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West Lindsey District Council - 5 September 2022

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber - The Guildhall on 5 September 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 Keith Panter
Councillor Mrs Judy Rainsforth	Councillor Tom Regis
Councillor Mrs Diana Rodgers	Councillor Jim Snee
Councillor Mrs Mandy Snee	Councillor Jeff Summers
Councillor Robert Waller	Councillor Mrs Anne Welburn
Councillor Mrs Angela White	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
Katie Storr	Democratic Services & Elections Team Manager

Apologies

Councillor Jane Ellis
Councillor Steve England
Councillor Jaime Oliver
Councillor Mrs Lesley Rollings

106 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed Members and Officers to the meeting.

107 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council held on 4 July 2022

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council held on 4 July 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

108 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made at this point in the meeting.

109 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.

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

110 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman

The Chairman addressed Council and advised of her pleasure at having been invited to attend the presentation of a young man, at Gainsborough’s Nobel Foods, who despite challenges, had been awarded the Young Processer of the Year Award. It had been most pleasant to join him and to share his successes and achievements.

On 31 July the District Council had held, what the Chairman considered to have been a wonderful service, for the Celebration of Life for three former Councillors, Malcolm Parish Lewis Strange and Reg Shore, having been unable to celebrate during the Covid period. It had provided opportunity to honour those Councillors and the work they had done during their time in Office. It had been a lovely service and the families had been very appreciative of it.

Last Friday, 2 September, the Chairman had had the honour of hosting the Annual Flag Raising for Merchant Navy Day. It had been a lovely day and well attended. Members were reminded that again, this Friday, 9 September, she would be hosting the Annual Flag Raising event for the Emergency Services Day, to which all Members were invited to attend.

And finally, earlier in the day, the Chairman had attended the historical Closing Down Ceremony at RAF Scampton. As anticipated, there had been a large turnout of both Military and Dignitary guests, a flypast by the Red Arrows and the Lancaster, and a Service in the Church to dedicate a new stained-glass window to RAF Scampton, marking 100 years of having been stationed there. It had been an honour and a privilege to represent West Lindsey at this historic event.

Leader

The Leader made the following address to Council: -

“Good evening colleagues, I hope that everyone had the opportunity to spend some time away from their desks and digital devices during August and can return refreshed and ready for what will undoubtedly be an especially busy period for us individually and collectively.

Since we last came together as a Council we have experienced not only record high temperatures in July, but also exceptional rainfall in August that lead to serious flooding in Market Rasen and caused problems elsewhere in the District too. I'd like to place on record my deep appreciation and thanks to everyone who contributed to the immediate and ongoing response and also to encourage any community that does not have an Emergency Plan in place to consider preparing one. There is much support available for this task through the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum.

The Council's budget consultation for the 2023-24 financial year will remain open until at 9 am on Monday, 3rd October 2022 and all residents and businesses are invited to have their say in helping us shape our future priorities. It is easy to participate either on on-line, by a paper copy, or at one of the series of widely publicised engagement events, the most recent of which was a highly successful session on Caistor Market last Saturday. Thank you to all respondents so far; your ideas and input are most valuable to us.

Finally, I'm very pleased to advise that our key priorities and projects throughout West Lindsey, whether in preparation or delivery, are all progressing according to schedule. We have a highly ambitious and stretching programme in place to secure the future prosperity and success of our District and I firmly believe we have all the necessary Member and Officer expertise and insight available to enable us to achieve this.”

Chief Executive

The Chief Executive addressed Council and whilst acknowledging it had been “holiday season” for many, he paid tribute to the many teams across the Council that had continued to deliver over the summer period; handling the Council Tax Energy Rebates, and the Housing Support Fund distribution, (of which a third allocation was anticipated). Teams across West Lindsey continued to deliver, under the additional pressures that continued to be placed upon District Councils, and again the Chief Executive praised and thanked everyone in the Organisation for their energy and commitment to supporting the District and its' residents.

