COUNCIL AGENDA for the meeting on Thursday 25th September 2025 at 7.00 p.m. in Grimsby Town Hall

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 24 th July 2025 (copy attached)	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.	Address of Children's Commissioner: Post Ofsted Inspection To receive a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education and an address from the Children's Services Commissioner post inspection (copy attached)	41
7.	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).	-
8.	Treasury Outturn Report Pursuant to adoption by Council of the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy Statement and supporting appendices, to receive this report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets on treasury management activity for information, and for noting by Council, and for Council to receive assurance from the report in terms of such activity, in accordance with guidance (copy attached)	45

9. Amendment to Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders)

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 22nd May 2025 and subsequently referred to the Standards and Adjudication Committee (copy attached).

10. Youth Justice Plan

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To receive a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education seeking approval and adoption by Council of the North East Lincolnshire Youth Justice Plan 2025/26 (copy attached)

11. Notice of Motion 1

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

This Council notes that there is growing problem throughout the Borough of North East Lincolnshire with family homes being converted into Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO). This often occurs under the radar via permitted development so without a planning application. The impact is we lose existing family housing, replaced with temporary bed-sit type accommodation for individuals, particularly (though not exclusively) in Heneage, Sidney Sussex and Park wards.

The current legal position is that planning permission for a HMO is required when there are 7 or more residents, but is NOT required for conversion of a house to a HMO of 3 to 6 residents as they benefit from Permitted Development rights.

Neighbouring local authorities have tackled this issue by introducing Article 4 Directions which remove those Permitted Development rights and thus change the process for property owners to convert their properties into HMOs by adding the need to make a planning application.

If an Article 4 Direction was introduced of this type then those property owners would need to apply for planning permission and thus their application would be reviewed by our planning officers and subject to consultation including of local residents and statutory consultees.

This Council believes an Article 4 Direction regarding HMOs is overdue. Council resolves to:

- 1. Instruct the Portfolio Holder Housing, Infrastructure and Transport to work with officers to develop a proposed Article 4 Direction regarding Houses in Multiple Occupation for those areas of the Borough impacted by HMOs and
- 2. To a establish a Select Committee to work in parallel and deliver its recommendations to the PFH timely to any decisions made and
- 3. To ensure that Article 4 Directions removing Permitted Development rights form part of the basis of our draft Local Plan and
- 4. To develop local planning policy to accompany an Article 4 Direction.

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: Council 24th July 2025 Cabinet 16th July 2025 and 20th August 2025 Freshney Place Cabinet Sub Committee 16th July 2025 Portfolio Holder –Housing, Infrastructure and Transport 26th June 2025 and 19th August 2025 Scrutiny Panel – Children and Lifelong Learning 31st July 2025 Scrutiny Panel – Communities 3rd July 2025 Scrutiny Panel – Economy, Culture and Tourism 7th July 2025 and 31st July 2025 Scrutiny Panel – Health and Adult Social Care 30th July 2025 Scrutiny Panel – Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing 15th July 2025. Joint Meeting Scrutiny Panel - Communities and Scrutiny Panel -Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing 21st July 2025 Health and Well Being Board 10th July 2025 Audit and Governance Committee 17th July 2025 Planning Committee 9th July 2025 and 6th August 2025 Licensing Sub Committee 8th August 2025 Standards and Adjudication Committee 21st July 2025 Standards Referrals Panel 2nd July 2025 and 15th August 2025 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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INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE