

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 21 August 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/88215632399>. The meeting can also be observed via YouTube on the following link: <https://youtu.be/kdQ7A24SHE4>.

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

14 August 2023

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AGENDA

53. Welcome

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

54. To receive and consider approval of apologies for absence

55. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

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

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

56. To consider the draft minutes and confidential note of the meeting on 17 July 2023

57. 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.

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

59. 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 including the following:

59.1. An update on the cleaning arrangements for London Road North

60. To consider the following items on the agenda:

60.1. To consider the following in relation to the Earth Protector Town Status of Lowestoft Town Council and relevant actions:

60.1a. Lowestoft's plastic-free commitment, per the Earth Protector Town requirements

60.2. To consider Lowestoft Town Council's draft Climate Action Plan and relevant actions:

60.2a. Review changes to the Climate Change Draft Action Plan

60.2b. Discuss how to update the 2019 Carbon Report

60.3. To consider the natural environment with regards to LTC parks and open spaces and relevant actions:

60.3a. Methods to avoid light pollution in parks and buildings

60.4. To consider issues relating to the energy and water supply of the built environment of Lowestoft and relevant actions:

60.4a. The Town Council's ethical stance regarding its energy supply

60.4b. Receive an update on the water refill scheme of Lowestoft Vision

60.4c. Receive an update on the provision of water bottle refill stations including the following:

60.4ci. Provision of the stations on the seafront, town centre and owned parks

60.4cii. An update on the possibility of Essex and Suffolk Water funding the water stations

60.4d. Receive an update on water storage in parks

60.4e. The provision of balanced information on Sizewell C in Councillor Updates communications

60.5. To consider issues relating to waste and pollution and relevant actions:

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- 60.5a. Receive an update regarding liaison with Peter Aldous MP and East Suffolk Council on Lowestoft's Blue Flag status
- 60.6. To consider public transport and alternative methods of travel and relevant actions:
 - 60.6a. The provision of bicycle storage at various locations to encourage cycling amongst those unable to store bicycles at home
- 60.7. To consider avenues of community engagement and relevant actions:
 - 60.7a. Receive an update on the formation of a Lowestoft Pupils Climate Committee
 - 60.7b. The production of climate and nature posters to be used for future events to engage the public with the work of the Town Council and this Committee
 - 60.7c. Plans for the 'Big Green Weekend' for 2024
 - 60.7d. Receive feedback on the Terms of Reference of this Committee regarding a minimum age requirement
- 61. To review the decisions on this agenda from the perspective of nature**
- 62. Date of the next meeting**
Monday 18 September - 15:30
- 63. Items for the next agenda and close**
- 64. 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**