## COUNCIL AGENDA for the meeting on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.00 pm in Cleethorpes Town Hall

1.	Mayor's Announcements	-
2.	Apologies for Absence	-
3.	<u>Minutes</u> To submit for approval the minutes of the meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024.	9
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.	-
5.	Question Time To consider questions from members of the public submitted in accordance with the Council's policy.	-
6.	<ul> <li>The Leader's Statement</li> <li>To receive a statement from the Leader updating Council in respect of:</li> <li>(i) Key issues of significance to the social, economic or environmental well- being of the area</li> <li>(ii) Special Urgency decisions taken in accordance with the Constitution</li> <li>(iii) The implementation of Motions previously resolved at the preceding Council meeting(s).</li> </ul>	_
7.	Petition for Debate To consider a petition for debate calling for the Council to phase-out the use of glyphosate in favour of non-chemical alternatives (copy attached)	27
8.	Notice of Motion 1To consider a Notice of Motion, to be proposed by Councillor Aisthorpe and seconded by Councillor Emmerson, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders as set out below:Council notes the recent announcement by the Labour Government to end universal Winter Fuel Payments and restrict eligibility to only those in receipt of Pension Credits and other benefits. While some people with substantial pensions may agree that Winter Fuel Payments are not necessary for them,	-

Council is deeply concerned that this change will exclude many pensioners with low to middle incomes from receiving much-needed support. Across England and Wales, the number of people eligible for winter fuel payments will drop drastically from 11.4 million to only 1.5 million - a reduction of 10 million. In North East Lincolnshire, 26,119 pensioners will be affected by the new criteria, meaning 85.1% of pensioners currently eligible will no longer be able to claim the payments starting this winter. Council believes that the Labour Government has set the threshold at which pensioners do not qualify for Winter Fuel Payments far too low. Only those receiving a pension of less than £218.15 a week (or £332.95 a week for couples) qualify for Pension Credits, which falls well below living wage levels. Council is also concerned by the low take up of Pension Credit, with just 63% of those eligible nationwide claiming it, leaving over 880,000 pensioners without the support they are entitled to. Council recognises the importance of increasing awareness of benefits such as Pension Credit and the role it can play in helping people access the support they deserve. Council further notes that the Energy Price Cap is due to rise by 10% in October, which combined by the removal of Winter Fuel Payments will push thousands of local pensioners into fuel poverty.

Council resolves to:

- Write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer calling on government to adjust the Pension Credit threshold to expand eligibility for Winter Fuel Payments.

- Request all group leaders within North East Lincolnshire Council sign a joint letter to the area's MPs, urging them to lobby the Government for the introduction of a new threshold for Pension Credit.

- Urgently launch a significant awareness campaign to maximise uptake of Pension Credits. This will include use of council noticeboards, social media, promotion in local press, and sending targeted letters to those who may be eligible.

## 9. Notice of Motion 2

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

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This Council opposes any move to scrap or reduce the 25% single person household council tax discount, which would disproportionately affect poorer households in the borough.

Single person households who are struggling to make ends meet and retain their homes are already in a disadvantageous financial position compared to those with two or more incomes.

This Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, the Chancellor and our two Members of Parliament opposing this very detrimental potential course of action."

10.	Treasury Outturn 2023-24 29		
	To consider a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets containing details of treasury management arrangements, activity and performance during the 2023/24 financial year. This report was considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2024 (copy attached).		
11.	Youth Justice Plan		
	To consider a report from the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Communities seeking approval of the North East Lincolnsh Plan 2024/25. This report was considered by Cabinet at it August 2024 (copy attached).	nire Youth Justice	
12.	Standing Orders Amendment		147
	To consider a report setting out proposed amendments to the rules of procedure for Council meetings (the 'Standing Orders' of Council), as previously set out in the Annual Review of the Constitution report considered at the Annual Meeting of Council on 23rd May 2024 and subsequently referred to the Standards and Adjudication Committee (copy attached).		
13.	Outside Bodies 1		
	To consider a report seeking approval for the appointment to which there were insufficient nominations when the mat at the Annual Meeting of Council on 23rd May 2024 (copy	ter was considered	
14.	Questions on Notice		-
	To consider any questions from Elected Members, submitt with the Council's Standing Orders.	ed in accordance	
15. <u>Minutes of the Cabinet and Committees of the Council</u>			-
	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	17 <sup>th</sup> July	
	Portfolio Holder –Housing, Infrastructure and Transport	21 <sup>st</sup> August 17 <sup>th</sup> June 19 <sup>th</sup> August	
	Scrutiny Panel – Children and Lifelong Learning	25 <sup>th</sup> July 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	
	Scrutiny Panel – Communities Scrutiny Panel – Economy, Culture and Tourism	15 <sup>th</sup> July	
	Scrutiny Panel – Health and Adult Social Care	1 <sup>st</sup> August 24 <sup>th</sup> July	
	Scrutiny Panel – Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing	16 <sup>th</sup> July	
	Joint Meeting - Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny	- ۲ Th ۸	
	Panel and Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel Health and Wellbeing Board	15 <sup>th</sup> August 8 <sup>th</sup> July	
	Audit and Governance Committee	25 <sup>th</sup> July	

	Planning Committee Standards and Adjudication Committee Standards Referrals Panel Appeals Sub Committee Appointments Committee	12 <sup>th</sup> June 10 <sup>th</sup> July 7 <sup>th</sup> August 24 <sup>th</sup> July 21 <sup>st</sup> August 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2 <sup>nd</sup> August
16.	IG. 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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