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Date: Tuesday 25th February 2025

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, 5th March, 2025** 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, Sarah Devereux, Carl Drury, 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, 5 March 2025

Item	Subject	Page No.
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 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).	
4.	<u>MINUTES:</u> To confirm the Open and Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 December 2024.	1 - 56
5.	<u>ACTION SHEETS:</u> To confirm Actions following the Meeting held on 11 December 2024.	57 - 62
6.	<u>COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIRMAN:</u>	
7.	<u>QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC:</u> To answer questions pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 10.	
8.	<u>MOTIONS ON NOTICE:</u> To receive Motions on Notice under Council Procedure Rule 12. <u>Motion 1</u> Proposer. Travis Hesketh Secunder Robert Watson On 30 th January Nuclear Waste Services (NWS) announced that an area of open countryside and productive farmland in between Gayton le Marsh and Great Carlton had been identified as the location of a massive tunnel entrance leading to the coast. High level nuclear waste would be transported using these tunnels and dumped under the Lincolnshire Coastline	

Motion

'This council urges the Executive and Leader of East Lindsey District Council to issue a statement opposing the Geological Disposal Facility for nuclear waste in Lincolnshire and urge Lincolnshire County Council to withdraw from the project'.

Motion 2

Proposer Travis Hesketh
Seconder Robert Watson

ELDC intends to withdraw from the GDF project. On Page 34 of the document "Community Guidance How we will work with communities in England" it states

"Relevant principal local authorities will receive financial support to participate in the process, so that local taxpayers do not incur any additional financial burden."

Motion

This council urges the Executive to generate a claim against NWS for all costs that the council has incurred in participating in the GDF project.

The money claimed should be split as follows:

50% to mitigation of risk for the flood defence report.
50% to be split evenly between the parishes in the search area.

9. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

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Report of the Chairman of Executive Board.

10. SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES:

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 2025/26 and Council Tax Setting 2025/26, in line with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014.

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| 11. | <u>ANNUAL BUDGET REPORT 2025/26, MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY, CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND CAPITAL STRATEGY, TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY/STRATEGY AND ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN:</u> | 65 - 232 |
| | To consider for approval the General Fund Budget for 2025/26 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 including the approval of Council Tax levels for recommendation to Full Council. | |
| 12. | <u>COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2025/26:</u> | 233 - 258 |
| | To consider for approval the amounts of Council Tax applicable for 2025/26 for each valuation band and in each part of the district. | |
| 13. | <u>LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2025/26:</u> | 259 - 276 |
| | To determine the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2025/26. | |
| 14. | <u>2023/24 OUTTURN REPORT & 2022/23 ABBREVIATED OUTTURN INCLUDING AUDIT UPDATE:</u> | 277 - 314 |
| | To consider the approval of the 2023/24 Outturn Report & 2022/23 Abbreviated Outturn including Audit Update. | |
| 15. | <u>PAY POLICY STATEMENT FOR 2025/2026:</u> | 315 - 332 |
| | To consider approval of the Pay Policy Statement for 2025/26 for East Lindsey District Council as required under Part 1, Chapter 8 (Section 38) of the Localism Act 2011. | |
| 16. | <u>PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNERSHIP SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN 2025 TO 2028:</u> | 333 - 360 |
| | To consider approval of the Public Sector Partnership Services Business Plan 2025 to 2028. | |
| 17. | <u>DESIGNATION OF SECTION 151 OFFICER:</u> | 361 - 364 |
| | To consider approval for the designation of a Section 151 Officer. | |
| 18. | <u>APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL RETURNING OFFICER - COMBINED AUTHORITY MAYORAL ELECTIONS ORDER 2017:</u> | 365 - 368 |
| | To consider the appointment of a Local Returning Officer to be responsible for administering the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority Mayoral Elections in East Lindsey. | |

- 19. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS:** 369 - 376
To consider the appointment of Independent Persons.
- 20. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:** 377 - 412
To note the Minutes from the Extraordinary Audit and Governance Committee Meeting held on 27 November 2024 and re-convened Extraordinary Audit and Governance Committee Meeting held on 13 December 2024.

To review the Minutes of Audit and Governance Committee held on 29 January 2025 and the Extraordinary Audit and Governance Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2025.
- 21. QUESTIONS:**
To answer questions pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11.
- 22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**
The programmed date for the next Meeting is the Council Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 21 May 2025 at 6.30pm.