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## **NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**

**24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.00 p.m.**

### **Present**

Councillor Hasthorpe (in the Chair)

Councillors Abel, Astbury, Batson, Boyd, Brasted, Brookes, Cairns, Callison, Cracknell, Croft, Dawkins, Freeston, Furneaux, Goodwin, Green, Harness, Hudson, Jackson, Lindley, Mickleburgh, Parkinson, Patrick, Pettigrew, Procter, Reynolds, Rodwell, Sandford, Shepherd, Sheridan, Shreeve, Silvester, Smith, K. Swinburn, S. Swinburn, Westcott and Wilson.

### **Officers in Attendance:**

- Rob Walsh (Chief Executive)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets) (Monitoring Officer)
- Sharon Wroot (Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources)
- Laura Cowie (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

### **NEL.52 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor welcomed everyone back into the Council Chamber and paid a special thanks to former Councillor Kay Rudd following her recent resignation for her service on the Council. A warm welcome was offered to the newly appointed Councillor Marian Boyd who was appointed as a result of the recent Park Ward by election. The Mayor reminded Members of his upcoming charity events to raise funds for his chosen charities.

### **NEL.53 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from this meeting had been received from Councillors Aisthorpe, Beasant, Hogan and Robinson.

## **NEL.54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Monitoring Officer provided general advice to Members on declaring interests with regard to the budget and setting of the Council Tax.

## **NEL.55 COUNCIL PLAN**

The Council considered a report from the Leader of the Council seeking agreement of the content of the Council Plan. This report was considered by Cabinet on 16th February, 2022 and its recommendations were referred to Council for approval.

RESOLVED – That the Council Plan be approved and adopted.

## **NEL.56 BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2022 - 2025**

The Council considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets setting out the Budget, Finance and Commissioning Plans, which outline how the Council plans to deliver its financial strategy over the coming three year period. This report was considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 and its recommendations were referred to Council for approval.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Jackson, made his budget statement and moved the recommendations as set out in the report.

Councillor Jackson stated that the budget and plan had been considered by both informal and formal scrutiny; and thanked all who had contributed to its development. The Leader noted that it was a legal requirement for a balanced budget to be approved for the year ahead and acknowledged that developing the budget had been particularly challenging and was not without risk.

The Leader explained that the plan was set within the context of significant change and challenge for the Council, acknowledging there was a wide range of issues, both local and national, which had been considered when developing the plan. Key issues included the continued and longer-term effects of COVID, wider health and care reform, demographic pressures on social care demand and the current challenges within Children's Services, which was clearly a major area of focus and risk following the recent Ofsted inspection outcome.

The Leader highlighted that the commissioning plans reflected the continued focus on transformation and change, designed to look at new, different and innovative ways of responding to demand and delivering services. The plan included an ambitious capital programme to continue transformation of the borough to attract new businesses, better paid jobs and deliver our agreed Local Development Plan. The Leader felt that there were robust business cases for all capital projects which were carefully monitored to ensure delivery of outcomes and best use of resources. Councillor Jackson confirmed the administration

would continue to adopt a more commercial approach and investments were anticipated to make a significant contribution to the Council's strategic objective of enabling the growth of a strong and sustainable local economy. The cleaner and greener agenda remained a big Council priority, alongside continued support for the renewables sector and delivering our low carbon roadmap. The Leader confirmed the Council would work alongside government and major private sector investors to accelerate economic and housing growth across the borough including on our major projects within the Port of Immingham, Stallingborough Enterprise Zone and town centres all of which were factored into the capital programme. The Leader felt that the recent announcement of the Humber Freeport would help to facilitate and support the positive work already underway.

The Leader then referred to housing growth, recalling when the council tax base was set at last month's Full Council, noting there were an additional 800 band D equivalent properties in the 2022/23 council tax base compared to the current year. This was the largest year on-year growth the Leader had seen during his time with this authority and believed it was a key indicator that the administration's growth plans were bearing fruit after many years of new housing numbers being significantly below our Local Development Plan delivery trajectory.