The Chief Executive highlighted some of the other issues that had been dealt with and developments since the last Council meeting, including: -

- **Concurrent Meeting – 7 July**

A concurrent meeting of the Prosperous Communities Committee and the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee, had been held to agree the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan. The Chief Executive was pleased to advise that the Plan had been submitted on the 19 July, a fortnight ahead of the deadline set Government and the Plan had been well received by the Government's teams. Thanks were expressed to Sally Grindrod-Smith, Director of Planning, Regeneration and Communities, and her Team for their work in this area.

- **Recent Funding Announcements**

Two further funding announcements had been made since Council last met. West Lindsey had been awarded an allocation of £85k for what was being termed, the "Levelling Up Parks Fund". This was restricted to just three Lower Super Output Areas, all three of which were in Gainsborough. The Fund was for enhancing green space in such areas. Proposals would be brought forward for Elected Member consideration in the coming months.

West Lindsey had also received an allocation from the Rural England Prosperity Fund of £795k. This was an extension of the Shared Prosperity Fund, specifically for rural parts of the country. Investments Plans would need to be formulated and proposals would be brought forward for Elected Member consideration.

- **Cost of Living Crisis**

Referring to the Motion passed at the last Council meeting, the Chief Executive updated Members on the work that had been undertaken since, and of further planned work.

A Cost of Living Working Group, of Officers within the Council, had been established. The Group had been working on proposals, which could be brought for Member consideration in the future. Whilst these proposal would look at ways of supporting residents, proposals were also being considered regarding employees, as they too would be equally impacted by the cost of living issues.

Officers were also working on what had been phrased "a Cost of Living Summit". The District Council were inviting local organisations, who dealt with some of the Districts most vulnerable and in need, to come together in order that Organisations could share ideas to develop proposals, as to how, and what, might be appropriate ways of utilising some Council reserves, as requested in that Motion.

The work was well in progress and outcomes were expected to be reported back to Committees in October/November 2022.

- **Update on Gypsy/ Traveller Encampment – Bridge Street Gainsborough**

Members were aware that over the Summer, Officers had dealt with a short stay Traveller encampment on the Bridge Street Car Park, in Gainsborough. Officers were again thanked for their response to that incident, arriving on scene the very next morning. Appropriate policies were followed, appropriate notices given and having established a good relationship, the encampment moved on, in accordance with the plans they had indicated to Officers at the outset. The approach taken by Officers, who were again thanked, ensured that the stay, had gone ahead without any issues.

The Chief Executive placed on record his thanks to local businesses who had kindly agreed to open for longer than normal to help and support those people, which again had enabled

the stay to pass off without incident.

- **Flooding at Market Rasen**

August 16 had seen flooding experienced in parts of Market Rasen. The Chief Executive placed on record his personal thank you to Councillor Bunney for his work supporting people in the area.

The incident had not been declared an emergency by the LRF (Lincolnshire Resilience Forum) and this had seen communication issues arise with colleagues in other organisations.

West Lindsey Teams, including Sarah Elvin, Home Options Team Manger and her colleagues were thanked for their actions and their support at very short notice. Officers continued to show commitment to help people across the district, whatever the hour, whatever the situation.

The communication issues experienced had been discussed with the LRF. Whilst acknowledging it had not been designated a Lincolnshire Emergency, it was still paramount that communications were maintained and remained in a co-ordinated manner, which the District Council did not consider had been the case with this incident.

Announcements concluded.

111 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

112 QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9

The Chairman advised the meeting that one question pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No.9 had been submitted to the meeting. This 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, you are no doubt aware of the 16 caravans and motor homes and other associated vehicles which occupied a Council car park from the evening of 14th July 2022 overnight and thereafter. Please can you confirm the details of the incident and any other similar activity this summer of which the Council is aware? I understand that a similar incident occurred on the Village Green in Welton and I personally saw caravans parked along the A631 at Glentham and Bishop Bridge a few days later.

