

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 20 May 2024, at **First Floor, Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 1DE**.

The meeting is held in accessible premises and open to the public and press to attend.

Those attending 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/81855417404>. The meeting can also be observed via YouTube on the following link: <https://youtu.be/dV1JEMmEjgE>.

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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Sarah Foote, Acting Town Clerk
13 May 2024

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AGENDA

167. Welcome

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

168. To receive and consider approval of apologies for absence

169. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

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

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

170. To consider the draft minutes and confidential note of the meeting on 15 April 2024

171. 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.

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

173. 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 to receive feedback on any matter previously raised

173.1. To receive the notes of the meeting with East Suffolk Council on waste and recycling and consider ideas and actions Lowestoft Town Council can bring to the next meeting

173.2. To consider ideas for a meeting with East Suffolk Council on the 'East Suffolk Is Amazing' initiative and nominate members to attend

174. To consider the following items:

174.1. To consider avenues of community engagement and relevant actions:

174.1a. Receive an update on the formation of a Lowestoft Pupils Climate Committee

174.1b. Plans for the 'Big Green Weekend' for 2024

174.1c. Receive an update on Plastic Free Communities

174.1d. Discuss the recent Suffolk Wildlife Trust Eco-Event and LTC's involvement and consider how LTC's presence could be improved at different events

174.1e. Discuss the upcoming First Light Festival in relation to the opportunities for community engagement

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

174.2a. Appointment of a Town Council representative to the Earth Protector Town steering group

174.2b. Discuss which groups should be approached to join the steering group

174.3. To consider the natural environment with regards to Lowestoft's parks and open spaces, and other ecology related matters, and relevant actions:

174.3a. To review Suffolk County Council's proposed weed treatments and the impact on the environment

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

174.4a. Receive an update on the bulky waste scheme

174.5. To consider public transport and alternative methods of travel and relevant actions:

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174.5a. Receive an update on the Public Transport working group

175. To review the decisions on this agenda from the perspective of nature

176. Date of the next meeting

Monday 17th June 2024 15:30 – To be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting

177. Items for the next agenda and close

178. 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