The Leader then acknowledged the council tax itself, noting that whilst no one liked increasing taxes, this was below the rate of inflation, lower than last year's increase, and a smaller increase than many upper tier councils of all political colours up and down the country. Furthermore, the Leader referred to the additional mitigation provided by the recent announcement that residents living in properties in council tax bands A, B, C and D would receive a £150 payment, from government, to assist with cost-of-living issues.

The Leader summarised that this was an ambitious, aspirational and innovative Budget, Finance and Commissioning Plan drawn up under particularly challenging circumstances.

Councillor Shreeve, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets, seconded the budget recommendations and summarised the key points in the report.

Councillor Patrick, as Leader of the Labour Group, voiced his opposition to the budget proposals. He believed that the South Humber Inward Investment (SHIIP) programme was stalled, raising his concerns that this was meant to bring in more jobs, economic growth and revenue for the local authority and felt we were far behind where we should be. This was not in isolation, referring to paving stones along the promenade in Cleethorpes which led you to a palm tree which now wouldn't be happening. Another failed project in this area was that at Sea Road, noting that there was still a hole in the ground across from the pier where a development site should be. Councillor Patrick felt that the budget did not address the current crisis and believed that the recent Ofsted report for children's services would cost the council financially, but that did not compare to the children who we had failed. To finish, Councillor Patrick acknowledged the raise

in council tax stating this was the last thing needed in the middle of a cost of living crisis.

An amendment to the budget was proposed by Councillor Rodwell and seconded by Councillor Mickleburgh, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders as set out below:

- Tree planting support in the borough

Providing saplings, and where officers deem appropriate, support for planting. Saplings made available for landowners or operated by community groups, charities, public bodies and similar organisations in a bid to help offset carbon emissions as part of the wider green agenda. Cost £21.5k.

- Return of 'Skip it' initiative

Two new rounds of the highly successful 'skip it' programme from 18-19 minus education trailer in each ward with both a spring/summer and Christmas/new year's event with monitoring of public engagement to inform future events around community needs. Cost £64.5k.

- Free bulky waste collection for every household in the borough for the coming year

To offer every residential address one free of charge collection of bulky waste items, either up to four items on existing service or one item of white goods. Uptake and customer feedback to inform future shape of service. Cost £90k.

- Dog fouling dedicated service

Create a dedicated service to dog fouling removal from hot spots and reactive to public demand, for the coming year that can be shaped around customer feedback for future provision. Cost £99k.

Total cost £275k, to be realised through reduction of the same figure from contribution to earmarked reserves.

Following the debate, a recorded vote was held on the amendment in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Standing Orders. The votes cast were recorded as follows:

#### For the Motion

Councillors Goodwin, Green, Mickleburgh, Patrick, Rodwell, Sheridan and Wilson (7 votes).

### Against the Motion

Councillors Abel, Astbury, Batson, Boyd, Brasted, Brookes, Cairns, Callison, Cracknell, Croft, Dawkins, Freeston, Furneaux, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hudson, Jackson, Lindley, Parkinson, Pettigrew, Procter, Reynolds, Sandford, Shepherd, Shreeve, Silvester, Smith, K. Swinburn, S. Swinburn and Westcott (30 votes).

The motion was therefore declared lost and the debate continued on the budget recommendations.

Following a debate, the Mayor put the budget recommendations to a recorded vote in accordance with the Constitution. The votes cast were recorded as follows:

### For the Motion

Councillors Abel, Astbury, Batson, Boyd, Brasted, Brookes, Cairns, Callison, Cracknell, Croft, Dawkins, Freeston, Furneaux, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hudson, Jackson, Lindley, Parkinson, Pettigrew, Procter, Reynolds, Sandford, Shepherd, Shreeve, Silvester, Smith, K. Swinburn, S. Swinburn and Westcott (30 votes).

### Against the Motion

Councillors Goodwin, Green, Mickleburgh, Patrick, Rodwell, Sheridan and Wilson (7 votes).