Does the Leader agree, that Council Officers handled the situation professionally and brought about a swift resolution to the matter? What assessment, if any, has been made of the impact of the incident on Gainsborough?

Can the Leader provide any additional assurance for our local communities arising from any lessons learnt during the recent incident? Is the Leader able to comment on whether any fines were issued, and if so, have any of the fines been paid?

Thank you”

The Leader of the Council responded as follows : -

“It is believed that Officers acted swiftly, professionally and in a co-ordinated manner regarding both of the encampments that occurred in Gainsborough. The Council provided a proportionate response within the agreed Protocol, resulting in a swift resolution. Our communications team were fully briefed and managed any media enquiries.

Whilst it is recognised that incidents such as this cause concern for the local community, there will always be a likelihood of them occurring, hence why there are specific laws and guidance in place to enable the Council to deal with them and to provide those occupying land with the relevant protections and rights.

In these circumstances, we have an agreed Countywide Protocol with the Police to follow, which starts by understanding what the intentions of the occupants are, in regards to the length of their stay. If it is a short period, then their presence in most cases will be tolerated until they move on. If we get the sense that it will be a longer stay or that the stay may cause significant community harm then we start legal proceedings to cease the occupation of the land liaise with the Police to determine the best way to go about this. Our approach in most cases is always to get the ball rolling on legal action should their suggested intentions change.

After a major encampment occurs, officers complete a review of the incident as part of the Gypsy and Traveller Joint Protocol. This enables the Council to ensure it is meeting its obligations in regards to the Joint Protocol for Gypsy and Traveller Encampments and will consider the Gainsborough incidents that occurred between 14/7/22 - 18/7/22 and 20/07/22 - 23/07/2022.

The Protocol seeks to ensure that agencies work together and seek to find a peaceful resolution with the occupants of unauthorised encampments. It is always preferable to seek a short, peaceful and tolerated stay as opposed to creating conflict and heightening local tensions. There are no immediate powers to remove occupants from land in these situations, unless there is a serious risk to public safety.

In this instance there was no significant risk to public safety and the car park on Bridge Street is monitored by CCTV and is very prominent, and this enabled agencies to ensure that minimal disruption was caused. Whilst there has been media attention in regards to the new ‘Police, Crime, Sentencing and Court Act 2022’, the powers cited within here have incorrectly been headlined as a means to instantly remove any travellers from land, which isn’t the case. They are police only powers and there has to be, or likely to be “significant damage, disruption or

distress”- which there clearly wasn’t on either occasion in relation to the Bridge Street encampments.

During both of the Gainsborough incidents the relevant Members, Management Team and Communications Teams were kept fully updated via email with the situation and any changes. In both instances, the required assessment of the site and those occupying it was carried out at the earliest opportunity and the formal notices were served within 24 hours of the land being occupied and provisions were in place to commence formal legal proceedings in the working week following on from the initial occupation. Arrangements were also made for waste collection and to advise local licensed and retail premises of the presence of the encampment. A Police incident was also opened and kept active were there to be any further concerns or complaints from the public. There were very minimal complaints from the public during the period of both occupations.

In terms of fines, there is no provision to issue a fine to occupants for simply occupying land. The provisions of the Act enable a prosecution should the occupants return within 12 months, subject to their being sufficient evidence. There clearly was scope for issuing fines for car parking offences, however this was not deemed to be something that would have best served the aim of a quick departure and would have only served to increase the tensions between agencies. Alongside this, there would have been very little scope for recovering any fines issued based on the information that was obtained on the vehicles present.

In specific relation to Welton, there was one caravan that parked up for one evening/overnight period, which left the next morning, so it is not comparable to the Gainsborough incidents and we have received no other reports or had any dealings with any reports or attendance at other illegal encampments in the WLDC area at this point.

In summary, the Protocol in place helped to bring about a swift resolution to the encampments and Officers acted swiftly, using the tools and powers that were available. The review of the incidents is currently being finalised and will be shared in full with the Chairman and Vice Chairmen of the Prosperous Communities Committee as well as the elected Members for Gainsborough.”

