

COUNCIL AGENDA
for the meeting on
Thursday 18th July, 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in Grimsby Town Hall

1.	<u>Mayor's Announcements</u>	-
2.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	-
3.	<u>Minutes</u> To submit for approval the minutes of the meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on 14th March 2024, the Mayor Making Meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on 15th May 2024, and the Annual Meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on 23rd May 2024.	-
4.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> 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.	<u>The Leader's Statement</u> To receive a statement from the Leader updating Council in respect of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.	<u>Question Time</u> To consider questions from members of the public submitted in accordance with the Council's policy.	-
7.	<u>Petition for Debate – East Marsh Housing Reform</u> A petition for debate has been received requesting that the Council take immediate action to improve housing standards and promote community well-being in East Marsh by launching the process of 'Selective Licensing' across the entirety of the East Marsh, with the aim to implement with immediate effect. Additionally, the petition urges the Council to establish an 'Article 4 Direction' on Wellington Street.	-
8.	<u>Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report 2023/24</u> 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 18 th April, 2024 (copy attached).	9

9.	<p><u>Appointment of Second Independent Audit and Governance Committee Member</u></p> <p>To consider a report on the appointment of a second independent member of the Audit and Governance Committee (copy to follow).</p>	-
10.	<p><u>Ward Boundary Review</u></p> <p>To consider a report seeking approval of North East Lincolnshire Council's Council Size Submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (copy attached).</p>	27
11.	<p><u>Nurseries Consultation Review Report</u></p> <p>To consider the independent Nurseries Consultation Review report. This report was considered by the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel at its meeting on 7th March 2024 and the matter was referred to Council to further consider the findings and discuss the recommendations within the report (copy attached).</p>	55
12.	<p><u>Food Providers</u></p> <p>To receive a report from the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities providing a progress update on local community food provision and associated issues. This report has been updated following deferral of consideration of this matter at the meeting of Council on 14th March 2024 (copy attached).</p>	85
13.	<p><u>Amendments to Places on Committees and Panels of the Council</u></p> <p>To consider a report from the Monitoring Officer advising of proposed changes to places on Committees and Panels of the Council (copy attached).</p>	89
14.	<p><u>Notice of Motion</u></p> <p>To consider a Notice of Motion, to be proposed by Councillor Henderson and seconded by Councillor Holland, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders as set out below:</p> <p><i>This Council recognises that residents being able to have confidence in our sound management is fundamental to local democracy. We are approaching a time of unprecedented levels of investment being directed at an exciting programme of projects. Competent delivery of projects and the ability to openly demonstrate value for money is an expectation that the public has every right to demand and must be met. Can any of us say that the level of residents' trust in us is where it should be? How do we move the dial to restore public confidence to a high level?</i></p> <p><i>In line with what is rapidly being seen as best managerial practice, it is proposed that NELC adopts Project Accounting as an approach to establishing the right financial governance over our most material projects.</i></p> <p><i>For those who are unfamiliar with Project Accounting, it is a type of managerial accounting oriented toward the goals of project management and delivery. It</i></p>	-

	<p><i>involves tracking, reporting, and analysing financial results and implications, and the creation of financial reports designed to track the financial progress of projects; the information generated by this analysis is used to aid project management and provide accountability. While project accounting was traditionally used for large construction, engineering, and government projects, it has now expanded into several other sectors and has become an industry standard approach.</i></p> <p><i>The following six specific actions are proposed for enactment by this Council:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. The creation of a register of material projects and a mechanism for their financial performance to be reviewed.</i> <i>2. Ensuring that each material project has an assured Green Book Business Case, especially including cash flow analysis and being clear as to what funding will be released from the project to NELC as benefits are realised.</i> <i>3. Ownership of the project budget for each project to be established and an accountability framework created within which that owner must operate.</i> <i>4. Reporting of the financial performance of each project on a quarterly basis, using the Treasury Green Book model for cost / benefit tracking.</i> <i>5. A select committee, based on expertise and inviting the input of expertise drawn from within the business community be established to advice on the implementation of Project Accounting.</i> <i>6. A mandatory training programme for Members be held, so they understand Project Accounts and can have an informed conversation with officers and the public.</i> 																													
15.	<p><u>Questions on Notice</u></p> <p>To consider any questions from Elected Members, submitted in accordance with the Council’s Standing Orders.</p>	-																												
16.	<p><u>Minutes of the Cabinet and Committees of the Council</u></p> <p>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:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Cabinet</td> <td>13th March</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>3rd April</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>12th June</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Portfolio Holder – Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing</td> <td>26th March</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Portfolio Holder – Environment and Transport</td> <td>25th March</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scrutiny Panel – Children and Lifelong Learning</td> <td>7th March</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scrutiny Panel – Communities</td> <td>12th February</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>22nd February</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scrutiny Panel – Economy</td> <td>19th December</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>9th January</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>27th February</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>12th March</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scrutiny Panel – Health and Adult Social Care</td> <td>20th March</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scrutiny Panel – Tourism and Visitor Economy</td> <td>14th March</td> </tr> </table>	Cabinet	13 th March		3 rd April		12 th June	Portfolio Holder – Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing	26 th March	Portfolio Holder – Environment and Transport	25 th March	Scrutiny Panel – Children and Lifelong Learning	7 th March	Scrutiny Panel – Communities	12 th February		22 nd February	Scrutiny Panel – Economy	19 th December		9 th January		27 th February		12 th March	Scrutiny Panel – Health and Adult Social Care	20 th March	Scrutiny Panel – Tourism and Visitor Economy	14 th March	-
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17.	<u>Urgent Business</u> To receive any business which, in the opinion of the Chairman, is urgent by reason of special circumstances which must be stated and minuted.		-

ROB WALSH
CHIEF EXECUTIVE