The motion was therefore declared carried and it was

RESOLVED –

1. That the 2022/23 Budget and summary 2022/23 – 2024/25 Medium Term Financial Plan contained within Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved.
2. That the proposed 1.98% increase in Council Tax, be approved.
3. That the proposed 1% Adult Social Care precept in 2022/23, be approved.
4. That the Commissioning Plans, contained within Appendix 1 (Annex 1) of the report now submitted, be approved.
5. That the Capital Investment Strategy, included within Appendix 1 (Annex 3) of the report now submitted, be approved.
6. That the 2022/23 - 2024/25 Capital Programme, set out in Appendix 1 (Annex 2), of the report now submitted, be approved.
7. That the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Policy, included within Appendix 1 (Annex 7) of the report now submitted, be approved.

8. That the uncertainty relating to the impact of COVID-19 and other significant external factors, be noted and the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources be requested to update Cabinet within quarterly monitoring reports.

## **NEL.57 COUNCIL TAX 2022/23**

Following the setting of the Budget for 2022/23, the Council considered the fixing of the Council Tax for the 2022/23 financial year.

A recorded vote was taken in accordance with the Constitution and the votes cast were recorded as follows:

### For the Motion

Councillors Abel, Astbury, Batson, Boyd, Brasted, Brookes, Cairns, Callison, Cracknell, Croft, Dawkins, Freeston, Furneaux, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hudson, Jackson, Lindley, Parkinson, Pettigrew, Procter, Reynolds, Sandford, Shepherd, Shreeve, Silvester, Smith, K. Swinburn, S. Swinburn and Westcott (30 votes).

### Against the Motion

Councillors Goodwin, Green, Mickleburgh, Patrick, Rodwell, Sheridan and Wilson (7 votes).

The motion was therefore declared carried and it was

RESOLVED –

1. That it be noted that on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 the Council calculated the Council Tax Base for 2022/23:
  - (a) for the whole Council area as 45,206.89 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
  - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as detailed below and in the attached Appendix A.

<u>Part of the Council's Area</u>	
Parish of Ashby-cum-Fenby	124.88
Parish of Barnoldby-Le-Beck	171.67
Parish of Bradley	79.46
Parish of Brigsley	171.46
Parish of Great Coates	479.76
Parish of Habrough	202.81
Parish of Healing	1,140.46

Parish of Humberston	2,501.95
Town of Immingham	2,545.31
Parish of Irby upon Humber	57.65
Parish of Laceby	1,062.95
Parish of New Waltham	1,925.55
Parish of Stallingborough	435.12
Parish of Waltham	2,196.99
Cleethorpes	9,470.85
Grimsby	22,390.21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44,957.08</b>
Note - The Council tax base total for parish areas to which no special items relate is:	249.81

2. That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2022/23 (excluding Parish precepts) is £77,748,161.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2022/23 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:

<b>(a) £293,162,223</b>	<b>being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.</b>
<b>(b) (£214,630,894)</b>	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
<b>(c) £78,531,329</b>	being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
<b>(d) £1,737.15</b>	being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
<b>(e) £827,918.60</b>	being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix A) and Charter Trustees.
<b>(f) £1,718.84</b>	being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its

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Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

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**(g)** £1.40                      Grimsby and Cleethorpes Special Expense area  
£44,750.60

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being the amounts to be added to the amount at 3(f) above being the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Councils area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

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(h) Part of the Council's Area

