interventions targeted at improving specific metrics such as employment, training or education.

It is an idea which also commands the backing of over 200 parliamentarians from across the political spectrum and the alliance has 50 local and combined authorities in its membership, including leading regional mayors such as Andy Street and Andy Burnham.

The Community Wealth Fund proposal has also been championed by the Levelling Up supremo Andy Haldane and featured in the government's flagship Levelling Up White Paper. The government is also committed to examining the idea as part of its national consultation on how the nearly £900m of new funding to come from the expanded dormant assets scheme should be spent.

You can find out more at www.communitywealthfund.org.uk/ and www.localtrust.org.uk.

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A new Community Wealth Fund to support the residents of 'left behind' neighbourhoods to rebuild their social infrastructure

As Local Trust's *The Double Dividend* report has argued, investment in social infrastructure (places and spaces to meet, community organisations, and connectivity – transport and digital) at the community level is a foundation for creating stronger, more resilient and prosperous communities in which opportunity is accessible to all.

If levelling up is to be a success in the most 'left behind' neighbourhoods, it needs to bolster their social infrastructure alongside interventions targeted at improving specific metrics such as employment, training or education. Both evidence and experience indicate that strong social foundations will help to secure the success of these other interventions in such areas; without it, they are likely to fail.

The proposal for a Community Wealth Fund, which is supported by nearly 600 public, private and voluntary sector organisations as well as members of the APPG for 'left behind' neighbourhoods, would make a crucial contribution to achieving the government's levelling up ambitions.

The Community Wealth Fund

The Community Wealth Fund would be an independent endowment, designed and distributed to provide support and funding to reinvigorate social infrastructure in 'left behind' neighbourhoods. The funding would be governed by the following principles:

- long-term, patient funding (10-15 years)
- investment directly into 'left behind' neighbourhoods
- community-led decision making

- appropriate support provided to build community confidence and capacity.

These principles are based on the learning from previous government and charitable funding initiatives. Research from the University of Cambridge (2019) analysed the effects of government funding schemes over the past forty years. It found that the key ingredients to success included long-term funding of at least 10 years, community involvement embedded at every stage of design and delivery, and support and guidance throughout to ensure the best outcomes for residents. These key elements are also supported in a 2021 report by Onward on what works in neighbourhood regeneration.

The Big Local programme, designed along these principles, provides convincing evidence of their importance in securing good outcomes. Operating in 150 neighbourhoods across England, it shows that, with appropriate support, residents themselves can develop and deliver the activities, services and facilities needed to improve their areas.

Whilst polling research we have commissioned from Survation demonstrates that the residents of 'left behind' areas have an appetite to engage to improve their neighbourhoods, with 59% saying they want a greater say over how money is being spent locally.

Why is the Fund needed?

The most 'left behind' neighbourhoods - those that lack social infrastructure as well as being severely deprived - have markedly worse socio-economic outcomes than other equally deprived areas across every metric (employment, educational attainment, health etc). This suggests how important a strong foundation of social infrastructure is to improving outcomes.

We know that 'left behind' areas miss out on the support and buffer that a strong civil society brings, and on their fair share of funding. Research for the APPG for 'left behind' neighbourhoods has found that there are almost three times fewer registered charities per 100,000 population in 'left behind' neighbourhoods than across England as a whole, and just over half that of equally deprived neighbourhoods.

Also, and doubtless partly as a result, because 'left behind' neighbourhoods lack individuals and organisations with the knowledge and skills to apply for funding, they are receiving less than half the amount of grant funding received in other equally deprived areas (OCSI, 2021b). Where they exist, civil society organisations have been working tirelessly to support residents in 'left behind' neighbourhoods, particularly during the pandemic. However, civil society has been fraying further in the places which lack civic capacity.

The Community Wealth Fund would provide funding direct to 'left behind' neighbourhoods, so overcoming the problems surrounding capacity to bid for grants. It would embed resident-led decision-making, helping to build resident confidence and capacity and, over time, rebuild some of the local civic institutions that these areas lack. And the support and guidance offered alongside the funding will ensure that endeavours are successful and have the longevity to deliver a legacy within each community.

Funding

We are asking the government to commit funding from the Dormant Assets Scheme to create the Community Wealth Fund. This is a proposal, therefore, that would significantly boost the government's levelling up agenda without placing pressure on public finances.

