

COUNCIL AGENDA
for the meeting on
Thursday 24th September, 2026 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 the 30 th July 2026 (copy attached).	11
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) The implementation of Motions previously resolved at the preceding Council meeting(s).	-
7.	<u>Petitions for Debate - Stop the Redesign of Pier Gardens</u> To consider a petition for debate calling on North East Lincolnshire Council to pause the current works at the town end of Cleethorpes Pier Gardens, and explore alternative solutions that respect both the community's desires and the town's future (see Petition · Stop the redesign of Cleethorpes town end Pier Garden , Seaview rd ,Alexander rd,Sea rd. - Grimsby, United Kingdom · Change.org – for more details of the petition).	-
8.	<u>Petitions for Debate – Weelsby Woods Housing Allocation</u> To consider a petition for debate calling on North East Lincolnshire Council to remove the proposed housing allocation on land between Weelsby Woods and Pennells Garden Centre from the new Local Plan, and identify more suitable locations for future housing.	-

9.	<u>Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan - Public Consultation</u> To receive a report seeking approval to commence public consultation on the draft Local Plan (copy attached)	35
10.	<u>Questions on Notice</u> To consider any questions from Elected Members, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.	-
11.	<u>Youth Justice Plan</u> To receive a report seeking approval of the Youth Justice Plan, in line with statutory requirements, setting out the shared ambitions and priorities which support children and young people to be divested from youth justice services (copy attached).	317
12.	<u>Polling District and Polling Places Review – Consultation Results</u> To consider a report presenting the results of the Polling District, Polling Place and Polling Station Review consultation, and seeking approval for the revised polling district and polling place arrangements (copy attached).	421
13.	<u>Treasury Outturn 2025-26</u> To receive a report containing details of treasury management arrangements, activity and performance during the 2025-26 financial year (copy attached).	503
14.	<u>National Scheme of Delegations for Planning Functions</u> To consider a report seeking permission to make changes to the scheme of delegation and other related policies within the Council's constitution in order to comply with the compulsory national scheme of delegation which comes into force on 31 October 2026 (copy to follow).	-
15.	<u>Dispensation – Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972</u> To consider a report recommending the provision of a special dispensation under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 (copy attached).	529
16.	<u>Amendments to Places on Committees and Panels of the Council and to representation on Outside Bodies</u> To consider a report advising of proposed changes to places on Committees, Panels and Outside Bodies of the Council since the Annual Meeting held on 21 st May, 2026 (copy attached).	533
17.	<u>Notice of Motion 1</u> To consider a Notice of Motion, to be proposed by Councillor Kaczmarek and seconded by Councillor Wilson, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders as set out below:	-

Review of Residents' Parking Schemes and Parking Enforcement

Council notes -

Residents across the borough are increasingly experiencing difficulties with parking, particularly in some residential areas where demand for limited parking spaces is high. There are a limited number of parking schemes already in place, but the associated costs can present a barrier to residents who may benefit from them.

In today's society, it is normal that many households are now owning multiple vehicles. This has placed additional pressure on the existing parking spaces and made it increasingly difficult for residents to find safe and suitable parking close to their homes.

Residents can also experience additional parking pressures where their streets are located near the town centres, hospital, places of worship, football grounds, schools, the seafront and other popular destinations. This can mean residents competing for limited parking spaces with visitors and commuters, particularly at busy times.

Council believes –

Residents should be at the heart of decisions about how parking is managed in their communities. Local people are best placed to identify the parking pressures affecting their streets and should have meaningful opportunities to work with the Council to find appropriate solutions.

Our highways infrastructure is not designed to adequately accommodate the number of vehicles now present in many households, alongside the additional demand created by visitors to certain areas within the borough. Without meaningful reform, the ongoing challenges associated with street parking are likely to remain unresolved.

While residents do not have an inherent right to park directly outside their homes, they do have a reasonable expectation of being able to access safe and suitable parking in proximity to their homes. Residents should not be left to compete indefinitely for limited space without the Council considering what practical solutions can be introduced.

By giving residents greater opportunities to raise parking concerns, shape proposals and work with the Council to manage parking in their communities in a safe, fair and lawful manner, we can put local people at the centre of parking decisions, reduce conflict over limited parking space, improve road safety and support the development of safer, stronger communities.

Council resolves –

That the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport, working with relevant officers, shall undertake and report to the appropriate scrutiny panel on:

