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Date: Tuesday, 11 July 2023

Dear Councillor,

Council Meeting

You are invited to attend a Meeting of **East Lindsey District Council** to be held at **the Hub, Mareham Road, Horncastle, Lincolnshire LN9 6PH** on **Wednesday, 19th July, 2023** at **6.30 pm**, for the transaction of the business set out in the attached Agenda.

- The public and the press may access the meeting via the following link <https://bit.ly/ELDCYT> where a livestream and subsequent recording of the meeting will be available.

Yours sincerely



Robert Barlow
Chief Executive

Conservative

Councillors Tom Ashton, Richard Avison, Wendy Bowkett, Colin Davie, Sid Dennis, Sarah Devereux, Dick Edginton, Stephen Evans, Martin Foster, Richard Fry, William Gray, Adam Grist, Will Grover, Alex Hall, Neil Jones, Sam Kemp, Thomas Kemp, Steve Kirk, James Knowles, Craig Leyland, Stephen Lyons, Daniel McNally, Carl Macey, Graham Marsh, Paul Rickett and Terry Taylor

District Independent/Liberal Democrat

Councillors Sandra Campbell-Wardman and Fiona Martin, M.B.E.

East Lindsey Independent Group

Councillors Terry Aldridge, Carleen Dickinson, Stephen Eyre, Travis Hesketh, Darren Hobson, George Horton, Andrew Leonard, Steve McMillan, Jill Makinson-Sanders, Ellie Marsh, Edward Mossop, Daniel Simpson, Robert Watson and Ruchira Yarsley

Independent

Councillors Stef Bristow and Terry Knowles

Labour

Councillors Claire Arnold, Graham Cullen, Roger Dawson, David Hall, Rosalind Jackson and Kate Marnoch

Skegness Urban District Society (SUDS)

Councillors Billy Brookes, Danny Brookes, Jimmy Brookes, Richard Cunnington and Mark Dannatt

COUNCIL AGENDA

Wednesday, 19 July 2023

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1.	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</u>	
2.	<u>EXEMPT INFORMATION:</u> That under Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting for the following item on the grounds that, if they were present, there could be disclosed to them exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) 1, 2 & 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).	
3.	<u>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (IF ANY):</u>	
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10.	<u>MOTIONS ON NOTICE:</u> To receive Motions on Notice under Council Procedure Rule 12. <u>Motion: Former Theddlethorpe Gas Terminal</u> This council notes the continuing public interest in the future proposals for the former gas terminal site in Theddlethorpe.	

This council also notes the condition attached to the original planning permission that promised a return to agricultural use when the project ceased operation.

Furthermore this council notes that it is a requirement of any proposal to site a nuclear storage facility to have the backing of the community in which it is proposed to be based.

In order to gauge the initial mood of the community a poll of residents was undertaken in the village of Theddlethorpe. More recently, issues surrounding the site were a major factor across the search area in elections to parish and district councils in May.

In both of these, the public overwhelmingly stated their opposition to the proposal and therefore this council resolves to:

1. Make a public declaration noting the concerns raised by the community and share these with LCC, NWS, and our MPs.
2. Immediately collaborate with LCC to establish a definitive date for conducting the Test of Public Support within the "search area" as soon as possible before the end of July 2024.
3. Determine an electoral process that ensures inclusivity, transparency, and maximum participation from the local community in the Test of Public support, engaging with local stakeholders to ensure this process is fair, unbiased, and fully democratic.
4. Provide monthly updates and progress reports to the local community regarding the progress towards conducting the Test of Public support.
5. Promote and advertise the date and arrangements for holding the Test of Public Support to ensure maximum participation by voters.

Proposer: Cllr Claire Arnold
Secunder: Cllr Kate Marnoch

Motion: Ensuring Clarity and Progress on Hosting a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF)

We ask this council to support our residents, for whom the continuing uncertainty is having a negative effect on their quality of life and well-being, by

Working with Lincolnshire County Council to bring forward the Test of Public Support by referendum in Withern and Theddlethorpe and Mablethorpe wards, no later than July 2025.

July 2025 allows a four-year timeframe. It provides ample opportunity to effectively inform the community regarding the GDF and will provide confidence to residents, business and the tourist industry.

Proposed by: Councillor Travis Hesketh
Seconded by: Councillor Robert Watson

11. QUESTIONS:

To answer questions pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11.

12. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:

That under Section 100A (2) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that, if they were present, there could be disclosed to them confidential information as defined in Section 100A (3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

13. LOCAL ENERGY ADVICE DEMONSTRATOR:

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To consider a confidential report.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The programmed date for the next Meeting of the Council will be Wednesday 11 October 2023.

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Minutes of the Council Annual Meeting held in the Hub, Mareham Road, Horncastle, Lincolnshire LN9 6PH on Wednesday, 24th May, 2023 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT

Councillors Terry Aldridge, Claire Arnold, Tom Ashton, Richard Avison, Wendy Bowkett, Danny Brookes, Jimmy Brookes, Sandra Campbell-Wardman, Graham Cullen, Richard Cunnington, Mark Dannatt, Roger Dawson, Sarah Devereux, Carleen Dickinson, Dick Edginton (Chairman), Stephen Evans, Richard Fry, William Gray, Adam Grist, Will Grover, Alex Hall, David Hall, Travis Hesketh, Darren Hobson, George Horton, Rosalind Jackson, Neil Jones, Sam Kemp, Thomas Kemp, Steve Kirk, James Knowles, Terry Knowles, Andrew Leonard, Craig Leyland, Stephen Lyons, Steve McMillan, Daniel McNally, Carl Macey, Jill Makinson-Sanders, Graham Marsh, Fiona Martin, M.B.E., Edward Mossop (Vice-Chairman), Paul Rickett, Daniel Simpson, Terry Taylor, Robert Watson and Ruchira Yarsley.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL:

It was Proposed by Councillor Craig Leyland and Seconded by Councillor Graham Marsh that Councillor Dick Edginton be elected Chairman of the Council.

