

Lowestoft Town Council Climate and Ecological Emergency Committee

For the attention of all Committee Members

You are summoned to attend an Extraordinary Meeting of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Committee of Lowestoft Town Council at 15:30 on 23 September 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/86474607127>. The meeting can also be observed via YouTube on the following link: <https://youtu.be/9k3yYtliKwM>.

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.

Best wishes,

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Paul Page, Chair
16 September 2024

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AGENDA

49. Welcome

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

50. To receive and consider approval of apologies for absence

51. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

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

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

52. To consider the draft minutes of the meeting on 19 August 2024

53. 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.

54. Finance and Budget

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

b. To consider budget requirements for the 2025-2026 financial year and make a recommendation to Budget and Loan Working Group for consideration.

c. To consider use of climate budget for PV panels on the Town Hall and make a recommendation to Full Council.

55. To consider any matters to raise with the appropriate East Suffolk Council Cabinet member

56. To receive a presentation on climate change and building resilient communities

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

57.1. Discuss appropriate planting in parks and the reasoning for choices made in relation to the climate emergency

57.2. Discuss the feeding of ducks and swans in parks

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

58.1. Discuss the water threats posed to the community with the building of Sizewell C, in particular the shortage of water and coastal erosion

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

59.1. The merits of the Big Green Weekend Saturday event being held on the same weekend as the First Light Festival

59.2. Discuss organisations to approach to join the Plastic Free Communities Steering Group

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

60.1. Receive an update on the Public Transport survey

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

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62. Date of the next meeting

Monday 21 October 2024 – 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**