In January 2021 the government estimated that at least £880m could be released from dormant bonds, stocks, securities, shares, insurance and pension funds. This funding is earmarked for spending on "social and environmental purposes". We believe that some of this funding should be used to create the Community Wealth Fund in order to have a transformational impact on levelling up the country.

The dormant assets scheme is a voluntary one and the involvement and support of the financial sector is key to its success. Polling research by Survation found that a majority (49%) of financial institutions thought that cash from the expanded scheme should go to new and existing causes and 29% said a new cause entirely. And when asked about dormant assets being invested along Community Wealth Fund principles, 60% said that 'some' should be invested for this purpose, with 33% saying 'all'.

As this funding would be foundational, bolstering social infrastructure and rejuvenating civil society in 'left behind' neighbourhoods, we believe that it would supplement other government funding schemes, creating a multiplier effect within these communities and helping them to level up faster.

Impact

The Big Local programme, based on the same principles as the Community Wealth Fund, is improving deprived neighbourhoods and the quality of life of residents. We know from our experience that it is increasing civic pride and perceptions of place. In some areas it has been transformational.

Based both on our experience and research we are confident that after fifteen years of investment in 'left behind' neighbourhoods, the Community Wealth Fund would achieve: population level health improvements; improvements in educational attainment; and increased participation in higher education. We would also expect perceptions of neighbourhoods to have improved significantly and to see a marked increase in the number of places for people to meet, community engagement and economic activity.

Frontier Economics' (2021) independent assessment modelled the fiscal and economic returns of a Community Wealth Fund in the most 'left behind' areas. Using only robust evidence and with conservative assumptions, it estimates that a £1 million investment in social infrastructure in a 'left behind' area could generate approximately £3.2 million in fiscal and economic benefits over a ten-year period. This includes:

- £1.2 million in fiscal returns, resulting from impacts on employment taxes, benefits and costs of local services.
- £2 million in economic returns, from increased employment opportunities; improved health and wellbeing; direct contributions to the local economy; and crime reduction.

The research also found convincing evidence that the Community Wealth Fund would achieve other important economic, social and environmental outcomes that could not be monetised based on available data. These include improved social cohesion, civic engagement and reduced loneliness; better physical environment and air quality and reduced urban temperatures from enhanced green spaces; improved wellbeing levels; and a range of outcomes related to crime, community and housing.

Further information and reading

We have undertaken detailed work on how a Community Wealth Fund could best be implemented and evaluated through a proposed new evidence centre called the Centre for Community and Neighbourhood Improvement - CANI. We have also produced papers which set out in greater detail the evidence base underpinning our approach and demonstrating its benefits. And as noted, we have previously commissioned Survation to poll people living in the 225 neighbourhoods identified as 'left behind'. Please let us know if you would like more detailed briefing on these or any other issues.



Council

Monday, 5 September 2022

Subject: Review Of The Allocation Of Seats To Political Groups On Committees/Sub -Committees

Report by:

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Purpose / Summary:

This report sets out the details of the political groups on the Council, the number of Members to be appointed to serve on each committee and the allocation to different political groups of seats on the committees.

A re-allocation has been undertaken as a result of Notices being received in accordance with the Local Government (Committees & Political Groups) Regulations 1990 from Councillor S England.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- 1) that the details of political groups, as set out in Appendix A, be noted;**
- 2) that the number of Members to be appointed to serve on each Committee, arising from the Head of Paid Service's delegated decision, be noted; and**
- 3) that the allocation to different political groups of seats on committees, as set out in Appendix B, arising from the Head of Paid Service's delegated decision, be noted.**

IMPLICATIONS

Legal:

Council is required to review the allocation to different political groups of seats on committees and sub-committees. In accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

Financial :

None directly arising as a result of this report.

Staffing :

None directly arising as a result of this report.

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

None directly arising as a result of this report.

Data Protection Implications :

None directly arising as a result of this report.

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities :

None directly arising as a result of this report.

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations :

None directly arising as a result of this report.

Health Implications:

None directly arising as a result of this report.

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

Working Papers and Options considered held by Democratic Services

Risk Assessment :

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 In accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Council is required to review the allocation to different political groups of seats on committees and sub-committees.
- 1.2 The requirement to review the allocations is as a result of Councillor Steve England having given due notice under Regulation 10 that he no longer wishes to be treated as a Member of the Administration Group, and as such, wishes to be treated as an independent unaligned Councillor.
- 1.3 Existing political groups for the purposes of the Local Government (Committees & Political Groups) Regulations 1990 are as follows:

Group	No.	Leader/Spokesperson	Deputy Leaders
West Lindsey Administration	19	Councillor Owen Bierley	Councillor Anne Welburn
Liberal Democrat Group	13	Councillor Trevor Young	Councillor Lesley Rollings
Lincolnshire Independents	2	Councillor Chris Darcel	Councillor Cherie Hill

- 1.4 Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan, West Lindsey Independent is not aligned to any Group.
- 1.5 Councillor Steve England, Independent, is also not aligned to any Group.
- 1.6 The Council has delegated authority to the Head of Paid Service to agree, following consultation with the Group Leaders, the overall allocation of seats to groups resulting from the application of rounding.
- 1.7 Full details of group membership are set out in Appendix A.

2. The Allocations

- 2.1 In accordance with the provisions of section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (Duty to allocate seats to political groups), the Council is required to give effect, so far as reasonably practicable, to the following specified principles:
- (a) that not all the seats on a Committee/Sub-Committee are allocated to the same political group;
- (b) that the majority of the seats on a Committee/Sub-Committee are allocated to a particular political group where the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the authority's membership;

- (c) subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, that the number of seats on the ordinary Committees which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary Committees of that authority as is borne by the number of Members of that group to the membership of the authority;
- (d) subject to paragraphs (a) to (c) above, that the number of seats on the Committee/Sub-Committee which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that Committee/Sub-Committee as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority.
- 2.2 (b) above applies as there is a group with a majority of seats on the Council.
- 2.3 In order to give effect, so far as is reasonably practicable, to the principles specified above and in consultation with group leaders as required by the delegation, it has been determined that the best fit to meet the political balance rules, and one on which both main Group Leaders have indicated their agreement to, is for the: -
- **Prosperous Communities Committee to comprise 15 Members**
 - **Planning Committee, Licensing Committee, Regulatory Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committee to comprise 14 Members**
 - **Corporate Policy and Resources Committee to comprise 13 Members**
 - **Chief Officer Employment Committee and Governance and Audit Committee to comprise 7 Members**
- 2.4 There has been no request to suspend the political balance on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, following Council's decision in May 2022.
- 2.5 As agreed as part of the Annual Review of the Constitution during 2017/2018, the same 14 Members comprise both the Licensing Committee and the Regulatory Committee.
- 2.6 Group Leaders have been consulted on the number of Members appointed to serve on the Committees/Sub-Committees and have indicated their agreement to the proposal.
- 2.7 Applying group numbers to the seats available on the Committees gives the allocation set out in Appendix B, as the most reasonably practical in the circumstances and the option supported by Group Leaders.

Local Government & Housing Act 1989

The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990

Political Groups on the District Council – August 2022

West Lindsey Administration Group (19 Councillors)

(Comprising 16 Conservatives, 1 Independent and 2 Gainsborough Independent Councillors)

Conservatives (16)

Councillor Owen Bierley

Councillor Jackie Brockway

Councillor Tracey Coulson

Councillor Jane Ellis

Councillor Ian Fleetwood

Councillor Caralyne Grimble

Councillor Angela Lawrence

Councillor Cordelia McCartney

Councillor John McNeill

Councillor Jessie Milne

Councillor Peter Morris

Councillor Roger Patterson

Councillor Tom Regis

Councillor Jeff Summers

Councillor Robert Waller

Councillor Anne Welburn

Independent Councillor

Councillor Diana Rodgers

Gainsborough Independents

Councillor Timothy Davies

Councillor Mick Devine

Liberal Democrat Group (13 Councillors)

Councillor Matthew Boles

Councillor Stephen Bunney

Councillor Liz Clews

Councillor David Cotton

Councillor David Dobbie

Councillor Jaime Oliver

Councillor Keith Panter

Councillor Judy Rainsforth

Councillor Lesley Rollings

Councillor Jim Snee

Councillor Mandy Snee

Councillor Angela White

Councillor Trevor Young

Lincolnshire Independents Group (2 Councillors)

Councillor Chris Darcel

Councillor Cherie Hill

West Lindsey Independent Unaligned to any Group (1 Councillor)

Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan

Independent Unaligned to any Group (1 Councillor)

Councillor Steve England

Appendix B

Political Make-up of the Council, on which calculations have been based: -

West Lindsey Administration Group (WLAG)	Lib Dem	Lincs Ind	WL Ind (PHC)	Ind (SE)	Total
19 members	13 Members	2 Members	1 Member	1 Member	36 Members
52.78%	36.11%	5.56%	2.78%	2.78%	100%

TABLE 1 – “ORDINARY” COMMITTEES

	WLAG	Lib Dem	Lincs Ind	WL Ind Mbr	Ind Mbr	Total
Prosperous Communities (15)	8	6	1	0	0	15
Corporate Policy and Resources (13)	7	5	0	1	0	13
Governance and Audit (7)	4	2	1	0	0	7
Planning (14)	7	5	1	0	1	14
Chief Officer Employment (7)	4	3	0	0	0	7
Total no. of seats (56)	30	21	3	1	1	56
As a %	53.57	37.5	5.36	1.79	1.79	100

NOTES: This would meet the criteria with the WLAG having a majority on each Committee, followed by the Liberal Democrats having the next largest proportion and so on.

TABLE 2 - No changes have been

POLITICAL BALANCE APPLIED	WLAG	Lib Dem	Lincs Ind	WL Ind Mbr	Ind Mbr	Total
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (14)	8	5	1	0	0	14
Total no of seats as a %	57.14	35.17	7.14	0	0	100

TABLE 3 - No changes have been

	WLAG	Lib Dem	Lincs Ind	WL Ind Mbr	Ind Mbr	Total
Licensing (14)	8	5	0	1	0	14
Regulatory (14)	8	5	0	1	0	14
Total no. of seats (24)	16	10	0	2	0	28
Total no of seats as a %	57.14	35.71	0	7.14		100

Note the membership of the two committees above has to be identical



Council

Monday, 5 September 2022

Appointment of Committees for the remainder of the 2022/23 Civic Year

Report by:

Monitoring Officer

Contact Officer:

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Purpose / Summary:

This report sets out the wishes expressed by political groups in respect of appointment of Members to serve on the Committees of the Council for the remainder of the 2022/2023 civic year.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

In accordance with the provisions of section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the wishes expressed by political groups, Members be appointed to serve to the Council's Committees for the remainder of the 22/23 civic year as set out within this report (or provided verbally at the meeting).

IMPLICATIONS

Legal:

In accordance with the provisions of section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the wishes expressed by political groups

Financial :

None directly arising from this report

Staffing :

None directly arising from this report

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

None directly arising from this report

Data Protection Implications :

None directly arising from this report

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities :

None directly arising from this report

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations :

None directly arising from this report

Health Implications:

None directly arising from this report

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

Notices received from the Group Leaders on the allocation of Committee/ Sub - Committee places – documents available from the Guildhall, Gainsborough (on request).

Risk Assessment :

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 In accordance with the provision of section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, it is the duty of the Council to make appointments to Committees in accordance with the wishes expressed by political groups following the determination under section 15 (the allocation of seats to political groups).

1.2 Section 2 details the wishes expressed by the political groups'

2. Appointment of Committees

2.1 Chief Officer Employment Committee (7 Members)

- Councillor
- Councillor
- Councillor
- Councillor
- Councillor
- Councillor
- Councillor

2.2 Corporate Policy and Resources Committee (13 Members)

- Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan
- Councillor
- Councillor
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2.3 Governance and Audit Committee (7 Members)

- Councillor
- Councillor
- Councillor
- Councillor
- Councillor
- Councillor
- Councillor

2.4 Licensing Committee (14 Members)

- Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan
- Councillor
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2.5 Regulatory Committee (14 Members)

- Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan
- Councillor
- Councillor
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2.6 Planning Committee (14 Members)

- Councillor Steve England
- Councillor
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2.7 Prosperous Communities Committee (15 Members)

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Councillor
Councillor
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2.8 Overview and Scrutiny Committee (14 Members)

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The Liberal Democrat Group have since May 2022 indicated they will not be taking up their seats on this Committee. The re-balance has provided further opportunity for this position to be re-considered.

In the event that no nominations are received, the additional Members appointed in July 2022, will be eligible to serve on the Committee, should they wish.