The original questioner confirmed he had no supplementary question, however another Member of Council sought to ask a question, and the Chairman, using her discretion permitted him to do so.

The question was welcomed, particularly the aspect relating to assessments. Acknowledging the incident had passed trouble free, and that that, in part, was down to businesses doing their utmost, as had been referenced by the Chief Executive, local business had reported being 80 percent down on trade that weekend. Businesses, that had just come through the pressure of Covid, and the Councillor felt this needed to be recognised. The Town Centre was already struggling and incidents of this nature, so close to the Centre, financially impacted business, he asked “Can these businesses afford that impact?” Suggesting no, and as such, sought information as to what the Council would be doing to mitigate against such an incident happening again, given it had affected two

consecutive weekends.

People were quick to change shopping habits, and the fear was they would avoid the area if they continued to find the site occupied by travellers. Once shoppers were lost, they were hard to tempt back and the Town Centre needed the Council's full support if it was to thrive.

The Chairman thanked the Councillor for his comments, whilst reminding the Chamber, as had been earlier explained, Officers and those involved acted swiftly and according to the protocols. All accepted it was difficult to predict what may or may not happen, and as such the Chairman acknowledged it had been unfortunate for the shopkeepers and other businesses, but re-empathised it had been dealt with as swiftly as it possibly could be. There was no easy solution.

The Councillor acknowledged that Teams had responded well, noting a fantastic job, by Waste Services in terms of clean up, however it was again raised what would the Council do to mitigate this happening again; with another Councillor suggesting it would be resolved by providing appropriate site allocations.

Rule 9 Questions were brought to an end, by the Chairman's ruling.

113 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:

"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.

I so move.

Councillor Anne Welburn”

With the motion duly seconded, debate ensued during which Members shared their experiences, particularly those of recent years, when such behaviour had escalated, even extending to family members, with a Councillor seeking the support of local Police.

The age of social of media had only added to and increased the problem, with people appearing to be quite comfortable abusing people from behind a computer keyboard.

It was suggested that many Members accepted a level of abuse, almost deeming this to come with the job, whether correct or not, but all were in agreement, that when abuse was then directed at family members, personal phones and e-mails, that that was totally unacceptable. However, such behaviours had been experienced.

All were in agreement, the fear of abuse, without doubt, deterred potential candidates and “volunteers”, with many Parish Councillors, receiving no remuneration for the work they undertook.

The level of abuse from Members of the public had increased, and yet Councillors were of the view, that in the event they challenged back, they found themselves reported to the Monitoring Officer and subject to a potential Code of Conduct case. Members at a District level were not granted anything similar to Parliamentary Privilege, extended to MPs.

Members spoke of the lack of support, not a criticism of Officers, but of the system, general framework, and lack of legal powers. Sanctions (for complaints against Councillors) had been abolished with the Localism Act. Officers and the Council’s Standard’s Sub-Committee, Governance and Audit Committee, and Full Council itself, having written on a number of occasions lobbying for change.

Whilst change in this area would help resolve Councillor to Councillor issues, this would not deal with abuse from Members of the public.

Members were of the view that there needed to be a much bigger debate about what Councils could do to support Councillors in these situations, as it was considered that they had a duty of care to Councillors as they did their employees.

There was a suggestion that the Member Development Group or appropriate Board / Group within the Council could maybe consider how the Council may increase support to elected Members and Candidates prior to elections in May 2023.

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the Leader of the Council be required to add West Lindsey District Council to the list of supporting organisations for the Debate not Hate Campaign.

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

“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”

With the motion duly seconded, debate ensued.

Several Members indicated their support for the motion, others sought indication how the Scheme worked, with the Chief Executive outlining this, confirming the stocks and shares were dormant and not recognised as owned. Current estimates were also considered prudent.

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the Leader and Chief Executive be required to write to Local Trust offering our support for their initiative.

