

COUNCIL AGENDA
for the meeting on
Thursday 16th March, 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

1.	<u>Mayor's Announcements</u>	-
2.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	-
3.	<u>Minutes</u> To submit for approval the minutes of the meetings of North East Lincolnshire Council held on 15 th December, 2022 and 23 rd February, 2023.	-
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>Petition for Debate – Zebra Crossing, St. Nicholas Drive, Grimsby</u> To receive a petition for debate requesting the provision of a zebra crossing on St Nicholas Drive, Grimsby (copy attached).	9
8.	<u>Broadcasting of Meetings</u> To receive a report from the Monitoring Officer providing an evaluation on the practicality and cost of the live broadcasting of full Council meetings, as requested by Council at its meeting on 28 th July 2022 (copy attached).	11
9.	<u>Pay Policy Statement 2023 – 2024</u> To receive a report from the Leader of the Council presenting the Pay Policy Statement for 2023-2024 (copy attached).	17

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

This Council notes that:

- 1. The Department of Health and Social Care definition of food poverty as "the inability to access or afford food to make up a healthy diet".*
- 2. There is a growing problem of food insecurity in the UK, as the country throws away around 9.5 million tonnes of food waste in a single year – even though 8.4 million people in the UK are in food poverty.*
- 3. Between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, one local food bank organisation in the borough, alone distributed 20,307 food parcels, while 26,678 mouths were fed in their Food Kitchens. This is a vast increase from the previous year. (We Are One, 2022).*
- 4. 29.5% of all state school pupils in North East Lincolnshire are now eligible for free school meals, which is above the national average. 7,175 of pupils were eligible in January 2022, up from 6,625 counted the previous year, and well above the 3,897 recorded in 2016, the earliest year with available figures. (Department of Education, 2022).*
- 5. The importance of local food systems and education in ensuring access to affordable, sustainable, and healthy food options, is vital.*
- 6. Addressing food poverty will obviously contribute to improving the health, wellbeing, education, and independence of local residents, while supporting the local food and fishing economy and reducing environmental impacts.*

The Council resolves to:

- Commend the invaluable work done by local charities, churches and food banks in North East Lincolnshire who have already supported people facing food poverty.*
- Appoint an existing Cabinet Member who will be responsible for championing the reduction and prevention of food poverty throughout the borough.*
- Create a 'Food Poverty Action Plan' that investigates the extent of food poverty and what will be done to tackle it, reporting back to the relevant scrutiny panel quarterly.*
- Request that Cabinet investigate adopting a 'Local Food Strategy' for North East Lincolnshire. This would be to work with manufacturing, farming, retail, hospitality, food service, voluntary sectors and local community groups. The object would be to communicate our strategic approach to local food throughout the area.*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate waste prevention of commercial surplus food, using charitable routes wherever possible. 	
11.	<p><u>Notice of Motion 2</u></p> <p>To consider a Notice of Motion, to be proposed by Councillor Shutt and seconded by Councillor Patrick, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders as set out below:</p> <p><i>Council will note that the funding for local government has been falling for many years, this has had and continues to have a knock-on effect to this council and our communities, this is shown in the effects to Social Services, Environmental Services, and our ability to invest in our future.</i></p> <p><i>This leaves our council with no choice but to reduce already overstretched services and to increase council tax.</i></p> <p><i>In recent years services have retreated further, with ever worsening finances, and despite that the last four years, we have had a Conservative Council under a Conservative Government (blue on blue) which was suggested that would improve our position, this has not been realised.</i></p> <p><i>This Council believes this failure can be in part attributed to a complete lack of success from this ruling Conservative Administration to lobby central government on behalf of the residents of North East Lincolnshire.</i></p> <p><i>This Council calls upon the Leader of the Council to declare that the current model of local government funding is broken, and that under this Conservative Government there has been a complete failure to fund adequately a level of statutory and non-statutory services that our residents rightly expect.</i></p> <p><i>This Council also calls on the Leader to re-double his efforts to lobby central government for more sustainable funding for North East Lincolnshire.</i></p>	-
12.	<p><u>Questions on Notice</u></p> <p>To consider any questions from Elected Members, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.</p>	-
13.	<p><u>Minutes of the Cabinet and Committees of the Council</u></p> <p>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:</p> <p>Cabinet</p> <p>16th November 21st December 18th January 23rd January 15th February 22nd February</p>	-

	Portfolio Holder – Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder – Finance, Resources and Assets Portfolio Holder – Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care Portfolio Holder – Safer and Stronger Communities Budget Scrutiny Scrutiny Panel – Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel – Communities Scrutiny Panel – Economy Scrutiny Panel – Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel – Tourism and Visitor Economy Place Board (operating as the Health and Wellbeing Board) Audit and Governance Committee Planning Committee Licensing Sub Committee Standards and Adjudication Committee	7 th December 13 th February 7 th February 23 rd January 20 th December 23 rd January 24 th January 17 th November 19 th January 5 th January 8 th November 10 th January 30 th November 1 st February 24 th November 26 th January 21 st November 2 nd February 30 th November 4 th January 1 st February 7 th December 25 th January 14 th December	
14.	<u>Urgent Business</u> To receive any business which, in the opinion of the Chairman, is urgent by reason of special circumstances which must be stated and minuted.	-	

ROB WALSH
CHIEF EXECUTIVE