Councillor Leyland stated that Councillor Edginton had a lot of experience of meetings and was dedicated to the Council and would be an excellent Chairman. He further extended his thanks to Helen Matthews, who he considered had been a superb Chairman during the past year.

It was further proposed by Councillor Ros Jackson and Seconded by Councillor David Hall that Councillor Claire Arnold be elected Chairman of the Council.

Councillor Jackson stated that Councillor Arnold had a lot of experience in council matters and also did a lot for local communities.

Upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor Dick Edginton be elected as Chairman of the Council for the Council year 2023/24.

COUNCILLOR DICK EDGINTON IN THE CHAIR

2. CHAIRMAN TO MAKE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:

The Chairman made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman, Councillor Helen Matthews and her Consort, Councillor Colin Matthews, which was duly seconded.

In responding to the vote of thanks, Councillor Matthews expressed her thanks to all who had assisted her during her term of office.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL:

It was Proposed by Councillor Jill Makinson-Sanders and Seconded by Councillor Daniel Simpson that Councillor Edward Mossop be elected Vice Chairman of the Council.

Councillor Makinson-Sanders stated that Councillor Mossop was an experienced Councillor and well organised and would make an excellent Vice-Chairman.

Upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor Edward Mossop be elected Vice Chairman of the Council for the Council year 2023/24.

4. VICE CHAIRMAN TO MAKE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:

The Vice Chairman made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Mossop stated that it was an honour and privilege to have been appointed and extended his thanks to all for their support.

The Chairman extended his congratulations to Councillor Mossop and stated that he looked forward to working with him.

5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Stef Bristow, Billy Brookes, Colin Davie, Sid Dennis, Stephen Eyre, Kate Marnoch and Ellie Marsh.

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (IF ANY):

At this point in the Meeting, Members were invited to declare any relevant interests. None were received.

7. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 March 2023 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

8. ACTION SHEETS:

The Actions of the Meeting held on 1 March 2023 were confirmed as complete or in hand.

The Chief Executive highlighted that Action No. 14 was in hand (cost of consultants) and would request that a response be provided to Councillor Horton.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE:

No communications were received from the Chairman or Chief Executive.

10. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL:

It was Proposed by Councillor Graham Marsh and Seconded by Councillor Steve Kirk

'That Councillor Leyland be elected as Leader of the Council for a four year term'.

Upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor Leyland be elected as Leader of the Council for a four year term.

Councillor Leyland passed his thanks to fellow Members for the opportunity to once again serve as Leader of the Council, stating that it was a great privilege and he would do his best to promote the interests of the district's residents and communities.

11. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Councillor Graham Marsh was appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council by the Leader of the Council.

Members were appointed to Executive Board as follows:

- Councillor Graham Marsh, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Leisure and Culture, and Carbon Reduction.
- Councillor Tom Ashton, Portfolio Holder for Planning.
- Councillor Sarah Devereux, Portfolio Holder for Partnerships.
- Councillor Martin Foster, Portfolio Holder for Operational Services.
- Councillor Richard Fry, Portfolio Holder for Finance.

- Councillor William Gray, Portfolio Holder for Communities and Better Ageing.
- Councillor Adam Grist, Portfolio Holder for Market Towns and the Rural Economy.
- Councillor Steve Kirk, Portfolio Holder for the Coastal Economy.

12. COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2023-2024:

The Leader of the Council presented a report which considered the allocation of places on Council Committees in accordance with the Political Group Regulations.

Members noted that the allocation of Council committee places for the municipal year 2023/24 must be in accordance with the provisions set out in the Council's Constitution, the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 (as amended).

Appendices A (Proportionality) and B (Appointments) were tabled at the meeting and are attached to these Minutes.

Further to the documents tabled, Councillor Makinson-Sanders updated that the East Lindsey Independent Group appointments at Appendix B included:

Employment Committee – Councillors Andrew Leonard and Daniel Simpson.
Chief Officer Employment Panel – Councillor Edward Mossop.

It was proposed and Seconded

That the Council approves the establishment of its committees, including the allocation of committee seats as detailed at **Appendix A** and the appointments to committees as detailed at **Appendix B** (plus appointments put forward from the East Lindsey Independent Group Leader for the Employment Committee and Chief Officer Employment Panel) for the municipal year 2023/24.

RESOLVED

That the establishment of committees, including the allocation of committee seats as detailed at **Appendix A** and the appointments to committees as detailed at **Appendix B** (plus appointments put forward from the East Lindsey Independent Group Leader for the Employment Committee and Chief Officer Employment Panel) for the municipal year 2023/24 be approved.

13. PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2023-2024:

The Leader of the Council presented a report to enable agreement of a programme of Council Meetings for the municipal year 2023/24.

The recommendations were duly Proposed and Seconded.

During discussion the following points were made:

Councillor David Hall proposed, seconded by Councillor Roger Dawson that the start time of the Planning Committee be put back 30 minutes for a start time of 10.30am due to the timings of public transport to Horncastle.

