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Date: Tuesday, 20 February 2024

Dear Councillor,

Council Meeting

PLEASE NOTE 2.00PM START

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, 28th February, 2024** at **2.00 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, Will Grover, Alex Hall, Neil Jones, Sam Kemp, Thomas Kemp, Adam Grist, 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, 28 February 2024

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1.	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</u>	
2.	<u>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (IF ANY):</u>	
3.	<u>EXEMPT INFORMATION:</u> To consider excluding the public and press for the following items and if appropriate the Chairman to move:- 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 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).	
4.	<u>MINUTES:</u> To confirm the Open and Exempt Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 December 2023.	1 - 38
5.	<u>ACTION SHEETS:</u> To confirm the Open and Exempt Actions following the Meeting held on 13 December 2023.	39 - 48
6.	<u>COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIRMAN:</u>	Verbal Report
7.	<u>QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC:</u> To answer questions pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 10.	
8.	<u>REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:</u> Report of the Chairman of Executive Board.	49 - 52
9.	<u>SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES:</u> To consider suspending Council Procedure Rules to allow the mover of the Budget Report and Group Leaders(s) or their nominated representative(s) in response thereto to speak for no longer than 15 minutes on one occasion. (Council Procedure Rule 16.4, Content and length of speeches). N.B. A recorded vote is mandatory on the Annual Budget Report 2024/25 and Council Tax Setting 2024/25, in line with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England)	

(Amendment) Regulations 2014.

- 10. ANNUAL BUDGET REPORT 2024/25, MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY, CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND CAPITAL STRATEGY, TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY/STRATEGY AND ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN:** 53 - 198
- To consider for approval the General Fund Budget for 2024/25 including the use of reserves, Medium Term Financial Strategy, Capital Programme and Strategy, Treasury Management Policy/Strategy, MRP Policy and Annual Investment Strategy and the Annual Delivery Plan.
- 11. COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2024/25:** To Follow
- To consider for approval the amounts of Council Tax applicable for 2024/25 for each valuation band and in each part of the district.
- 12. LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2024/25:** 199 - 212
- To determine the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2024/25.
- 13. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2024/25:** To Follow
- To consider a proposed Pay Policy for East Lindsey District Council as required under Part 1, Chapter 8 (Section 38) of the Localism Act 2011.
- 14. FUNDING FOR GOOD HOME ALLIANCE PILOT REPORT:** 213 - 232
- To consider for approval the use of Better Care / Disabled Facilities Grant funding received from Lincolnshire County Council to fund and host the Lincolnshire Good Homes Advice & Casework pilot.
- 15. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME AND INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL REPORT:** 233 - 252
- To consider recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel and to approve a Members' Allowances Scheme from 1 April 2024.
- 16. SOUTH & EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE REPORT:** 253 - 294
- To note the further progress of the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership since the last update on 11 October 2023.

17. MOTIONS ON NOTICE:

To receive Motions on Notice under Council Procedure Rule 12.

Proposed by Councillor Claire Arnold
Seconded by Councillor Ros Jackson

Violence against women and girls

Violence against women and girls is a serious problem that isn't improving quickly enough.

According to the Office for National Statistics (ONS), in England and Wales during the 2021/22 period:

1. 6.9% of women aged over 16 were victims of domestic abuse.
2. 3.3% of women aged over 16 were victims of sexual assault.
3. 4.9% of women aged over 16 were victims of stalking.
4. There were 2887 cases of honour-based abuse recorded by police.
5. 24.8% of women had experienced abuse before the age of 16.

East Lindsey District Council must seriously consider and play its part by working together, informing others, and encouraging people to reduce the rates of these horrific crimes.

Therefore, we propose, that by resolution that East Lindsey District Council will:

1. Encourage all Councillors to take the White Ribbon Pledge, never to take part in, condone, or stay silent about violence against women.
2. Undertake the steps to achieve White Ribbon Accreditation, joining many councils and public sector bodies that have already done so.
3. Train frontline staff to recognise the signs of Violence Against Women and Girls.
4. Act to reduce harms.
5. Communicate with the public to raise awareness of the signs of Violence Against Women and Girls and coercive control.
6. Appoint a male Councillor as an Ambassador and a female Councillor as a Champion
7. Mark White Ribbon Day on 25th November each year with a fundraising / awareness event.

- 18. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:** 295 - 306
- To review the Minutes of Audit and Governance Committee held on 24 January 2024.
- 19. QUESTIONS:**
- To answer questions pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11.
- 20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**
- The programmed date for the next Meeting is the Council Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 22 May 2024 at 6.30pm.
- 21. EXEMPT INFORMATION:**
- To consider excluding the public and press for the following items and if appropriate the Chairman to move:-
- 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 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).
- 22. DISPENSATION REQUEST:** 307 - 312
- To consider an Exempt Report.