	• <i>The effectiveness of all existing permit parking schemes within North East Lincolnshire, including occupancy levels, resident satisfaction, enforcement activity, and operational costs.</i> • <i>Current parking enforcement capacity, including staffing levels, operating hours, geographical coverage, and future resource requirements.</i> • <i>The impact of displacement parking from town centres, schools, healthcare facilities, and major employment sites on surrounding residential communities.</i> • <i>Best practice adopted by comparable local authorities and any lessons that could be applied within North East Lincolnshire.</i> • <i>The long-term financial, operational and community impacts of introducing further permit parking schemes where there is evidenced local demand.</i>	
18.	<u>Notice of Motion 2</u> To consider a Notice of Motion, to be proposed by Councillor Bright and seconded by Councillor Henderson, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders as set out below: <i>Governance and Council Oversight of Borrowing Relating to the Freshney Place Leisure Scheme</i> <i>Preamble</i> <i>This motion is not about whether members support or oppose the Freshney Place Leisure Scheme. It is about governance. Back in December 2024, when this council voted on the Freshney Place Leisure Scheme budget increase, I and many others spoke out to raise concerns. We saw the borrowing requirements jump from an expected £10.9 million to over £22.16 million. I was not happy with that large increase then, and I remain concerned about the financial risk today. We all want to see Grimsby Town Centre thrive, but we must also be responsible with taxpayers' money. Bypassing full council on major financial decisions takes away the democratic checks and balances we are here to provide.</i> <i>This Council Notes:</i> 1. <i>That in December 2024 Full Council approved the budget variation associated with the Freshney Place Leisure Scheme, including an increase in the capital programme budget and borrowing requirement for the project.</i> 2. <i>That the borrowing requirement identified within the report increased from the previously approved borrowing level of £10.9 million to £22.16 million.</i> 3. <i>That Recommendation 5(c) of the Cabinet report authorised the Executive Director Place and Resources, acting as Section 151 Officer, to: "undertake further borrowing as may reasonably be required, subject to such borrowing being affordable from within the Freshney Place budget envelope."</i>	-

	4. <i>That Recommendation 5(c) provides delegated authority for further borrowing to be undertaken without the matter first being referred back to Full Council for a decision.</i> 5. <i>That decisions relating to borrowing and long-term financial commitments have significant implications for the Council, its residents and local taxpayers.</i> <i>This Council Believes:</i> 1. <i>That robust democratic oversight is essential when considering significant borrowing commitments and financial risk.</i> 2. <i>That decisions relating to additional borrowing beyond that expressly approved by elected members should remain matters for member consideration.</i> 3. <i>That any future proposal to increase borrowing associated with the Freshney Place Leisure Scheme should be supported by a clear and up-to-date business case and subject to transparent scrutiny.</i> 4. <i>That public confidence in major regeneration projects is strengthened when significant financial decisions are taken openly and with the approval of elected members.</i> <i>This Council Resolves:</i> 1. <i>To recommend to Cabinet that it reviews and amends Recommendation 5(c) of the Freshney Place Leisure Scheme Cabinet Report approved in December 2024, to ensure operational delegation for further borrowing is appropriately restricted.</i> 2. <i>To request that Cabinet refer any future proposal to increase borrowing, amend borrowing arrangements, or increase the approved capital budget in relation to the Freshney Place Leisure Scheme to Full Council for debate and determination before any such commitment is entered into.</i> 3. <i>To request that Cabinet ensure any such future proposal brought forward be accompanied by a comprehensive and up-to-date business case, made available to members in good time.</i>	
19.	<u>Notice of Motion 3</u> 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: <i>Enforceable Residential Disabled Parking Bays</i> <i>This Council notes that:</i> 1. <i>North East Lincolnshire Council's current residential disabled parking bay policy provides advisory bays that are not supported by Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and cannot be enforced by Civil Enforcement Officers.</i> 2. <i>Residents applying for these bays must demonstrate their eligibility and need. Approval recognises that access to parking close to home is important to their daily lives.</i> 3. <i>Approved disabled parking bays can remain uninstalled where parked vehicles repeatedly prevent the work, leaving residents unable to benefit from provision the Council has agreed they need.</i>	-

	4. <i>Once installed, an advisory bay can still be disregarded, leaving the resident without effective parking enforcement protection.</i> 5. <i>Other councils, including North Yorkshire Council, use TROs to provide enforceable residential disabled parking bays.</i> <i>This Council believes that:</i> <i>1. Disabled residents should be able to have confidence that completing the Council's application process and receiving approval will lead to meaningful support.</i> <i>2. Difficulty accessing suitable parking can undermine independence, worsen isolation and cause significant distress for people already managing serious health conditions or mobility difficulties.</i> <i>3. Residents should not be left to resolve disputes with neighbours themselves when trying to access provision approved through the Council's processes.</i> <i>4. Enforceable residential disabled parking bays should become the standard approach, subject to individual assessment and the statutory TRO process.</i> <i>This Council resolves to call on the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport to:</i> <i>1. Adopt legally enforceable disabled parking bays as the standard approach for new residential applications, using Traffic Regulation Orders with appropriate signs and road markings, following assessment, consultation and consideration of objections.</i> <i>2. Establish a phased programme to convert suitable existing advisory bays where an assessed need remains, prioritising repeated misuse and significant mobility or safety concerns, with a clear process for residents to request conversion.</i> <i>3. Establish a procedure for installing approved bays where parked vehicles prevent the work, identifying lawful measures available and providing affected residents with a named contact, updates and support.</i> <i>4. Develop the policy with engagement with disabled residents, local disability organisations and others.</i> <i>5. Within three months of this motion being passed, bring forward a report to Cabinet setting out how this resolution will be implemented, including resource implications, enforcement arrangements and an implementation timetable.</i> <i>6. Provide an initial progress report to the relevant scrutiny panel within six months of this motion being passed, including steps taken to introduce the new policy, the number of new and converted bays commenced or completed, and action taken to resolve outstanding installation cases.</i>	
20.	<u>Urgent Business</u> To receive any business which, in the opinion of the Chair, is urgent by reason of special circumstances which must be stated and minuted.	-

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