The vote was carried.

RESOLVED

- That the programme of Full Council meetings and its committee meetings for the Municipal Year 2023/24 as set out in Appendix A be approved, with the amendment that the start time of Planning Committee be amended to 10.30am;
- That the programme of Executive Board/Executive Briefing meetings and the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel meetings as set out in Appendix A be noted;
- That delegated authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the relevant Chairman to cancel a meeting where there is no substantive business and an agenda has not yet been published, or amend the programme of meetings where this will assist the decision making body to discharge its responsibilities more effectively and an agenda has not yet been published be confirmed.

14. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES:

A report was presented by the Chief Executive that considered the appointment of Council representatives to the various Outside Bodies which were within the remit of the Council for the municipal year 2023/24. It was highlighted that for the appointments to Public Sector Partnerships Services Limited, there were two Councillors and one officer.

It was Proposed and Seconded:

*'That nominations be sought and Members appointed to the various bodies detailed at **Appendix A**', pages 27 to 28 of the Agenda refer.*

During the nominations for Public Service Partnership Services, as a Point of Order it was clarified that Members could cast more than one vote as three nominations had been received for two places. At this point, a fourth Member was put forward and seconded, following which a debate ensued. The Leader of the Council acknowledged that his proposal had been put forward after the vote was taken, following which it was discounted.

A Member highlighted her disappointment that the process had not been made clear, particularly for the newly appointed Councillors.

RESOLVED

That Members be appointed to the various Bodies detailed below.

Organisation	Places	Nominations	Appointments 2023/24
Age UK Lindsey	1	Councillor William Gray	Councillor William Gray
Alford Grammar School Foundation	1	Councillor Sarah Devereux	Councillor Sarah Devereux
Public Service Partnership Services Ltd (PSPS)	3	Councillor Jill Makinson-Sanders Councillor Richard Fry Councillor Kate Marnoch	Councillor Jill Makinson-Sanders Councillor Richard Fry
Health Scrutiny for Lincolnshire [Please note, nominees must also be a serving member of this Council's Overview Committee]	(1 Nom plus 1 Sub)	Councillor Jill Makinson-Sanders Councillor Claire Arnold (Substitute)	Councillor Jill Makinson-Sanders Councillor Claire Arnold (Substitute)
Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee	(1 Nom plus 1 Sub)	Councillor Darren Hobson Councillor Neil Jones	Councillor Darren Hobson Councillor Neil Jones (Sub)
Magna Vitae Leisure Trust	2	Councillor Graham Cullen Councillor Sam Kemp Councillor Robert Watson	Councillor Sam Kemp Councillor Robert Watson
Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership (Leader of the Council nomination)	1	Councillor Craig Leyland	Councillor Craig Leyland
Corporate Member of the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership Limited	1	Councillor Terry Taylor	Councillor Terry Taylor
Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel	1	Councillor Graham Marsh Councillor Billy Brookes Councillor Daniel Simpson	Councillor Graham Marsh

15. REPORTS FROM SCRUTINY AND POLICY PANELS:

(a) Scrutiny Panel Report: - To explore the issues surrounding caravan licensing and enforcement:

Councillor Jill Makinson-Sanders, Chairman of the 'To explore the issues surrounding caravan licensing and enforcement' Scrutiny Panel presented the report to Council for noting.

During her introduction, Councillor Makinson-Sanders extended her thanks to officers involved and to the dedicated Councillors for their service. The recommendations were detailed at pages 41 to 42 of the Agenda pack.

Councillor Makinson-Sanders was pleased to report that the scrutiny had received a lot of recognition, and further to it being discussed at Lincolnshire County Council, Victoria Atkin, MP had passed it to the relevant minister in government.

It was highlighted that the enforcement side of caravan sites was long overdue, following which the recommendations were commended to Council.

Councillor Ashton, as Portfolio Holder for Planning, expressed his thanks to Councillor Makinson-Sanders and the Panel for a very thorough report which he would discuss with colleagues across the portfolio areas prior to a response to Overview Committee. Councillor Ashton was very supportive of the recommendations in the report and looked forward to taking as many as possible of the recommendations forward. Whilst it was acknowledged that caravans made a massive contribution to the tourism industry, it was also highlighted that people living in the caravans must pay council tax where appropriate and abide by licensing and planning conditions that lent to the safety of people in the coastal area.

N.B. Councillor Claire Arnold left the Meeting at 7.30pm.

Councillor Fiona Martin congratulated Councillor Makinson-Sanders on an excellent report and looked forward to receiving the response at Overview Committee.

Councillor Roger Dawson stated that he strongly supported the recommendations within the report. It was considered that there needed to be a clear planning/development process and whilst recognising the importance of tourism it was important that a balanced approach to this be taken which could be given further consideration during the review of the Local Plan.

Councillor Steve Kirk, Portfolio Holder for the Coastal Economy further congratulated Councillor Makinson-Sanders and recognised the excellent evidence contained within the report. Councillor Kirk stated that it was almost impossible to get caravan sites regulated and he was aware that most site owners had robust processes in place for checking caravan occupants with

second homes. However, he supported the Council in moving forward with the recommendations at a fast pace.

Councillor Craig Leyland, Leader of the Council praised the depth and quality of the report and the timeliness with the work underway with LCC, the Environment Agency and the University of Lincoln with flooding. It was recognised as an historical problem spanning 40 to 50 years and highlighted that the report provided a good steering point and a required commitment was needed.

