

# Lowestoft Town Council Climate and Ecological Emergency Committee

For the attention of all Committee Members

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Committee of Lowestoft Town Council at 15:30 on 17 July 2023, at **First Floor, Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 1DE.**

**The meeting is open to the public and press to attend** and those attending the meeting shall be informed that the meeting may be reported on (including recording, photographing and filming). This does not apply to confidential items. Comments can also be submitting regarding any item on the agenda in advance of the meeting. Members of the public can join the meeting remotely via the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85749616754>. The meeting can also be observed via YouTube on the following link: <https://youtu.be/-SVKQe9McS4>.

*In providing any comments members of the public accept that, where they are suitable, they may be considered at the meeting and published in our minutes. Any individual submitting the comments should ensure that their name, address and contact details are included in their communication and should note that anonymous submissions will not be accepted. Members of the public accept that their name may be noted and recorded at the meeting. However, their contact details will not be noted and reported publicly.*

Councillors must register relevant interests and declare them at a meeting if they have such an interest in a matter to be considered. Under the Localism Act 2011, a councillor with **relevant interests** in matters on the Agenda cannot take part or vote on those matters, unless they have been granted a dispensation. Under the Council's Code of Conduct, a councillor must leave the meeting room if they have such an interest, unless they have been granted a dispensation. There may be other interests or matters in which councillors might be considered to be biased or predetermined in which case they will need to consider whether they should leave the room.

The Council has a duty to pay due regard to preventing crime and disorder and to conserve biodiversity as part of relevant decisions.

To help prevent the spread of infectious diseases, all attendees should consider the safety of others, make their own risk assessment of the advisability of attending and consider measures they should take to ensure their own safety.

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Shona Bendix, Clerk

10 July 2023

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**AGENDA**

**41. Welcome**

To explain the fire evacuation procedure, welcome the meeting, and remind councillors and members of the public of the right to report.

**42. To receive and consider approval of apologies for absence**

**43. Declarations of Interests and dispensations**

43.1. To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Registerable and Non-Registerable Interests from councillors on items on the Agenda

43.2. To consider written requests for dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and note dispensations granted

**44. To consider the draft minutes of the meeting on 19 June 2023**

**45. Public forum**

An opportunity for the public to make comments on any matters on this agenda, and to consider any advance comments from the public.

**46. To monitor expenditure by this Committee from the climate emergency budget, under delegated authority**

**47. To consider and set a monthly target to be reported at the next meeting of this Committee**

**48. To consider any matters to raise with Cllr Rachel Smith-Lyte (Cabinet Member for the Environment) or Cllr Caroline Topping (East Suffolk Council Leader with responsibility for Parish Liaison) and/or the Environment and Waste Group, and to receive feedback on any matter previously raised**

**49. To consider the following items:**

49.1. Earth Protector Town Status:

49.1a. To consider Lowestoft's plastic-free commitment, per the Earth Protector Town requirements

49.2. Climate Action Plan:

49.2a. To discuss changes to the Climate Change Draft Action Plan

49.3. Natural Environment:

49.3a. To receive an update from the Lowestoft Kittiwake Partnership (some aspects may be confidential)

49.3b. To consider the planting of suitable trees around The Ness play area, and to consider the planting of trees in the vicinity of all play areas owned by Lowestoft Town Council to provide shade for the users

49.4. Energy/Water/Built Environment:

49.4a. To consider the Town Council's ethical stance regarding its energy supply

49.4b. To receive an update on the provision of water bottle refill stations and refill schemes

49.4c. To receive an update on water collection, storage and access in parks

49.5. Waste/Pollution:

49.5a. To receive an update regarding liaison with Peter Aldous MP on Lowestoft's Blue Flag status

49.6. Transport/Travel

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- 49.6a. To consider an objection to the proposed closure of the Lowestoft Railway Station ticket office
- 49.7. Finance
- 49.8. Land Use
- 49.9. Community Engagement:
  - 49.9a. To receive an update on the formation of a Lowestoft Pupils Climate Committee
  - 49.9b. To receive feedback on the Terms of Reference of this Committee regarding non-Councillor members and if there is a minimum age requirement
  - 49.9c. To consider collaborative work with the Greenprint Forum and East Suffolk Council
- 50. Date of the next meeting**  
Monday 21 August at 15:30
- 51. Items for the next agenda and close**
- 52. To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, namely any legal issues relating to the matters on this agenda**