	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£ . p	£ . p	£ . p	£ . p	£ . p	£ . p	£ . p	£ . p
<b>Parish of Ashby-cum-Fenby</b>	1,166.33	1,360.71	1,555.10	1,749.49	2,138.27	2,527.04	2,915.82	3,498.98
<b>Parish of Barnoldby-le-Beck</b>	1,157.07	1,349.92	1,542.76	1,735.61	2,121.30	2,506.99	2,892.68	3,471.22
<b>Parish of Bradley</b>	1,187.84	1,385.81	1,583.79	1,781.76	2,177.71	2,573.65	2,969.60	3,563.52
<b>Parish of Brigsley</b>	1,157.78	1,350.74	1,543.71	1,736.67	2,122.60	2,508.52	2,894.45	3,473.34
<b>Parish of Great Coates</b>	1,194.53	1,393.61	1,592.70	1,791.79	2,189.97	2,588.14	2,986.32	3,583.58
<b>Parish of Habrough</b>	1,159.39	1,352.62	1,545.85	1,739.08	2,125.54	2,512.00	2,898.47	3,478.16
<b>Parish of Healing</b>	1,180.97	1,377.79	1,574.62	1,771.45	2,165.11	2,558.76	2,952.42	3,542.90
<b>Parish of Humberston</b>	1,172.01	1,367.34	1,562.68	1,758.01	2,148.68	2,539.35	2,930.02	3,516.02
<b>Town of Immingham</b>	1,236.21	1,442.25	1,648.28	1,854.32	2,266.39	2,678.46	3,090.53	3,708.64
<b>Parish of Irby</b>	1,178.65	1,375.09	1,571.53	1,767.97	2,160.85	2,553.73	2,946.62	3,535.94
<b>Parish of Laceby</b>	1,172.01	1,367.34	1,562.68	1,758.01	2,148.68	2,539.35	2,930.02	3,516.02
<b>Parish of New Waltham</b>	1,168.40	1,363.13	1,557.87	1,752.60	2,142.07	2,531.53	2,921.00	3,505.20
<b>Parish of Stallingborough</b>	1,190.33	1,388.71	1,587.10	1,785.49	2,182.27	2,579.04	2,975.82	3,570.98
<b>Parish of Waltham</b>	1,165.62	1,359.89	1,554.16	1,748.43	2,136.97	2,525.51	2,914.05	3,496.86
<b>Grimsby</b>	1,146.83	1,337.96	1,529.10	1,720.24	2,102.52	2,484.79	2,867.07	3,440.48
<b>Cleethorpes</b>	1,148.45	1,339.85	1,531.26	1,722.67	2,105.49	2,488.30	2,871.12	3,445.34
<b>All other parts of the Council's area</b>	<b>1,145.89</b>	<b>1,336.88</b>	<b>1,527.86</b>	<b>1,718.84</b>	<b>2,100.80</b>	<b>2,482.77</b>	<b>2,864.73</b>	<b>3,437.68</b>

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(f) and 3(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

4. To note that for the year 2022/23 the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside and the Humberside Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£ . p	£ . p	£ . p	£ . p	£ . p	£ . p	£ . p	£ . p
Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside	168.80	196.93	225.07	253.20	309.47	365.73	422.00	506.40
Humberside Fire Authority	60.07	70.09	80.10	90.11	110.13	130.16	150.18	180.22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>228.87</b>	<b>267.02</b>	<b>305.17</b>	<b>343.31</b>	<b>419.60</b>	<b>495.89</b>	<b>572.18</b>	<b>686.62</b>