Councillor Danny Brookes congratulated Councillor Makinson-Sanders on a very thorough report and considered that this would highlight the large number of homeless people living in caravans (circa 6k) which may complicate the situation.

Following a query over adding timelines to the recommendations, as a Point of Clarification Councillor Martin explained the procedure of tracking these through Overview Committee.

Councillor Makinson-Sanders thanked Members for their responses, and highlighted that the issues arising from the report went further than Councillor Ashton's portfolio as it raised age and housing issues throughout, therefore would like to see it considered across Executive Board.

It was further highlighted that the Enforcement Service Manager had a 5, 7 and 10-year programme in place and the Council should strive to get the maximum out of this.

No further comments or questions were received.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

16. SOUTH & EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2023 - 2028:

Councillor Richard Fry, Portfolio Holder for Finance presented Members with a report to consider adoption of the draft South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership Asset Management Strategy 2023-2028.

During his introduction, Councillor Fry stated that as sovereign Councils and as a Partnership, the Council recognised that effective use of its land and property assets formed one of the essential ingredients for high quality service delivery and creating and ensuring value for the Council's residents. The Council's aim was to manage a well-planned and well-maintained property portfolio, ensuring that it could demonstrate value for money and more importantly, that by using assets well, secure wide value for the community.

Members were referred to Appendix 1, pages 69 to 78 of the Agenda refer, which presented the draft South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership Asset Management Strategy 2023 – 2028. The draft had been considered by each sovereign Council's scrutiny function and had been presented to each Council's executive body for referral to the respective Council for formal adoption. East Lindsey's Executive Board received the draft on 22 March 2023 and resolved that the draft South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership Asset Management Strategy 2023 – 2028 attached at Appendix 1 be endorsed and recommended to Council for adoption, Minute No. 85 refers.

Member were advised that the draft had been purposefully crafted to be high level in that it sought to set the guiding principles for Asset Management across the SELCP and only sought to set a focussed number of high-level actions in order to shape and drive the detailed work necessary within each Council to manage and maintain their respective assets.

Whilst it was intended to supersede each Council's highest-level Asset Management Plan, it did not immediately supersede the various process and policy documents that sat below those plans as that would require a 'detailed review of the detail'.

The recommendations were duly proposed and seconded.

During discussion reference was made to the following:

Councillor Jackson highlighted two of the guiding principles of the strategy, detailed on page 72 of the Agenda as follows:

- Generate efficiency gains, capital receipts and most importantly, maximise revenue income in order to 'self-fund' repairs and maintenance as far as possible and use any surpluses to support other council services;
- Reduce carbon emissions and improve environmental sustainability wherever and whenever it is reasonably practicable to do so.

Councillor Jackson highlighted that through Audit and Governance Committee and the Council's investments in property funds, it had learned that it was the absolute link between looking after the sustainability of buildings and generating profits in commercial property and was something that the Council should take forward with its approach to assets, including the environmental impact and how affordable it was to live and work in them. It was also considered that this would matter if assets had to be disposed of in the future, in particular how green they were. In response, the Portfolio Holder for Finance thanked Councillor Jackson for her comments which were well understood and agreed to follow these up.

Councillor Makinson-Sanders queried in the case of devolution whether community assets would be absorbed into the ownership of a new

organisation and whether safeguarding of assets had been taken into consideration when writing the strategy.

In response, the Leader of the Council advised Members that he was aware of mechanisms in place that referred to assets being put into community trusts to secure them for the future, however stated that this was a discussion for another time.

Upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED

That the draft South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership Asset Management Strategy 2023 – 2028 attached at Appendix 1 be adopted by the Council.

17. SUSTAINABLE WARMTH GRANT ALLOCATIONS: HOME UPGRADE GRANT (HUG2) AND LOCAL AUTHORITY DELIVERY (LAD3):

Councillor Graham Marsh, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Leisure and Culture and Carbon Reduction introduced a report on the Sustainable Warmth Grant Allocations – Home Upgrade Grant 2 (HUG2) and Local Authority Delivery (LAD3) to seek Member approval to accept the additional funding awards and amend the capital programme accordingly. Particular emphasis was given to sections 1 and 2 of the report presented, pages 79 to 82 of the Agenda refer.

Members noted that Executive Board had previously agreed to accept £15.4 million secured from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, via Midlands Net Zero Hub, across the South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership (S&ELCP) for the next phase of Sustainable Warmth delivery known as HUG2. The First Contract Year Award Letter had now confirmed the 2023-24 allocation of £6,160,000 and agreement was sought to amend the capital programme and adjust the revenue budget accordingly in line with this.

In addition, due to underspend elsewhere at other local authorities, it had been possible to secure an additional £1.1 million of funding for LAD3 delivery under the current Sustainable Warmth programme. Agreement was sought to accept these additional funds and to amend the capital programme and adjust the revenue budget accordingly for the LAD3 award.

The recommendations were duly proposed and seconded.

During discussion reference was made to the following:

Councillor Jill Makinson-Sanders stated that she was happy to support the recommendations. From experience with a local social housing provider, it was highlighted that ground source heat pumps did not work and that fuel

poverty had not been tackled which had resulted in an increase in health inequalities.

In response, the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Leisure and Culture and Carbon Reduction stated that he fully agreed with the comments, however, did not consider that this was a result of the ground source heat pumps but the insulation that was needed to improve the efficiency of heat ratings and further highlighted that it was now recognised that a lot of social housing needed work.

