

MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL – 2 March 2026

AGENDA ITEM 7

QUESTIONS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9

1. Question to the Chairman of Prosperous Communities Committee, Councillor Emma Bailey – Re: Rubbish on Road Verges.

“There has been a clear and ongoing increase in rubbish and litter on road verges across West Lindsey, which is damaging the appearance of the district and raising concerns about environmental harm and public perception. Given the scale and persistence of the problem, can you as the Chairman of Prosperous Communities Committee set out what specific actions the Council is currently taking, how frequently verge clearance is being carried out, what enforcement measures are in place, and whether the Council considers current resources and arrangements to be adequate?”

Furthermore, what measurable improvements and timescales can residents expect to see?”

**Councillor Baptiste Velan
Ward Member for Sudbrooke**

2. Question to the Leader of West Lindsey District Council, Councillor Jackie Brockway - Re: Lea Road / Ashcroft Road Development

“The development adjacent to the old Lea Road School in Gainsborough has been left incomplete and abandoned by the developer for over two years. This derelict site is a significant eyesore, adversely affecting local residents and deterring further investment in the town.

Given the Council’s powers under planning and enforcement legislation, why has this situation been allowed to persist for so long, and what enforcement actions or interventions are being pursued to ensure that the developer either completes the development or that the site is remediated without further delay?”

**Councillor Trevor Young
Ward Member for Gainsborough South-West**

3. Question to the Leader of West Lindsey District Council, Councillor Jackie Brockway - Re: Gainsborough Town Centre

“Leader, while the Council has invested millions of pounds of public money into improving the physical fabric of Gainsborough Town Centre, many residents remain concerned that bricks and mortar alone will not revive the high street.

Empty units persist, national retailers are absent, and footfall remains fragile. Regeneration must be about economic delivery, not just capital spend.

Given this, can you explain:

- Why the authority has not yet appointed a dedicated, specialist officer focused solely on attracting high street retailers and more inward investment into Gainsborough?
- What proactive, targeted strategy the Council is using to compete with neighbouring towns for retail operators?
- And what measurable outcomes and timelines residents can expect to see as a return on the significant public investment already made?

If the Administration believes the current approach is sufficient, on what evidence does it base that confidence?"

Councillor David Dobbie
Ward Member for Gainsborough East

4. Question to the Chairman of Prosperous Communities Committee, Councillor Emma Bailey - Re: Gainsborough Indoor Bowls

"In light of the significant role the Indoor Bowls Club plays within our district, supporting not only sport but also the physical health, mental wellbeing and social inclusion of many residents, as Chairman of Prosperous Communities Committee can you please confirm the Council's continued commitment to investing in and delivering a new indoor bowls facility?"

Furthermore, can you as the Chairman of Prosperous Communities Committee provide an update on the proposed timeline and next steps to ensure this important community asset is progressed without delay?"

Cllr Lesley Rollings
Ward Member for Scotton and Blyton

5. Question to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Jackie Brockway - Re: LGR and Asset Transfers

"Given the tight timescales for Local Government Reorganisation, many residents are concerned that insufficient progress has been made on asset transfer to parish and town councils. What specific steps is the Council taking now to ensure these transfers are completed in time, and what contingency plans are in place if deadlines are not met?"

Councillor Paul Howitt Cowan
Ward Member for Hemswell

END OF RULE 9 QUESTIONS.