

**LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**17 SEPTEMBER 2010**

**ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS**

The agenda in the Green Book will be followed

Prayers will be led by the Reverend Andrew Higginson

Councillor P Bedford in the Chair

**A G E N D A**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

List of apologies to be read by the Chief Executive.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS**

Councillors to announce any interests.

**(NB Councillors are reminded that there is no need to declare an interest unless he/she is being asked to take a decision on any matter in which he/she has an interest)**

3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 18 JUNE 2010**

The Chairman to state: -

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

4. **SUBMISSION OF PETITION**

The Chairman to state:

**The Council has received a petition and, in accordance with the Petitions Scheme, I shall ask John Smith, to speak for not more than three minutes to explain the contents of his petition "Save Stamford Museum".**

(John Smith to speak and then present his petition to the Chairman)

The Chairman to state:

**The Chief Executive has determined that the petition “Save Stamford Museum” will be referred to the Executive Councillor for Economic Development.**

5. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman to state as follows:

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer recess and returned refreshed.

My civic engagements since the last Council meeting have been varied and have given me the opportunity to continue visiting places within Lincolnshire, and some further afield.

I thank my wife Zita for supporting me on these engagements and also Councillor Neil and Mrs Pauline Cooper, Vice-Chairman and Lady, for stepping in at civic functions when, due to other commitments, we have been unable to attend.

I have attended a variety of events the last Council meeting, including the 126<sup>th</sup> Lincolnshire Show which attracted many visitors to the County. I was also pleased to attend the visit to Lincolnshire by HRH The Princess Royal; the Annual International Air Show at RAF Waddington; a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace (which other Members of the County Council attended) and the Lincolnshire Youth Symphony Orchestra Concert in Lincoln Cathedral, prior to the Annual Lincolnshire County Council Service of Dedication held in Lincoln Cathedral the next day. The Service was followed by a Reception in the grounds of Lincoln Castle, which Zita and I thoroughly enjoyed and gave us both the opportunity to circulate among the invited guests. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff involved in making this event a day we will remember with pride.

**Please note that the IT workshop for councillors scheduled for next Monday here at County Offices will start at 1 p.m, half an hour earlier than previously advertised, and will now finish at 3.30 p.m. Following on from the I.T. Workshop will be a briefing on the Energy from Waste Facility and Transfer Station from Richard Belfield, Assistant Director of Development (Environment, Planning and Transport).**

A complete itinerary of civic engagements, since the last meeting of this Council, together with Councillor Development Events attended by County Councillors are on deposit in the Members’ Foyer.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE LEADER AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

The Chairman to state:

**The statements/announcements are detailed as report reference 6.0 in the Green Book.**

7. QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN, THE LEADER, EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS AND CHAIRMEN OF ANY COMMITTEE OR SUB-COMMITTEE AND THE NOMINEE OF THE POLICE AUTHORITY

The Chairman to state:

**I am anxious to allow a good spread of questions across the Chamber within the time allocated. I intend to allow 45 minutes for questions. I am expecting Councillors to be disciplined because of the time available.**

**Would Councillors wishing to ask questions please indicate by pressing their button to join the queue and may I remind Councillors that once you have joined the queue you do not need to press your button when I invite you to speak, or when you sit down.**

8. PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES 2010/11

A report by the Executive Director (Resources and Community Safety) has been circulated.

Councillor B G Singleton to move:

**That the proposed budget changes as described in paragraphs 1.5 to 1.11 of the report be approved.**

Councillor Mrs S Rawlins to second.

9. APPOINTMENT TO LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

A report by the Chief Executive has been circulated.

Councillor P A Robinson to move:

**That the appointment of Mr Colin Childs to the Independent Remuneration Panel, for a five year term of office, be approved.**

Councillor B G Singleton to second.

10. ESTABLISHMENT OF A FLOOD AND DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

A report by the Assistant Chief Executive has been circulated.

Councillor C J Davie to move:

**1. That the establishment of a Flood and Drainage Management Scrutiny Committee be approved.**

**2. That the Council agrees that the Environmental Scrutiny Committee undertake this role with the additional membership of one nominated**

**non-executive Councillor from each of Lincolnshire's seven District Councils.**

- 3. That the Council agrees to adopt a scheme under paragraphs 12-14 of Schedule 1 of the Local Government Act 2000 and that the Constitution be amended with the inclusion of Appendices A and B to the report.**

Councillor J R Marriott to second.

11. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

(1) PLANNING AND REGULATION

Councillor I G Fleetwood to move:

**That the minutes of the meetings of the Planning and Regulation Committee of 7 June 2010, 5 July 2010 and 26 July 2010 be received.**

No recommendations.