Councillor Simpson was pleased to hear that money had become available. It was however, queried whether contractors were delivering in a timely manner, as a large number of them were not local. This also had an impact on the carbon footprint which took a long time to offset, following which it was queried whether the Council could ensure that it used local contractors.

In response, with regards to external contractors the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Leisure and Culture and Carbon Reduction stated that it was a national problem recruiting locally but assured Members that schedules of work were in place and contractors had to work to a certain standard.

Upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED

1. That the capital programme and revenue budget to include HUG2 funding in line with the table set out in 2.2 (2023-24: Capital £5,600,000 and Revenue £560,000 / 2024-25: Capital £8,400,000 and Revenue £840,000) be amended.
2. That the additional LAD3 funding and to increase the existing capital project and the associated revenue budget as outlined in 2.8 (2023-24: Capital £1,000,000 and Revenue £100,000) be accepted.

18. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

The Chairman of Audit and Governance Committee presented the Draft Minutes of the Audit & Governance Meeting held on 15th March 2023 for noting.

No comments were received.

RESOLVED

That the draft Minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 15th March 2023 be noted.

19. EXEMPT INFORMATION:

RESOLVED

That under Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that, if they were present, there could be disclosed to them exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).

20. CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND ROUND 3:

Members noted that report had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

21. APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER:

An Exempt Report was presented that related to the designation of an officer as Monitoring Officer.

It was Proposed and Seconded

'That the recommendations be supported'

RESOLVED

That the recommendations contained within the Exempt Report be supported.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The programmed date for the next Meeting of the Council was noted as Wednesday 19 July 2023 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.34 pm.

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1, 2, 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Agenda Item 4

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**ACTIONS FROM THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY 2023 AT 6.30 PM.**

1.	ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL:	
✓	RESOLVED That Councillor Dick Edginton be elected as Chairman of the Council for the Council year 2023/24.	NOTED
2.	ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL:	
✓	RESOLVED That Councillor Edward Mossop be elected Vice Chairman of the Council for the Council year 2023/24.	NOTED
3.	MINUTES:	
✓	The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 March 2023 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.	NOTED
4.	ACTIONS:	
✓	The Actions of the Meeting held on 1 March 2023 were confirmed as complete or in hand.	NOTED
5.	ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL:	
✓	RESOLVED That Councillor Leyland be elected as Leader of the Council for a four-year term.	NOTED
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6.	CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:	
✓	Councillor Graham Marsh was appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council by the Leader of the Council. Members were appointed to Executive Board as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Graham Marsh, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Leisure and Culture, and Carbon Reduction. • Councillor Tom Ashton, Portfolio Holder for Planning. • Councillor Sarah Devereux, Portfolio Holder for Partnerships. • Councillor Martin Foster, Portfolio Holder for Operational Services. • Councillor Richard Fry, Portfolio Holder for Finance. • Councillor William Gray, Portfolio Holder for Communities and Better Ageing. • Councillor Adam Grist, Portfolio Holder for Market Towns and the Rural Economy. • Councillor Steve Kirk, Portfolio Holder for the Coastal Economy. 	NOTED
7.	COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2023-2024:	
✓	RESOLVED Page 17	NOTED

	That the establishment of committees, including the allocation of committee seats as detailed at Appendix A and the appointments to committees as detailed at Appendix B (plus appointments put forward from the East Lindsey Independent Group Leader for the Employment Committee and Chief Officer Employment Panel) for the municipal year 2023/24 be approved.																					
8.	PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2023-2024:																					
✓	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the programme of Full Council meetings and its committee meetings for the Municipal Year 2023/24 as set out in Appendix A be approved, with the amendment that the start time of Planning Committee be amended to 10.30am;</p> <p>That the programme of Executive Board/Executive Briefing meetings and the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel meetings as set out in Appendix A be noted;</p> <p>That delegated authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the relevant Chairman to cancel a meeting where there is no substantive business and an agenda has not yet been published, or amend the programme of meetings where this will assist the decision-making body to discharge its responsibilities more effectively and an agenda has not yet been published be confirmed.</p>	NOTED																				
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	Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership (Leader of the Council nomination)	1	Councillor Craig Leyland	Councillor Craig Leyland	
	Corporate Member of the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership Limited	1	Councillor Terry Taylor	Councillor Terry Taylor	
	Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel	1	Councillor Graham Marsh Councillor Billy Brookes Councillor Daniel Simpson	Councillor Graham Marsh	
10.	REPORTS FROM SCRUTINY AND POLICY PANELS: Scrutiny Panel Report: - To explore the issues surrounding caravan licensing and enforcement:				
✓	RESOLVED That the report be noted.				NOTED
11.	SOUTH & EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2023 - 2028:				
✓	Comments were highlighted on the sustainability of buildings, generating profits in commercial property and the Council's approach to assets, including the environmental impact and how affordable it was to live and work in them. In response, the Portfolio Holder for Finance agreed to take these away to follow up.				CLLR RF/AF
✓	RESOLVED				NOTED