114 REVIEW OF THE ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS ON COMMITTEES/SUB -COMMITTEES

The Chairman presented the report, which set out details of the political groups on the

Council, the number of Members to be appointed to serve on each Committee, and the allocation of seats on each of the Committees based on political groupings.

The report set out the reasoning for the balance having been re-calculated, and the new allocations were detailed in Appendix B of the report.

This matter had been determined by the Head of Paid Service under his delegated authority, in consultation with the main Group Leaders, who had indicated their agreement. As such, there was no requirement for a vote.

With no questions posed, the following was **DULY NOTED**: -

- (a) the details of the political groups, as set out in Appendix A of the report,
- (b) the number of Members to be appointed to serve on each committee and sub-committee; and
- (c) the allocation to different political groups of seats on committees/sub-committees, as set out in Appendix B of the report.

115 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2022/23 CIVIC YEAR

The Chairman of the Council presented the report which set out the wishes expressed by the political groups in respect of the appointment of Members to serve on each of the Council's formal Committees for the remainder of the 2022/23 Civic Year.

Members had earlier in the day received an updated report incorporating all nominations received and this had been made available on the Website.

Confirmation was sought and received from the Leader of the Opposition, that his position remained unchanged, and the Liberal Democrat Group would not be making nominations to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Chairman referred Members to section 2.8 of the report, and advised, given the position expressed by the Opposition Leader, the additional Members appointed in July 2022, to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, would be eligible to serve, should they wish, those being Councillors Jackie Brockway, Chris Darcel, Paul Howitt-Cowan and John McNeill .

Consent was sought and received from those Members effected and, on that basis, it was

RESOLVED that 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 2022/23 civic year as follows: -

Chief Officer Employment Committee (7 Members)

Councillor Owen Bierley
Councillor Jackie Brockway
Councillor Stephen Bunney
Councillor Mick Devine
Councillor Lesley Rollings
Councillor Anne Welburn
Councillor Trevor Young

Corporate Policy and Resources Committee (13 Members)

Councillor Owen Bierley
Councillor Matt Boles
Councillor Stephen Bunney
Councillor Liz Clews
Councillor Mick Devine
Councillor Ian Fleetwood
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan
Councillor John McNeill
Councillor Mandy Snee
Councillor Jeff Summers
Councillor Bob Waller
Councillor Anne Welburn
Councillor Trevor Young

Governance and Audit Committee (7 Members)

Councillor Jackie Brockway
Councillor Stephen Bunney
Councillor Tracey Coulson
Councillor Chris Darcel
Councillor Caralyne Grimble
Councillor John McNeill
Councillor Angela White

Licensing Committee (14 Members)

Councillor Liz Clews
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Tim Davies
Councillor Caralyne Grimble
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan
Councillor Angela Lawrence
Councillor Cordelia McCartney
Councillor Jessie Milne
Councillor Peter Morris

Councillor Keith Panter
Councillor Judy Rainsforth
Councillor Diana Rodgers
Councillor Jim Snee
Councillor Jeff Summers

Regulatory Committee (14 Members)

Councillor Liz Clews
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Tim Davies
Councillor Caralyne Grimble
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan
Councillor Angela Lawrence
Councillor Cordelia McCartney
Councillor Jessie Milne
Councillor Peter Morris
Councillor Keith Panter
Councillor Judy Rainsforth
Councillor Diana Rodgers
Councillor Jim Snee
Councillor Jeff Summers

Planning Committee (14 Members)

Councillor Matt Boles
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor David Dobbie
Councillor Mick Devine
Councillor Steve England
Councillor Ian Fleetwood
Councillor Cherie Hill
Councillor Jessie Milne
Councillor Peter Morris
Councillor Roger Patterson
Councillor Judy Rainsforth
Councillor Jeff Summers
Councillor Bob Waller
Councillor Angela White

Prosperous Communities Committee (15 Members)

Councillor Owen Bierley
Councillor Stephen Bunney
Councillor Liz Clews
Councillor Tracey Coulson
Councillor Chris Darcel

