

COUNCIL AGENDA
for the meeting on
Thursday 11th December 2025 at 6.30 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 25 th September 2025 and the special meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on 12 th November 2025 (copy attached)	9
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>Question Time</u> To consider questions from members of the public submitted in accordance with the Council's policy.	-
6.	<u>The Leader's Statement</u> 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).	-
7.	<u>Special Urgency Decisions</u> To note special urgency decisions taken by Cabinet or Portfolio Holders since the meeting of Council on 25 th September 2025 (copy attached).	31
8.	<u>Questions on Notice</u> To consider any questions from Elected Members, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.	-
9.	<u>Treasury Outturn Report H1 2025-26</u> To consider a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets containing details of treasury management arrangements, activity and performance during the first half of the 2025-26 financial year (copy attached).	35

10.	<p><u>Calculation of the Council Tax Base for 2025/26</u></p> <p>To consider a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets seeking approval of the Council Tax Base for 2025/26 and outlining the proposed Council Tax Support Scheme for the forthcoming year (copy attached).</p>	63
11.	<p><u>North East Lincolnshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025-2035</u></p> <p>To consider a report from the Portfolio for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care seeking approval of the North East Lincolnshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025-2035 (copy attached).</p>	73
12.	<p><u>Outside Body Appointments - Greater Lincolnshire Mayoral Combined County Authority Audit and Overview and Scrutiny Committees Substitutes</u></p> <p>To consider a report from the Monitoring Officer advising of proposed appointments of substitute members to the Greater Lincolnshire Mayoral Combined County Authority Audit Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committee (copy attached).</p>	111
13.	<p><u>Notice of Motion 1</u></p> <p>To consider a Notice of Motion, to be proposed by Councillor Clough and seconded by Councillor Patrick, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders as set out below:</p> <p><i>This Council notes that many households in North East Lincolnshire are under significant financial pressure and that council tax debt can place additional strain on families.</i></p> <p><i>This Council further notes that while we adhere to better principles on council tax debt collection, the current approach does not align itself to support residents or to ensure that recovery practices reflect the reality of modern debt management.</i></p> <p><i>This Council recognises that moving towards a more supportive and proportionate model of recovery represents a significant shift in how we approach council tax arrears. It reflects a commitment to treating residents fairly, reducing hardship and preventing avoidable escalation.</i></p> <p><i>This Council believes that our debt recovery processes should be consistent with the standards expected across other sectors. Debt collection should be proportionate, fair and focused on supporting residents to resolve arrears without unnecessary stress or punitive action.</i></p> <p><i>This Council therefore resolves to ask the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets to review the existing council tax debt recovery process, including the use of enforcement agents, repayment arrangements and early engagement with residents. The review should consider how to make our approach more aligned with contemporary debt recovery practice,</i></p>	-

	<p><i>focused on prevention, early support and reducing the risk of residents falling into deeper hardship.</i></p> <p><i>This Council also resolves to ensure that any revised process preserves the Council's ability to collect what is owed while treating residents with dignity and respect.</i></p>	
14.	<p><u>Notice of Motion 2</u></p> <p>To consider a Notice of Motion, to be proposed by Councillor Aisthorpe and seconded by Councillor Beasant, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders as set out below:</p> <p><i>Council notes:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. That over the last three years, more than 340 Section 81 notices have been issued by North East Lincolnshire Council to Anglian Water, requiring investigation or repair of water related defects affecting the public highway.</i> <i>2. That a Section 81 notice is a legal enforcement tool under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 requiring a utility company to investigate or fix leaks, bursts or other defects in apparatus that pose risks to the highway or public safety. Failure to act promptly can result in enforcement action or cost recovery by the local authority.</i> <i>3. East Marsh, Croft Baker and Freshney are consistently among the worst-affected wards, with 42 Section 81 notices in East Marsh alone since 2022, reflecting the scale of disruption in densely populated communities.</i> <i>4. The number of Section 81 notices does not provide a reliable measure of performance, because many bursts and leaks never trigger formal enforcement, meaning the true scale of the problem is likely significantly higher.</i> <i>5. Repeated bursts, especially on Freeman Street, continue to cause disruption to residents, businesses and traffic, as well as avoidable deterioration of the highway infrastructure.</i> <i>6. That recent correspondence received by East Marsh ward councillors from Anglian Water acknowledged that mains infrastructure on Freeman Street is dated but "currently managing demand effectively". Rather than committing to replacement or upgrade of aging mains, Anglian Water is assessing whether pressure reduction and other operational changes could mitigate repeat failures.</i> <p><i>Council believes:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. That residents have the right to clear information about the state of local water infrastructure and the actions being taken to address persistent failures.</i> <i>2. That repeated bursts and leaks are not merely operational issues but have strategic implications for highways budgets, regeneration priorities, business continuity, and public confidence.</i> <i>3. That elected members must have timely access to clear and transparent infrastructure data to fulfil their responsibilities to residents and communities.</i> <i>4. That burst mains and prolonged leakage increase risks to local watercourses and the marine environment, contribute to preventable water pollution, and undermine statutory environmental and health protections</i> 	

	<p><i>Council therefore resolves:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. To request the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport to submit a report to the Transport Infrastructure and Housing Scrutiny Panel within the next six months, to include:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. Trends in Section 81 notices over the past five years;</i> <i>b. Geographic distribution of notices and repeat locations;</i> <i>c. The Council's assessment of underlying infrastructure issues;</i> <i>d. The effectiveness of responses received from Anglian Water;</i> <i>e. The impact of leaks on highway condition and associated costs.</i> <i>f. The economic impact of repeated bursts on local businesses, public transport and accessibility, with a particular focus on key commercial areas such as Freeman Street.</i> <i>2. To invite Anglian Water to attend the Transport Infrastructure and Housing Scrutiny Panel to provide an update on issues relating to water infrastructure and Section 81 notices, and should they be unable to attend, to provide a written briefing addressing:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. Their assessment of high-risk locations;</i> <i>b. Their decision-making around pipe replacement;</i> <i>c. The implications of reducing water pressure;</i> <i>d. Their investment plans for North East Lincolnshire.</i> <i>3. That the Leader of the Council be requested to write formally to Anglian Water, challenging the adequacy of currently proposed mitigation measures and requesting a borough-wide action plan identifying replacement priorities and timescales for high-failure locations, including Freeman Street.</i> <i>4. That the Leader of the Council be requested to write to the relevant Secretary of State and to Ofwat, urging the introduction of stronger statutory duties on water companies regarding leak reduction, infrastructure investment, and timely response to failures of the network.</i> <i>5. That the Leader of the Council be requested to report back to all elected members within the next six months on the responses received from Anglian Water, Ofwat, and the Secretary of State.</i> 	
15.	<p><u>Urgent Business</u></p> <p>To receive any business which, in the opinion of the Chairman, is urgent by reason of special circumstances which must be stated and minuted.</p>	-

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