	That the draft South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership Asset Management Strategy 2023 – 2028 attached at Appendix 1 be adopted by the Council.	
12.	SUSTAINABLE WARMTH GRANT ALLOCATIONS: HOME UPGRADE GRANT (HUG2) AND LOCAL AUTHORITY DELIVERY (LAD3):	
✓	RESOLVED That the capital programme and revenue budget to include HUG2 funding in line with the table set out in 2.2 (2023-24: Capital £5,600,000 and Revenue £560,000 / 2024-25: Capital £8,400,000 and Revenue £840,000) be amended. That the additional LAD3 funding and to increase the existing capital project and the associated revenue budget as outlined in 2.8 (2023-24: Capital £1,000,000 and Revenue £100,000) be accepted.	NOTED
13.	DRAFT MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:	
✓	RESOLVED That the draft Minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 15 th March 2023 be noted.	NOTED
14.	EXEMPT INFORMATION:	
✓	RESOLVED That under Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that, if they were present, there could be disclosed to them exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).	NOTED
15.	CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND ROUND 3:	
✓	Members noted that report had been withdrawn from the Agenda.	NOTED
16.	APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER:	
✓	RESOLVED That the recommendations contained within the Exempt Report be supported.	NOTED
17.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING:	
✓	The programmed date for the next Meeting of the Council was noted as Wednesday 19 July 2023 at 6.30pm.	NOTED
	ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2022	
14.	QUESTIONS – Supplementary:	

*	Question 6 – Councillor Horton to Council Fry on how much and what areas the Council had spent in the last financial year on consultants.	CLLR RF/SK (PSPS)
	Response - I look forward to receiving a reply once the information is available.	
	<u>UPDATE 18/05/23</u> : The Chief Finance Officer, PSPS Limited provided a holding response to the Member concerned at the last meeting as follows: <i>‘Apologies for not providing a response, but as previously discussed during the 2023/24 budget setting process the finance team have been under an immense amount of pressure, this has been further compounded by the deadline for the completion of the year end accounts being brought forward from 31st July to 31st May and as such there has not been the capacity within the team to provide the information for this question, however a response will be provided for the next Council meeting’.</i>	

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Household Support Fund

We are pleased to confirm that ELDC have accepted grant allocation for Lincolnshire County Council to deliver Household Support Fund locally.

That's £1.3 million this year to help households with significant increase in living costs.

Based on our experience of successfully delivering this funding to residents, we will once again be using this funding to support of community, organisations, faith groups and volunteers at food banks and community larders as well as an application scheme open to other households in need.

Details of costs of living support of all households will be updated at our webpage:

www.e-lindsey.goc.uk/costofliving

RSC Launch

Friday 23 June marked the launch of a new partnership between the Royal Shakespeare Company and the Magna Vitae Embassy Theatre in Skegness. Complimenting East Lindsey's Cultural Framework, the partnership feeds into local plans to use arts and culture as a tool for regeneration and boosting health, well-being and opportunities for young people, using a theatre-based approach to learning to help children unlock their full potential. There were 5 new learning partnerships announced across the UK, with Skegness being home to the national launch attracting nationwide press coverage.

LGA coastal SIG visit (upcoming in September) (NS)

The LGA Coastal SIG champions the collective interests of coastal, estuarine and maritime communities by increasing awareness and debate on environmental, economic and social issues at all levels in relation to the coast. We are delighted that they have chosen Lincolnshire as their destination for this year's annual visit, which is taking place on 12th, 13th and 14th September.

Approximately 30 councillors from all over the UK will be attending the trip. The delegates will be based in Skegness, but we will be showcasing projects along the East Lindsey coastline and Boston including Centre for Future Living, Skegness Foreshore, Cultural Regeneration, Coastal adaptation (Boston Barrier and Wrangle Sea Bank) and the Colonnade.

The visit will also include a celebration supper at the North Sea Observatory on the evening of 13th September, and the SIG AGM on 14th September.

CDF Approval (Cultural Development Fund)

At a meeting of Full Council on the 28th June, East Lindsey Members approved plans to proceed with the delivery of a multi-million project to regenerate two culturally significant assets on the Skegness Foreshore. The programme of works will support our partners Magna Vitae in transforming the Embassy Theatre and Mellor's Group in regenerating areas of the Skegness Pier. The funding will support continuing plans to establish the Embassy Theatre as a new Culture House within Skegness which will connect the Midlands Coast to other national and international arts venues and festivals. The project will also see the enhancement of publicly accessible open space on Scarbrough Esplanade, renovations to the current pier deck and Pier façade, and the refurbishment of 24 former beach chalet units to rejuvenate this area of the Foreshore for holidaymakers, visitors and residents. The investment is being primarily funded by the Council's successful application to secure a grant of £5million from Arts Council England's Cultural Development Fund, with additional private sector match funding being provided by the Mellors Group.

Lincolnshire Wolds Outdoor Festival

The Lincolnshire Wolds Outdoor Festival took place from 20th May – 11th June, offering over 180 events over the 3 weeks. There were a wide range of different activities, including;- guided walks, gliding, horse riding, dancing, river dipping, den building, fly fishing and much more, most activities were free of charge or available at a greatly reduced cost. Over 3500 people enjoyed taking part in the events, many trying a new activity for the first time and some finding a new hobby as a result.