Councillor Mick Devine
 Councillor Jane Ellis
 Councillor Cordelia McCartney
 Councillor John McNeill
 Councillor Jessie Milne
 Councillor Jaime Oliver
 Councillor Roger Patterson
 Councillor Lesley Rollings
 Councillor Jim Snee
 Councillor Trevor Young

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (14 members)

Councillor Jackie Brockway
 Councillor Tracey Coulson

Councillor Chris Darcel
 Councillor Tim Davies
 Councillor Caralyne Grimble.
 Councillor Cherie Hill
 Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan
 Councillor Cordelia McCartney
 Councillor John McNeill
 Councillor Peter Morris
 Councillor Roger Patterson
 Councillor Diana Rodgers
 Councillor Bob Waller
 Vacancy

116 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN /VICE-CHAIRMEN FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 22/23 CIVIC YEAR

Having re-appointed the Committees, the report under consideration sought to appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to each of the Committees.

Nominations were sought, with the Leader of the Council, making the following nominations, which were duly seconded: -

Committee	Chairman	Vice-Chairman
Chief Officer	Councillor Jackie Brockway	Councillor Mick Devine
Employment Committee	Councillor Anne Welburn	Councillor Jeff Summers
Corporate Policy and Resources Committee	Councillor Ian Fleetwood	Councillor Bob Waller
Planning Committee		

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)

No further nominations, were made and the Chairman therefore sought the meeting's consent that the appointments to vacant positions be dealt with en-bloc. Consent was duly indicated for an en-bloc vote.

A Member requested the en-bloc appointments themselves be subject to a recorded vote, with the request duly seconded.

On being put to the vote, votes were cast in the following manner: -

For:- Councillors Bierley, Brockway, Coulson, Darcel, Davies, Devine, Fleetwood, Grimble, Hill, Howitt-Cowan, Lawrence, McCartney, J McNeill, Milne, Morris, Patterson, Regis, Rodgers, Summers, Waller and Welburn (21)

Against:- None (0)

Abstain: - Councillors Boles, Bunney, Clews, Cotton, Dobbie, Panter, Rainsforth, J Snee, M Snee, White and Young (11)

With a total of 21 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 11 abstentions, the motion was carried and it was therefore: -

RESOLVED that the persons detailed below be appointed to the positions stated for the remainder of the 2022/23 Civic Year.

Committee	Chairman	Vice-Chairman
Chief Officer	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	Councillor John	Councillor Jackie

Audit Committee	McNeill	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)

117 APPOINTMENT TO VACANCIES ON BOARDS AND OTHER BODIES (INCLUDING OUTSIDE BODIES) FOLLOWING RESIGNATION

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

Nominations were sought, with the Leader of the Council making the following nominations, which were duly seconded.

Outside Bodies

Lincoln Transport Strategy Delivery Board	Councillor Peter Morris
Upper Witham IDB	Councillor Peter Morris
Witham Third IDB	Councillor Peter Morris

Internal Working Groups / Boards

Lincolnshire Show Task and Finish Group	Councillor Jessie Milne
Environment & Sustainability Member Working Grp	Councillor Jessie Milne
Member Development Grp (Reserve)	Councillor Bob Waller

Further nominations were sought but none received.

In response to a query, Officers confirmed Councillor England had formally resigned from the Outside Bodies, Internal Working Groups and Boards.

RESOLVED that the following appointment be made for the remainder of the Civic Year: -

Outside Bodies

Lincoln Transport Strategy Delivery Board -	Councillor Peter Morris
Upper Witham IDB -	Councillor Peter Morris
Witham Third IDB -	Councillor Peter Morris

Internal Working Groups / Boards

Lincolnshire Show Task and Finish Group -	Councillor Jessie Milne
Environment & Sustainability Member Working Grp -	Councillor Jessie Milne

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Member Development Grp (Reserve) - Councillor Bob Waller

The meeting concluded at 7.59 pm.

Chairman