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AGENDA

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

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber - The Guildhall, Marshall's Yard, Gainsborough, DN21 2NA, on **Monday, 26th June, 2023 at 7.00 pm**, and your attendance at such meeting is hereby requested to transact the following business.

To: All Members of West Lindsey District Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
To confirm and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Full Council held on 22 May 2023.

(TO FOLLOW)

3. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Members may make any declarations of interest at this point and may also make them at any point during the meeting.
4. MATTERS ARISING
Setting out current position of previously agreed actions as at 16 June 2023.

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5. CHAIRMAN'S CHAPLAIN
To receive the appointment of Chairman's Chaplain for the ensuing year and investment of the Stole.

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

(VERBAL REPORT)

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

(TO FOLLOW)

8. 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)

9. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10

Motion For the Home Secretary to take urgent action to halt plans to turn RAF Scampton into an alternative accommodation centre for migrants

"I, Councillor Sebastian Hague, propose that this Council:

- 1. calls on the Home Secretary, Ms Suella Braverman, to immediately halt the government's plans to turn RAF Scampton into an alternative accommodation centre for migrants.
- 2. Calls on Lincolnshire County Council to join West Lindsey District Council in standing for evidence-based, consultative decisions that align with the welfare and aspirations of West Lindsey residents; and those seeking asylum within the UK.

This motion is proposed for the following reasons:

Significance of RAF Scampton

RAF Scampton stands as more than a landmark; it's a symbolic emblem of our

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national history and pride. The sudden proposition to convert this site into an accommodation centre for asylum seekers fundamentally undermines its historical and sentimental significance.

Effect on Planned Community Projects

Our council, with the support of residents has secured a £300m investment plan to transform RAF Scampton which will preserve, protect and enhance by providing aviation heritage, business and aerospace, space and aviation technology. The government's sudden proposal disrupts these plans, casting a shadow on the future economic growth of our local community and dampening the entrepreneurial spirit of our residents.

Sustainability and Infrastructure Deficiencies

RAF Scampton and its vicinity lack the necessary infrastructure to support a large influx of asylum seekers. This population requires comprehensive access to essential services, such as healthcare, social care, and other public services. The current proposal overlooks these fundamental human needs and the subsequent strain on our existing infrastructure.

Absence of Consultative Decision-Making

A decision of this magnitude demands transparency, inclusive dialogue, and thorough evaluation. However, we have witnessed a lack of all these elements in the decision-making process. This approach raises considerable doubts about the leadership of the Home Secretary.

Moral Implications

The moral implications of this proposed plan cannot be understated. Asylum seekers are individuals who have experienced profound hardship and are looking to us for compassion and refuge. It is our duty to provide them with suitable accommodation that affords them the dignity they deserve, and that can cater to their needs for healthcare, social care, and other public services. The use of RAF Scampton as a asylum accommodation centre does not align with these values.

Conclusion

This issue, however, is more than a critique of a single decision. It is an indictment of an absence of common sense and empathy in leadership that we are witnessing. The Home Secretary, Suella Braverman, who has been entrusted with the welfare of both our citizens and those seeking asylum within our borders, appears to have given little thought to the impact, viability, and humanitarian consequences of such a decision.

Hence, I, Councillor Sabastian Hague, on behalf of the West Lindsey District Council, propose this motion to call on the Home Secretary to immediately halt the government's plans to turn RAF Scampton into an alternative accommodation centre for migrants; and to call on Lincolnshire County Council to join West Lindsey District Council in standing for evidence-based, consultative decisions that align with the welfare and aspirations of West Lindsey residents; and those seeking asylum within the UK.

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10. REPORTS FOR DETERMINATION

- a. The Corporate Plan, 2023-2027
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- b. Recommendation from Corporate Policy and Resources for Amendments to Fees and Charges 2023/2024
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- c. Recommendation from Corporate Policy and Resources Committee - Annual Treasury Management Report 2022/23
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- d. Appointment of Member Champions - Armed Forces and Risk
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Friday, 16 June 2023

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