Sarah Baxter visit

The Partnership area received further positive publicity when travel writer Sarah Baxter visited and was hosted in the County. She wrote a number of articles focused on Spalding, Boston and the Wolds (see attached and below)

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/the-crowd-free-rival-to-the-cotswolds-qfl737ldp>

LUF events

Two successful LUF launch events have been held. The first event was on 19 May to mark the funding success for Alford Windmill and Alford Manor House. Held at the Corn Exchange in Alford, around 70 people attended to hear more about the project. The second event to mark Spilsby Sessions House receiving funding was held on 6 July. This event was held at the Franklin Hall and attracted around 100 people. Both events included short overviews of the project and the first public showing of two films to mark the occasion, produced by Destination Lincolnshire. These will be available on the LUF project website at <https://www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/article/23103/Levelling-Up>

S&ELCP Employee Awards

The S&ELCP Employee Awards was held on Monday 19 June at the Jakemans Community Stadium in Boston. The event was sponsored by the Staff Forum, who also sponsored the 'Collaboration and Working Together' Award and the event itself was organised by a small group from the forum. In attendance on the evening were officers and teams who were shortlisted for awards, along with members of our Corporate Management Team, Leaders from East Lindsey & South Holland, and the Deputy Leader from Boston, representatives from our Trade Unions, the Chief Executive of PSPS, Lewis Duckett, and other colleagues who were recognised as part of the evening, such as members of our Future Leaders Programme.

Whilst this was a face-to-face event it was also streamed live to colleagues in our staff Facebook group. Feedback from colleagues who attended or watched the event live has been overwhelmingly positive.

The winners and highly commended on the evening were:

Innovation and Improvement Award

Winner: Vikki Cherry – Housing Services Manager at South Holland District Council

Highly Commended: Heather Prescott for her work with the South & East Lincolnshire Climate Action Network

Emma Elghoul and Haley King, Cost of Living response officers at South Holland District Council.

Going The Extra Mile (GEM) Award

Winner: The Partnership's CCTV team

Highly Commended: Jo Stock – for the Partnership's Menopause support group

Boston Caretakers team

Rhonda Booth – Democratic Services at South Holland District Council

Rising Star Award

Winner: Adel Gardner – Environmental Services Project Coordinator at South Holland District Council

Highly Commended: Daisy Jones – Sustainable Housing Officer
Nichola Holderness – Community Leadership Manager

Project of the Year Award

Winner: The Public Sector Hub

Highly Commended: The Partnership’s Democratic Services for elections and member induction
Green Homes Grants – Phase 1b

Collaboration and Working Together Award

Winner: The Ukraine Wellbeing Team

Highly Commended: Emma Staff – Communications Lead
The Partnership’s Levelling Up Fund submissions

Operative of the Year Award

Winner: Nathan Stublely – Shadow Supervisor, Street Cleansing Team at South Holland District Council

Highly Commended: Miles Smith – Apprentice Plumber at South Holland District Council
Colin Parker – Property Assessor at South Holland District Council

Personal Development Award

Winner: Tom Marsters – Homelessness Reduction and Housing Solution Manager at South Holland District Council

Highly Commended: Susan Armour – Environmental Protection Team Leader at South Holland District Council

Cameron Lithgow – Assistant Building Control Surveyor at Boston Borough Council
Louise Upton – Sustainable Housing Officer

Partnership Champion Award

Winner: James Gilbert – Assistant Director Corporate

Highly Commended: Clive Gibbon – Economic Development Manager – Investment and Growth
A list of winners and highly commended was previously shared with Members via the Members Point Brief.

Changing Places Toilets

I am delighted to announce that earlier today, in line with the Changing Places Awareness Day, Councillor Dickinson and I were present to help to open the first of 6 new changing places toilets within the District at Lincolnshire Wildlife Park. Members may recall that we secured £300k of government funding last year to install 6 new toilets. The toilets are part of a £30m national campaign that aims to allow around 1 million more physically impaired individuals to undertake more recreational activities with dignity, confidence, and freedom.

The first of these to be opened is at Lincolnshire Wildlife Park in Friskney and has been installed in partnership with the Council. The remaining 6 facilities at Alford, Sutton on Sea, Woodhall Spa, Skegness and Sandilands will be opened during the remainder of the year.

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ANNUAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT TO COUNCIL

BY

COUNCILLOR FIONA MARTIN
CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

Foreword by the Chair



It has been my pleasure to Chair the Overview Committee again this past year. The members of this committee have always engaged fully in scrutiny, with debates that are lively & detailed. The Council's performance has been diligently scrutinised.

The Overview Committee worked closely with the Executive and all Elected Members to act as a focus for constructive challenge in order to maintain the drive to improve public services, reflect public concerns, and enable improvements to be made to policies and their implementation.

New Councillors have received training to enable them to help continue the important work of this committee.

Introduction to Scrutiny

On the implementation of the Local Government Act 2000, a new political system was introduced which allowed Councils to have a separate 'executive' rather than just the committee system: a Cabinet model which is similar to central Government.

To balance the Executive and monitor its decision-making, the function of Overview and Scrutiny was introduced requiring all Councils to have at least one Scrutiny Committee. The committee(s) would be similar to a select committee with back benchers acting as critical friends.

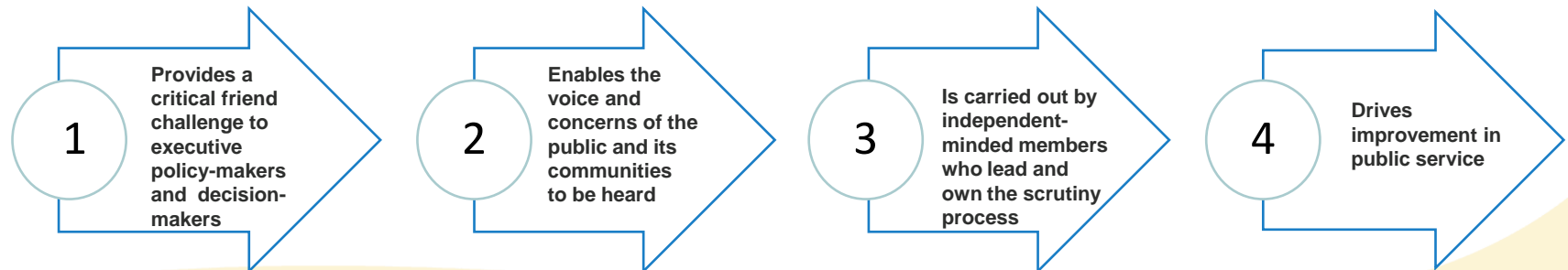
Scrutiny can look at:

