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 June 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/84788870954. The meeting can also be observed via YouTube on the following link: https://youtu.be/H22RHQG4Wxg.

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.

Sarah Foote, Acting Town Clerk

10 June 2024

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AGENDA

1. Welcome

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

2. To receive and consider approval of apologies for absence

3. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

- 3.1. To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Registerable and Non-Registerable Interests from members on items on the Agenda
- 3.2. To consider written requests for dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and note dispensations granted

4. To consider the draft minutes and confidential note of the meeting on 20 May 2024

5. 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.

6. To review and adopt Committee arrangements:

- 6.1. To note the membership of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Committee
- 6.2. To consider the appointment of a non-Councillor member
- 6.3. To appoint the Deputy Chair of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Committee
- 6.4. To note the Terms of Reference
- 6.5. To agree the meeting schedule
- 6.6. To review the delegations of this Committee

7. To review and adopt Working Group arrangements for the Public Transport Working Group and the Bulky Waste Working Group

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

9. To consider any matters to raise with the appropriate East Suffolk Council Cabinet member and to receive feedback on any matter previously raised:

9.1. To note the meeting with East Suffolk Council on the 'East Suffolk is Amazing' initiative and consider any actions required of this Committee

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

- 10.1a. Receive Cllr Murrays report from the 'Threat Posed to Coastal Communities by Flooding Risk' and consider appropriate engagement following the election
- 10.1b. Collaboration with the Eco Council of St Mary's Primary School to produce a sign encouraging visitors to dispose of their plastic waste efficiently
- 10.1c. Discuss the climate crisis play 'Phoenix, Dodo, Butterfly' and its relevance to the work of Lowestoft Town Council

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

- 11.1a. Appointment of a Town Council representative to the Earth Protector Town steering group
- 11.1b. Discuss which groups should be approached to join the steering group

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- 12. To consider the natural environment with regards to Lowestoft's parks and open spaces, and other ecology related matters, and relevant actions:
 - 12.1a. Review Suffolk County Council's proposed weed treatments and the impact on the environment
 - 12.1b. Receive an update from the Lowestoft Kittiwake Partnership
- 13. To consider issues relating to waste and pollution and relevant actions:
 - 13.1a. Support for a campaign to improve the safety and disposal of lithium batteries
- 14. To consider public transport and alternative methods of travel and relevant actions:
 - 14.1a. Receive an update from the Public Transport working group
 - 14.1b. Consider working with '20's Plenty' in Suffolk and with local communities in Lowestoft to identify roads where '20's Plenty'
- 15. To review the decisions on this agenda from the perspective of nature
- 16. Date of the next meeting

Monday 15th July 2024 15:30 – To be confirmed.

- 17. Items for the next agenda and close
- 18. 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