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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, 22nd January, 2024 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 - 6 NOVEMBER 2023
To confirm and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council held on 6 November 2023.

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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 12 January 2024.

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5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

(VERBAL REPORT)

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

Leader, Council Members, in my capacity as Local Ward Member for Lea I have been in correspondence with Severn Trent, in light of recent news about their profits and commitment to investing billions of pounds to support its networks..

In 2017, Lea Parish Council, highlighted issues in the area to Severn Trent and this Local Planning Authority has applied conditions to planning applications in light of the Pick Everard Report (DE-1709-989 Nov 2017) which was commissioned by Severen Trent.

That report defined and quantified a specific deficiency in the system, and further indicated that an upgrade was required before any additional load was to be added to the network.

Residents have experienced firsthand the lack of upgrade, when their homes and gardens have been flooded year after year. Now as we head into the autumn/winter months, they are rightly concerned it will happen again. Residents of West Lindsey deserve a better service from Severn Trent.

This report was commissioned in 2017. I believe, Severn Trent has failed the residents of West Lindsey, as well as the environment All this time by not upgrading a system which they have identified as having a specific deficiency, and in my opinion knowingly.

In recent weeks, I have been able to ascertain from Severn Trent that they will do some temporary work by the end of the financial year (March 2024) but they have not given a timeframe for when they will upgrade or do the necessary works to the pumping station to allow for extra capacity.

Whilst a temporary measure is all very well it does not solve the issue and residents

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should not have to wait another 6 years until its properly resolved. Surely we have a duty as the District Authority to ensure these much needed (by evidence of report by Severn Trent) improvements are made to systems which supply services to our residents

We need answers and the residents need to know how long will it take to rectify this problem and who is going to bring forward a timely solution?

I've sought assistance from OFWAT, the Environment Agency and Sir Edward as Local MP none of whom have provided assistance to resolve this

I therefore move that Members support me in requesting the Leader, in his formal capacity, on behalf of West Lindsey District Council, urgently writes to Severn Trent Water Agency requesting answers as to when a more permanent solution will be in place, and the needs of local residents met.

I so move

Councillor Emma Bailey

District Councillor for Lea Ward – Lea, Knaith Upton & Kexby.

Motion 2

Members, Climate Change has brought about not only record levels of high rainfall but also an increase in the frequency of high intensity rainfall episodes. The result has been an increase in surface runoff, groundwater, pluvial and fluvial flooding – causing serious problems for effected householders, road/rail users, farmers etc. throughout the district, county and country. All predictions, and indications, are that the trends will continue increasing the risk of serious flooding problems – meaning that ever-increasing numbers of people and businesses will suffer social, health, wellbeing and economic issues from water flooding incidents.

In West Lindsey agencies, voluntary/community and council groups all worked on the flooding incidents and did their very best to keep damage to a minimum and keep our communities safe. It is important that we pay tribute and thank these groups for their sterling work. However, as Storm Babet on August 20th indicates all these positive efforts were hampered by a lack of resources and co-ordinated working between the agencies. It is essential that this is addressed if the consequences of weather-related incidents are to be reduced in the future.

It is also important that resilient measures are planned and delivered to cope with the ever-increasing quantities of water from higher rainfall levels and thereby prevent the flooding from occurring in the first place. As several different agencies are responsible for the flood water – Anglian Water, Environmental Agency, Lincolnshire Highways, Lincolnshire County Council Flood Management, District Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and Landowners, under Riparian Responsibilities it is essential that they all work together on this task and that they are properly and adequately funded to do the job.

This Council asks the Chief Executive, Chairman and Leader of The Council to write to the Chief Executive, Leader of Lincolnshire County Council, Chairman of Lincolnshire County Council's Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Group and DEFRA endorsing the decision* (attached) by LCC at their December 1st 2023 Meeting to set up an enhanced water management partnership to strengthen the County's flood resilience, adaptations and management of the water management system and also to lobby for extra funding from Central Government to ensure this partnership and member agencies have sufficient resources to carry out this essential mitigating work.

I so move.

Councillor Stephen Bunney on behalf of the West Lindsey Flood Working Group.

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9. REPORTS FOR DETERMINATION

- a. Recommendation from the Independent Remuneration Panel - Members Allowance Scheme 2024/25

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- b. Devolution in Lincolnshire - To make a formal response to the consultation

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- c. Collection Fund - Council Tax Surplus 2023/24 & Council Tax Base 2024/25

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- d. Recommendation from the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee - Council Tax Empty Homes Premiums 2024/25

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- f. Recommendation from Corporate Policy and Resources Committee - Mid-Year Treasury Update 2023/24

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- g. Recommendation from Corporate Policy and Resources Committee - New Fees relative to Crematorium for 2023/24

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10. PROCEDURAL REPORTS FOR DETERMINATION

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- b. Amendments to existing outside body Appointments

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Friday, 12 January 2024