5. That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(h) and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2022/23 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£ . p	£ . p	£ . p	£ . p	£ . p	£ . p	£ . p	£ . p
Parish of Ashby-cum-Fenby	1,395.20	1,627.73	1,860.27	2,092.80	2,557.87	3,022.93	3,488.00	4,185.60
Parish of Barnoldby-le-Beck	1,385.94	1,616.94	1,847.93	2,078.92	2,540.90	3,002.88	3,464.86	4,157.84
Parish of Bradley	1,416.71	1,652.83	1,888.96	2,125.07	2,597.31	3,069.54	3,541.78	4,250.14
Parish of Brigsley	1,386.65	1,617.76	1,848.88	2,079.98	2,542.20	3,004.41	3,466.63	4,159.96
Parish of Great Coates	1,423.40	1,660.63	1,897.87	2,135.10	2,609.57	3,084.03	3,558.50	4,270.20
Parish of Habrough	1,388.26	1,619.64	1,851.02	2,082.39	2,545.14	3,007.89	3,470.65	4,164.78
Parish of Healing	1,409.84	1,644.81	1,879.79	2,114.76	2,584.71	3,054.65	3,524.60	4,229.52
Parish of Humberston	1,400.88	1,634.36	1,867.85	2,101.32	2,568.28	3,035.24	3,502.20	4,202.64
Town of Immingham	1,465.08	1,709.27	1,953.45	2,197.63	2,685.99	3,174.35	3,662.71	4,395.26
Parish of Irby	1,407.52	1,642.11	1,876.70	2,111.28	2,580.45	3,049.62	3,518.80	4,222.56
Parish of Laceby	1,400.88	1,634.36	1,867.85	2,101.32	2,568.28	3,035.24	3,502.20	4,202.64
Parish of New Waltham	1,397.27	1,630.15	1,863.04	2,095.91	2,561.67	3,027.42	3,493.18	4,191.82
Parish of Stallingborough	1,419.20	1,655.73	1,892.27	2,128.80	2,601.87	3,074.93	3,548.00	4,257.60
Parish of Waltham	1,394.49	1,626.91	1,859.33	2,091.74	2,556.57	3,021.40	3,486.23	4,183.48
Grimsby	1,375.70	1,604.98	1,834.27	2,063.55	2,522.12	2,980.68	3,439.25	4,127.10
Cleethorpes	1,377.32	1,606.87	1,836.43	2,065.98	2,525.09	2,984.19	3,443.30	4,131.96
<b>All other parts of the Council's area</b>	<b>1,374.76</b>	<b>1,603.90</b>	<b>1,833.03</b>	<b>2,062.15</b>	<b>2,520.40</b>	<b>2,978.66</b>	<b>3,436.91</b>	<b>4,124.30</b>

6. That the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2022/23 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992.

**APPENDIX A**

**PRECEPTS 2022/23**

The following precepts have been levied on North East Lincolnshire (comparable figures are shown for 2021/22):-

	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2022/23 Council Tax @ Band D Equivalent</b>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£ p</u>
<b>Ashby-cum-Fenby</b>	3,716	3,828	30.65
<b>Barnoldby-le-Beck</b>	2,400	2,880	16.77
<b>Bradley</b>	4,000	5,000	62.92
<b>Brigsley</b>	2,997	3,057	17.83
<b>Great Coates</b>	34,000	35,000	72.95
<b>Habrough</b>	4,005	4,105	20.24
<b>Healing</b>	50,000	60,000	52.61
<b>Humberston</b>	93,000	98,000	39.17
<b>Immingham</b>	334,147	344,835	135.48
<b>Irby</b>	2,700	2,832	49.13
<b>Laceby</b>	41,631	41,631	39.17
<b>New Waltham</b>	62,000	65,000	33.76
<b>Stallingborough</b>	26,000	29,000	66.65
<b>Waltham</b>	54,858	65,000	29.59
<b>Cleethorpes - Charter Trustees</b>	23,000	23,000	2.43
<b>Grimsby - Charter Trustees</b>	30,000	0	0.00
	768,454	783,168	

At this point in the proceedings, the Mayor briefly adjourned the meeting. On reconvening the meeting, the Mayor moved that the Council's Standing Orders governing the length of meetings be suspended to permit this meeting to continue beyond 10.00 p.m. This was seconded by Councillor Jackson. Upon a show of hands, the motion was carried and it was:

RESOLVED - That the Council's Standing Orders governing the length of meetings be suspended to permit this meeting to continue beyond 10.00 p.m.

## **NEL.58 TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT 2021/22**

The Council considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets containing details of treasury management arrangements, activity and performance during the first six months of 2021/22. This report was considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 when Council was asked to note the content of the report.

RESOLVED – That the report now submitted be noted.

## **NEL.59 TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY 2022/23**

The Council considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets presenting the restated Treasury Policy Statement and the Treasury Management Strategy Statement. This report was considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 and its recommendations referred to Council for approval.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Treasury Management Policy Statement at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved.
2. That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators for 2022/23 at Appendix 2 of the report now submitted, be approved.
3. That the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement at Appendix 2 (annex 2) of the report now submitted, be approved.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.43 p.m.