

Lowestoft Town Council Finance and Governance Committee

For the attention of all Committee Members

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Finance and Governance Committee of Lowestoft Town Council at 15:00 on 13 January 2025, 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/83175380516>. The meeting can also be observed via YouTube on the following link: <https://youtu.be/oAQMMZ7JJOg>.

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.

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Sarah Foote, Acting Town Clerk
8 January 2025

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AGENDA

101. Welcome

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

102. To receive and consider approval of apologies for absence

103. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

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

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

104. To consider the draft minutes and confidential note of the meeting on 9 December 2024

105. 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.

106. Budget and Loan

106.1.To monitor the budget for 2024-2025, including delegated Committee and Sub-Committee budgets

106.2.To note any bank reconciliations

106.3.To consider the 2025/2026 budget and consider associated timescales and communications (some aspects may be confidential)

107. Payments and Receipts:

107.1.To note the income and expenditure reports for December 2024 and January 2025 to date, including payments made under delegated authority (see schedules)

107.2.To consider any payments for approval (see schedule)

108. Grants and Sponsorships

108.1.To note receipt of the following grant application and consider whether it requires urgent consideration:

108.1a. Greener Growth CIC - £1,000

108.1b. Music Prescription - £4,800

108.2.To consider an approach from Suffolk Sober Spaces for a sponsorship arrangement

109. Other financial and governance matters, including:

109.1.To consider funding for BoxUp options at Denes Oval

109.2.To receive a recommendation from the Lowestoft Youth Forum Working Group on its Terms of Reference

109.3.To consider an interim recommendation to Full Council regarding ring-fenced sponsorship funds (confidential)

110. To receive recommendations from the Standing Orders and Policies Working Group on the following policies:

110.1.Environment and Climate:

110.1a. Cycling Pledge

110.1b. Environmental

110.1c. Mulch

110.1d. Wild Flower Meadows

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111. To review the following policies:

111.1.Civic:

111.1a. Arts

111.1b. Conferring the Title of Honorary Freemen and Freewomen

111.1c. Conferring the Title of Honorary Freemen and Freewomen – Post Award

111.1d. Heritage Plaques

111.2.Public Engagement

111.2a. Community Engagement

111.2b. Media

111.2c. Noticeboard Protocol

111.2d. Social Media

112. Date of the next meeting

10 February 2025 - 15:00

113. Items for the next agenda and close

114. 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 employment matters and legal issues relating to the matters on this agenda, including the following:

114.1.Any legal matters, including those above as required