COUNCIL AGENDA for the meeting on Thursday 16th December, 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

1.	Mayor's Announcements	-
2.	Apologies for Absence	-
3.	Minutes	-
	To submit for approval the minutes of the meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on 16 th September, 2021.	
4.	Declarations of Interest	-
	To record any declarations of interest by any Member 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	
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.	Young People's Update	-
	To receive an update from the Speaker for Youth Action on current issues affecting children and young people.	
8.	Governance of the Children's Services Improvement Agenda and Further Constitutional Matters	-
	To receive a report from the Chief Executive on the above (copy to follow).	

	Calculation of the Council Tax Base for 2022/23	9
	To receive a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets on the setting of the Council Tax Base for 2022/23 and outlining the proposed Council Tax Support Scheme for the forthcoming year. This report was referred to Council by Cabinet at its meeting on 1 st December, 2021 (copy attached).	
10.	External Audit Appointment Process	17
	To receive a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets on the reprocurement of an external audit provider at the end of the current 5- year contract (copy attached).	
11.	Notice of Motion	-
	To consider a Notice of Motion, to be proposed by Councillor Mickleburgh and seconded by Councillor Sheridan, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders as set out below:	
	The future of UK industry sits in a precarious position, with challenges and opportunities from Brexit and the ongoing difficulties that Covid presents with no clear end in sight.	
	These challenges are no less acutely felt within North east Lincolnshire, but a clear ambition to develop our community as a thriving attractive destination to visit and live remains as strong as ever.	
	Historically, our area has thrived with every great leap forward in transport infrastructure, from the development of the railway and docks, to the crucial A180 and other road links.	
	Countless parts of the United Kingdom have seen billion-pound infrastructure projects come to fruition, as well as others in the pipeline, heavily backed by local authorities that voice clear decisive leadership that delivers for their area.	
	One crucial example of transport infrastructure is electrification of rail links, which has been commonplace along some lines for many decades, however, branch lines such as the Doncaster to Cleethorpes line have yet to receive their much-needed upgrade to remain sustainable into the 21 st century.	
	This council believes that if rail links are to have a future in North East Lincolnshire, they must receive the vital infrastructure upgrades that other areas have seen and are looking at in coming years.	
	We charge our Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport to declare he will work relentlessly for the award of a far reaching multi-million pound rail infrastructure enhancement for our passenger and freight links, including but not limited to electrification of the network.	

	We ask that the portfolio holder actively works with our <i>N</i> and regularly updates the Economy Scrutiny Panel as to made in this important matter.	•			
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	8 th September 6 th October 20 th October 3 rd November			
	Portfolio Holder – Environment and Transport	13 th September 4 th October			
	Scrutiny Panel – Children and Lifelong Learning	9 th September 4 th November			
	Scrutiny Panel – Communities	16 th September 11 th November			
	Scrutiny Panel – Economy	31 st August 12 th October 26 th October			
	Scrutiny Panel – Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel – Tourism and Visitor Economy	29 th September 23 rd September 18 th November			
	Joint Scrutiny Panel – Economy; and Tourism and Visitor Economy	31 st August			
	Joint Scrutiny Panel – Communities; Economy; and Tourism and Visitor Economy	9 th November			
	Crime and Disorder Committee Place Board (operating as the Health and Wellbeing Board) Audit and Governance Committee Planning Committee	28 th October 6 th September 29 th September 11 th August 8 th September 6 th October 3 rd November			
	Standards and Adjudication Committee Standards Referrals Panel	22 nd September 1 st September 19 th October			

14. Urgent Business

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

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ROB WALSH CHIEF EXECUTIVE