(2) AUDIT

Councillor B Young to move:

**That the minutes of the meetings of the Audit Committee of 14 June 2010 and 12 July 2010 be received.**

No recommendations.

(3) PENSIONS

Councillor C Farrar to move:

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Pensions Committee of 15 July 2010 be received.**

No recommendations.

(4) STANDARDS

Mr J Krawiec to move:

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee of 19 July 2010 be received.**

No recommendations.

12. MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

**The Chairman to state:**

**Members are reminded of the Rules of Debate. These are set out below:**

(i) Rule 13.5 (When a Councillor may speak again)

A Councillor who has spoken on a motion may not speak again whilst it is the subject of debate, except:

- (a) In exercise of a right of reply;
- (b) on a point of order or information and
- (c) by way of personal explanation.

(ii) Rule 13.9 (Right of reply)

- (a) The mover of a motion has a right to reply at the end of the debate on the motion, immediately before it is put to the vote;
- (b) if an amendment is moved, the mover of the original motion has the right of reply at the close of the debate on the amendment, but may not otherwise speak on it; and
- (c) the mover of the amendment has no right of reply to the debate on his or her amendment.

(1) Motion by Councillor J D Hough

Councillor J D Hough to move:

‘This Council takes the view that that the coalition government’s economic and fiscal strategy is deeply unfair, unnecessary at such a level at this time, unsafe for the national and local economy and for maintaining vital public services.

Reducing the deficit is important to our economic future as a country and a county but so too is protecting jobs, maintaining spending on important public services and fair taxation. These policies needed to be delivered over a markedly longer period than the government is currently planning.

The point also needs to be made that people are being told by the coalition government that it is possible to slash public spending, raise VAT and cut benefits, take billions out of the economy and billions more out of people’s pockets, cut thousands of public sector jobs including well over a 1,000 in Lincolnshire, reduce spending on private and voluntary sector contracts, and none of this will have any impact on unemployment or growth.

What also needs saying is that it is most regrettable that the coalition government is using its crusade to cut the deficit to make a wider ideological argument that the post-war welfare settlement involving a significant role for the state is now redundant and must be scaled back, dismantled and, only where absolutely essential, replaced with private sector provision. Such an approach is based more on ideology than on necessity.

As one of the largest employers in the county Lincolnshire County Council makes a big contribution to the local economy. People in work (whether directly employed by Lincolnshire County Council or delivering services or contracts on our behalf), earn wages and pay taxes and national insurance contributions all of which contribute to the national and local economy. Major reductions in public spending will hit the Lincolnshire economy hard. We already face challenges of wage levels below the regional and national average and of 'low skills, low levels of business start-up and growing disparities in opportunity and prosperity'. All of the indications at present are that the likely spending cuts will hit the poorest people in society much harder than the richest.

For all of the above reasons it is proposed:

That this Council writes to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to put forward these arguments and to press the view that even at this late stage further consideration be given to reducing the deficit and the level of national debt over a longer period than is being currently proposed so as to protect vital public services and to encourage economic growth'.

Councillor N I Jackson to second.

(2) Motion by Councillor Mrs M J Overton

Councillor Mrs M J Overton to move:

'All members will have noted with pleasure, as they travel the highways of Lincolnshire, how deaths on the roads have declined over recent years, from in excess of a hundred, actually 104 in 2003, to just 52 last year.

The decline has not been steady, but the general trend has been in the correct direction – downwards.

Accepting that savings will have to be made across the board, one of the major successes of Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership has been its concentration of efforts on reducing the appalling toll of young people being killed and seriously injured on our roads.

It has been variously estimated that each death on the roads of our county and country costs about £1million, when all resulting costs are taken into account.

The powerful initiative 'Too Fast, Too Soon', recently upgraded to include a first hand account of a young person, recently incarcerated and then released for serious road traffic offences, has been a positive influence in addressing young people's perceptions of the danger of excessive road speed.

We invite all members to join with us in considering the most effective methods of improving road safety in Lincolnshire to help ensure these are included in the forthcoming budgets.

This Council, notwithstanding the straitened times in which we will increasingly have to exist, agrees to stand firm with the Road Safety

Partnership, and do all that is possible to protect the work which is done to reduce the toll of young peoples lives on our roads'.

Councillor C J T H Brewis to second.

13. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Chairman to state:

**Members are reminded to collect their post from their pigeon holes after the meeting.**

**(At the conclusion of the meeting will all Members please be upstanding in their places until the Chairman has left the Chamber).**