

COUNCIL AGENDA
for the meeting of the Council to be held on
Thursday 17th September, 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

1. Mayor's Announcements

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Declarations of Interest

To record any declarations of interest by any Member of the Cabinet in respect of items on this agenda.

Members declaring interests must identify the Agenda item and the type and detail of the interest declared.

(A) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest; or

(B) Personal Interest; or

(C) Prejudicial Interest

4. Minutes

To submit for approval the minutes of the meetings of North East Lincolnshire Council held on 30th July 2020.

5. The Leader's Statement

To receive a statement from the Leader updating Council in respect of:

- (i) Key issues of significance to the social, economic or environmental well-being of the area
- (ii) Special Urgency decisions taken in accordance with the Constitution
- (iii) The implementation of Motions previously resolved at the preceding Council meeting(s).

6. Question Time

To consider questions from members of the public submitted in accordance with the Council's policy.

7. Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report 2019/20

To receive a report detailing the activities of the Audit and Governance Committee during the Council year and setting out how it has discharged its responsibilities. This report was referred to Council by the Audit and Governance Committee at its meeting on 23rd July, 2020 (copy attached).

8. Treasury Management Outturn Report 2019-20

To consider a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources containing details of treasury management arrangements, activity and performance during 2019-20. This report was considered by Cabinet at its

meeting held on 5th August 2020 and was referred to Council for approval (copy attached).

9. Amendment to Council Standing Orders

To consider a report from the Monitoring Officer advising of a proposed amendment to the Council's Standing Orders regarding questions on the minutes of Cabinet and Committee meetings (copy attached).

10. Notice of Motion 1

To consider a Notice of Motion, to be proposed by Councillor Beasant and seconded by Councillor Rudd, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders as set out below:

Across North East Lincolnshire children and young people have faced difficult times, and now the coronavirus is making matters much worse. During 2020 the health and well-being of children, and young people has deteriorated rapidly; some experts now recognise that matters will not improve for some considerable time.

The Children's Commissioner, said recently:

"Kids have not had their Nightingale moment during the crisis, but if it comes at this stage, where there's a determination to do things differently for children and help the most disadvantaged fully in life, that would be a great Nightingale moment to have."

The Council's Place Board (operating as the Health and Wellbeing Board) in December, noted:

"There were particular challenges around issues such as air quality, traffic and transport, crime and antisocial behaviour and access to play spaces, all of which impacted more on people who lived in more deprived areas. Mr Barnes made the point that most children in the borough resided in our more deprived communities, so it is especially important that efforts were targeted in these areas if we are to prevent further deteriorations in child obesity and child mental health issues."

Parks and open spaces play a huge part helping to develop children and young people as well as helping to improve their health and well-being.

However, there have been no major investment in our parks and open spaces for many years. This Council, therefore, calls upon the Portfolio Holder For Environment and Transport to write to the Minister of State for Children and Families calling upon government to make available funding (equivalent to the Liveability and Playbuilders funding) to improve our play parks and open spaces. The Council further calls upon our two local MPs to lobby the Minister of State for Children and Families to implement a massive programme of investment in our play areas, and across the UK.

11. Notice of Motion 2

To consider a Notice of Motion, to be proposed by Councillor Patrick and seconded by Councillor Green, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders as set out below:

Covid 19 has emerged as one of the biggest threats to public health for generations, impacting hundreds of thousands across the country, with sadly tens of thousands losing their lives, despite this, the crisis is far from over. We pay tribute to those key workers, both professional and voluntary, locally and nationally, that rose to the challenges set before them and still do day after day, in evermore challenging circumstances.

The battle against Covid has been made harder still by a government that has found itself unprepared, and so further adding to the impact and uncertainty that has come to define the scale of the challenge in the UK. Failures include but are not limited to the inability to implement an effective track and trace system to better focus critical resources and response, as well as local testing on demand in all areas to allow all concerned residents to seek reassurance or support depending upon test results.

Locally, North East Lincolnshire has mercifully not been impacted as other areas, however, we are still highly vulnerable, owing to such issues as a high proportion of older residents, underlying health issues, and many workers in industries like food production who have been particularly identified as at risk. This council notes that although North East Lincolnshire has a testing centre on Duchess Street this centre is not available every day, nor is it available for all residents of NEL who need to access a test on the days it is open the nearest, full time permanent, testing site for Covid to our Borough is located in the East Riding of Yorkshire, in Hessle, at least a fifty mile round trip by car. This distance increases and is more expensive for those who do not have access to a vehicle, therefore acting as a deterrent against testing, increasing the risk of a spike in transmissions in our area.

This Council calls upon the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Health to both work with our Director for Public Health to press central government as a matter of urgency for the establishment of a permanent full time testing site within the boundaries of North East Lincolnshire as soon as is practically possible, and for this site to operate as long as the Covid crisis continues.

We ask the Leader and Portfolio Holder for health to report back their progress on this urgent matter, verbally to each and every full council meeting until they are successful in this undertaking.

12. Questions on Notice

To consider any questions from Elected Members, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.

13. Minutes of the Cabinet and Committees of the Council

To receive the minutes of decisions taken under delegated powers at the following meetings, subject to any questions asked in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders:

Cabinet

8th July

15th July

5th August

3rd August

9th July

23rd July

30th June

7th July

11th August

15th July

29th July

23rd July

24th June

22nd July

13th August

20th July

Portfolio Holder – Environment and Transport
Scrutiny Panel – Children and Lifelong Learning
Scrutiny Panel – Communities
Scrutiny Panel – Economy

Scrutiny Panel – Health and Adult Social Care
Scrutiny Panel – Tourism and Visitor Economy
Audit and Governance Committee
Planning Committee

Standards and Adjudication Committee
Appointments Committee

14. Urgent Business

To consider any business which, in the opinion of the Mayor, is urgent by reason of special circumstances which must be stated and minuted.

ROB WALSH
CHIEF EXECUTIVE