- Decisions by the Executive
- External Partners
- Public Services
- Performance
- Budget
- Health

Scrutiny cannot look at:

- Any legal proceedings
- Individual complaints
- Licensing decisions
- Planning decisions
- Ombudsman

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Overview Committee Agenda

The Overview Committee continues to consider regular items as well as one-off reports as follows:

Regular items:

- Health scrutiny updates
- Performance and governance framework (quarterly)
- Overview and Scrutiny recommendation tracker
- Executive / council forward plan
- Scrutiny topic submissions
- Updates from scrutiny and policy panels
- Annual scrutiny programme
- Scoping of scrutiny topics
- Overview annual programme (annually)
- Budget setting (annually)
- Rough Sleeping in East Lindsey (annual report)

Overview Committee Agenda

Topics considered during the year:

- Update on Markets
- Update on the twin-streaming / commercial waste service
- Q&A session with John Turner, Chief Executive of NHS Lincs CCG
- Sustainable Products Policy
- Update on Towns Fund projects
- South & East Lincolnshire community safety strategy
- Planning Service update
- Enforcement update – enviro-crime, caravans, other developments
- Budget Training Update
- Budget 22/23
- Draft Litter and Fly-Tipping Strategy
- Framework for keeping ward members informed
- Budget overview 23/24 (including consultation)
- First draft S&ELCP Asset Management Strategy
- Partnership Policy Alignment
- Update on Community Support and Network Hubs
- Lincolnshire Districts Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Scrutiny Heritage Briefing Report
- Enviro-crime contract progress

Contributors to the work of the Overview Committee

The Overview Committee is always keen to engage with Executive Board members, and we invite them to attend Overview Committee to contribute to agenda items on a regular basis.

Officers often attend Overview Committee to provide updates and detail on agenda items; and provide support, information, and evidence to Scrutiny & Policy Panels.

The Committee is also grateful to external witnesses who attend Scrutiny & Policy Panels to support their work, and/or respond to questionnaires.

Annual Scrutiny Programme

Each year, the Overview Committee puts an Annual Scrutiny Programme in place, which sets out a proposed schedule of Scrutiny & Policy Panels.

The Scrutiny & Policy Panels are task and finish groups which report to either Executive Board or Full Council. The Annual Scrutiny Programme may also include Working Groups which may either be very short pieces of work (one meeting) reporting back to Overview Committee; or ongoing pieces of work where it is not possible to set a definite deadline for conclusion due to outside influences.

Only two planned Panels should run concurrently, but a third Panel may be set up in-year if an important and/or urgent topic is identified. Planned panels may be moved to accommodate urgent scrutiny topics if necessary.

Scrutiny & Policy Panels

The Overview Committee commissions Scrutiny & Policy Panels and Working Groups to consider agreed topics. This provides time for topics to be considered in more detail, and also provides opportunities for all non-executive Councillors to get involved in the scrutiny process. Councillors have considered some interesting topics that have involved quite detailed consideration. These have included:

- How ELDC can respond to the post-covid impact on our communities (part 3)
- To monitor the implementation of Magna Vitae's 5-year plan, including Key Performance Indicators
- How can ELDC help improve the design, quality, and choice of new and existing housing in the district?
- To explore the issues surrounding caravan licensing and enforcement
- SRG – Campus for Future Living
- SRG – Broadway Car park
- SRG – Mobi-Hub project



Joint Scrutiny Programme

We have developed a joint scrutiny programme for the year ahead to support the partnership's work programme. The joint task & finish groups will look at key areas of common strategic interest and panel members will be taken from councillors across the partnership. It has been agreed there will be no more than 4 joint scrutiny panels per year. The topics chosen for this year are:

- Health & Wellbeing Action Plan
- Housing Strategy
- Enviro-crime Enforcement Contract review



Also, the Annual Joint Scrutiny of the Partnership will take place between September and November of this year, as per the commitment made in the Memorandum of Understanding when the Partnership was formed.

Influencing & Monitoring

Influencing Decisions

In the past year, 90% of scrutiny recommendations were accepted by the Executive Board/Portfolio Holders. We expect this to continue as we aim to play a positive role in improving the achievements and outputs of the Council.

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Monitoring

All recommendations from Scrutiny & Policy Panels are considered by the relevant Portfolio Holder, with the response recorded in the Scrutiny Recommendation Tracker, and then monitored through to conclusion at each Overview Committee.

Upcoming activity for 23/24

Members have recently been invited to submit a scrutiny topic form to suggest new areas of scrutiny for the current year. Topics already agreed for this year are:

- To review and monitor the implementation of the Community Safety Strategy approved in 2022
- To review the running of Invest East Lindsey Limited, with a particular focus on Kingfisher Caravan Park
- To review the Carbon Reduction Plan and also the Council's position on the Climate Emergency
- Review of the provision of public conveniences in East Lindsey

Topics considered at Overview Committee meetings are added throughout the year.

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