ⁱ At time of issue nominations were awaited, this report will be refreshed in the lead up to the meeting



Council

Monday, 5 September 2022

Subject: Appointment of Committee Chairmen /Vice-Chairmen for the remainder of the 22/23 Civic Year

Report by:

Monitoring Officer

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Purpose / Summary:

This report seeks to appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to each of the Committees, having re-constituted the Committees

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council appoint persons to each of the positions listed at 1.3 of the report for the remainder of 2022/23 Civic Year -

IMPLICATIONS

Legal:

It is the responsibility of Full Council to agree Chairmanships and Vice Chairmanships. Committee Chairs and Vices need to be appointed each time a Committee is re-constituted following a change in political balance.

Financial :

Special responsibility allowances are payable to Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen at a rate agreed by the Independent Remuneration Panel. These costs are met from the Members' Allowance budget. Rates Payable for 22/23 are set out in the Constitution.

Staffing :

None directly arising as a result of this report.

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

None directly arising as a result of this report.

Data Protection Implications :

None directly arising as a result of this report.

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities:

None directly arising as a result of this report.

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations:

None directly arising as a result of this report.

Health Implications:

None directly arising as a result of this report.

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

n/a

Risk Assessment :

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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

Key Decision:

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

Yes

No

1 Introduction

1.1 Having re-constituted the Committees, there is a requirement to appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to each, for the remainder of the Civic Year

1.2 The Positions available and post holder(s) until the recalculation, are set out below.

Committee	Chairman	Vice-Chairman
Chief Officer Employment Committee	Councillor Jackie Brockway	Councillor Mick Devine
Corporate Policy and Resources Committee	Councillor Anne Welburn	Councillor Jeff Summers
Planning Committee	Councillor Ian Fleetwood	Councillor Bob Waller
Governance and Audit Committee	Councillor John McNeill	Councillor Jackie Brockway
*Licensing Committee	Councillor Jessie Milne	Councillor Angela Lawrence
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Mrs Di Rodgers	Councillor Roger Patterson
*Regulatory Committee	Councillor Jessie Milne	Councillor Angela Lawrence
Prosperous Communities Committee	Councillor Owen Bierley	Councillor John McNeill (1) Councillor Tracey Coulson (2)

1.3 Nominations are sought for each of the following positions.

Committee	Chairman	Vice-Chairman
Chief Officer Employment Committee	(1)	(1)
Corporate Policy and Resources Committee	(1)	(1)
Planning Committee	(1)	(1)
Governance and Audit Committee	(1)	(1)
*Licensing Committee	(1)	(1)
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	(1)	(1)
*Regulatory Committee	(1)	(1)

Prosperous Communities Committee	(1)	Vice Chair (1) Vice-Chair (2)
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- 1.4 Voting on appointments is managed by Procedure Rule 14.6 and 14.7 of the Council's Constitution

Agenda Item 9d



Council

Monday, 5 September 2022

Subject: Appointment to Vacancies on Boards and Other Bodies (including outside bodies) following resignation

Report by:

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Purpose / Summary:

This report seeks to appoint to vacancies on boards and other bodies (including outside bodies) as a result of Councillor England having resigned from the positions.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council appoint persons to serve on each of the Bodies/Boards set out at paragraph 1.2 of the report

IMPLICATIONS

Legal:

None Arising – such appoints are not such subject to political balance regulations

Financial :

Members are entitled to claim travelling expenses for attending meetings of outside bodies – provision is provided for in existing budgets

Staffing :

None arising from this report

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

None arising from this report

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 :**

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 Whilst the re-calculation of political balance does not necessitate the need to re-appoint to the numerous sub-committees, boards and other bodies (including outside), Councillor S England has given notice of having resigned from all such boards and bodies he was previously appointed to.
- 1.2 Councillor S England, previously held the following positions on such bodies: -

Outside Bodies

Lincoln Transport Strategy Delivery Board
Upper Witham IDB
Witham Third IDB

Internal Working Groups / Boards

Lincolnshire Show Task and Finish Group
Environment & Sustainability Member Working Grp
Member Development Grp (Reserve)

- 1.3 Nominations are sought for each of the above positions.
- 1.4 Voting on appointments is managed by Procedure Rule 14.6 and 14.7 of the Council's Constitution.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Council appoint persons to serve on each of the Bodies/Boards set out at paragraph 1.2 of the report