

COUNCIL AGENDA
for the meeting of the Council to be held on
Thursday 18th March, 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

1. Appointment of the Chair

To appoint the Chair of the Council for the remainder of the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

2. Announcements

3. Apologies for Absence

4. Declarations of Interest

To record any declarations of interest by any Member of the Cabinet in respect of items on this agenda.

Members declaring interests must identify the Agenda item and the type and detail of the interest declared.

(A) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest; or

(B) Personal Interest; or

(C) Prejudicial Interest

5. Minutes

To submit for approval the minutes of the meetings of North East Lincolnshire Council held on 17th December 2020 and the 18th February 2021, and the special meeting of Council on 14th January 2021.

6. 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).

7. Question Time

To consider questions from members of the public submitted in accordance with the Council's policy.

8. Pay Policy 2021 – 22

To consider a report from the Leader of the Council presenting the pay policy statement for the period 2021/22. This report was considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 10th February, 2021 and the recommendations were referred to Council for approval (copy attached).

9. Barnoldby Le Beck Community Governance Review

To consider a report a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources presenting the outcome of a statutory consultation on a request from Barnoldby le Beck Parish Council for North East Lincolnshire Council to conduct a community governance review with regard to increasing the number of councillors on the parish council from five to six (copy attached).

10. Greater Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Oversight Committee

To receive a report from the Leader of the Council seeking approval to form a joint committee with Lincolnshire County Council and North Lincolnshire Council. This report was considered by Cabinet at its meeting on the 9th December 2020 and the recommendations were referred to Council for approval. The decision of Cabinet was called-in by two Members of the Council and subsequently considered by the Economy Scrutiny Panel at its meeting on 12th January, 2021. The panel released Cabinet's decision for implementation and forwarding to full Council (copy attached).

11. Notice of Motion 1

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

Council will note that in the December of 2020, a news story broke that shook the reputation of the administration of North East Lincolnshire Council to the core.

The local newspaper, the Grimsby Telegraph, highlighted a business relationship between a convicted fraudster, Alex May and Councillor Fenty, whilst Councillor Fenty was the portfolio holder for regeneration on North East Lincolnshire Council.

Despite public speculation that this issue could have developed into a potential conflict of interest, Councillor Fenty retained his portfolio duties at that time, and did not disclose these facts.

Further to this, Alex May had, with others, had direct access to council officials, and it is unclear as to if there was a relationship disclosed between Councillor Fenty and Mr May at this time that might have made this inappropriate in the eyes of the public.

These events could risk our council being brought into disrepute, with speculation running rife amongst the general public about what this has revealed about the culture within the current council Cabinet.

Despite the welcome and much needed resignation of Councillor Fenty from his Cabinet position, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Jackson, who appointed Councillor Fenty, despite protests from opposition members, has failed to either act decisively in the public interest over events, or be seen to do so.

Councillor Jackson has failed in his duty to uphold the integrity of his office, failed to meet the standard of conduct expected by residents, and moreover, has allowed his Cabinet to risk being seen to breach the Nolan principles of office.

This council concludes that Councillor Jackson's position as council leader is untenable, as not only does the leader and his Cabinet need to be beyond reproach but needs to be seen to be beyond reproach.

This council no longer has confidence in Councillor Jackson to continue as leader, and removes him with immediate effect from his office, to allow a new leader to be appointed, as per the rules of this council's constitution.

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:

Cabinet	9th December 13th January 20th January 10th February 17th February
Portfolio Holder – Environment and Transport	11 th January
Portfolio Holder – Safer and Stronger Communities	18 th February
Shared Services Joint Committee	18 th December
Budget Scrutiny	25 th January 26 th January
Scrutiny Panel – Children and Lifelong Learning	19 th November 28 th January 16 th February
Scrutiny Panel – Communities	26 th November 4 th February
Scrutiny Panel – Economy	1 st December 12 th January
Scrutiny Panel – Health and Adult Social Care	20 th January
Scrutiny Panel – Tourism and Visitor Economy	3 rd December 11 th February
Place Board (operating as the Health and Wellbeing Board)	30 th November 18 th January 22 nd February
Audit and Governance Committee	21 st January
Planning Committee	2 nd December 6 th January 3 rd February
Licensing Sub Committee	7 th January 19 th January
Standards and Adjudication Committee	16 th December

Standards Referrals Panel
Appointments Committee

17th December
7th December
16th December
11th January

14. Urgent Business

To consider any business which, in the opinion of the Chair, is urgent by reason of special circumstances which must be stated and minuted.

ROB WALSH
CHIEF EXECUTIVE