

Agenda Item 4

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

14 DECEMBER 2018

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

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Prayers will be led by Rev Canon John Patrick in the Council Chamber at 10.25 a.m., prior to the start of formal proceedings at 10.30 a.m.

The agenda previously circulated and published will be followed

Councillor C R Oxby in the Chair

(Please note: There is no fire drill or fire alarm test planned for today, in the event of the fire alarm sounding, please leave by the nearest fire exit and make your way to the car park in front of County Offices)

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS – 14 DECEMBER 2018

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

List of apologies to be read by Debbie Barnes OBE

2. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

Councillors to announce any interests

Note:-

Councillors are reminded that there is no need to declare an interest if it has already been recorded on the register of disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) or notified to the Monitoring Officer in accordance with the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012. However councillors declaring interests must state what the DPI is and accordingly not speak or vote on the item. Should you have any queries about declarations please seek advice from officers in advance of the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2018

The Chairman to state:-

That the minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 14 September 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman to state:-

Since the last meeting of the County Council I have continued to carry out my civic engagements with pride, representing the Council by visiting places and meeting people and organisations from all around the County.

I thank my wife, Diane, for supporting me on these engagements and also the Vice-Chairman and Lady, Councillor Tony Bridges and Trina Wright, for representing us at civic functions when we have been unable to attend.

It was an honour to be involved in the Armistice 100 commemorations on Remembrance Day including a poignant service held in Lincoln Cathedral which was well supported and attended by hundreds of people.

We were delighted to welcome two Members of the Royal Family to Lincolnshire, the first being HRH The Earl of Wessex when he came to visit the International Bomber Command Centre. This was followed earlier this week by HRH The Princess Royal when she officially opened Market Rasen Railway Restoration Project and the Linkage Education Centre at Boultham Park, Lincoln.

On a sadder note I have to report the death of former County Councillor Peter Robinson. Peter represented the Market and West Deeping Electoral Division from 1997 to May 2017. During that time he served on the Executive, where his portfolio included the areas of Community Safety, Local Strategic Partnerships, Diversity and Social Cohesion. He was also Deputy Leader from 2005 until 2012.

Can I ask that members stand in silent tribute?

(Councillors to be given an opportunity to pay tribute to former councillor Peter Robinson)

Could I please remind Councillors that a highways briefing will follow today's Council meeting at 2.00pm, here in the Chamber.

A complete itinerary of civic engagements, since the last meeting of this Council, are available from the Civic Officer on request.

5. STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE LEADER AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

Statements by the Members of the Executive are detailed as report reference 5.0 in the agenda previously circulated.

6. QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN, THE LEADER, EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS, CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

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. Your name will then appear on my screen. Don't forget 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.

7. APPOINTMENT OF PARENT GOVERNOR REPRESENTATIVE

A report by the Monitoring Officer has been circulated.

Councillor Mrs P A Bradwell OBE to move:

That the election of Miss Alexandra Eloise Inkley Sayer as Parent Governor Representative on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board be noted.

Councillor Mrs J Brockway to second

8. JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

A report by the County Commissioner for Economy and Place has been circulated.

Councillor E J Poll to move:

That the County Council resolve to formally adopt the proposed Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS), as set out in Appendix A to the report, to take effect at such time as all the Waste Collection Authorities in Lincolnshire have adopted the document in the same form.

Councillor D McNally to second.

9. INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO THE ROLE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

A report by the Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer has been circulated.

Councillor M J Hill OBE to move:

That the Council, with immediate effect:-

- 1. Designates the Executive Director of Children's Services as the Council's Head of Paid Service**
- 2. Appoints Debbie Barnes OBE, the Executive Director of Children's Services as the Returning Officer for County Council elections; and**
- 3. Approves the amendments to the Constitution attached at Appendix A to the report.**

Councillor Mrs A M Newton to second.

10. MOTIONS ON NOTICE SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

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 debate on the amendments, but may otherwise not 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 R B Parker

Moved by Councillor R B Parker:

We note that many council budgets up and down the country are now at Breaking Point. 'Austerity' has caused damage to communities up and down the UK including here in Lincolnshire, with obvious negative effects on key public services that should protect and enhance the lives of a whole range of local people. In short, council services or support to local organisations which were a part of life have been abandoned or reduced and communities have suffered.

According to figures produced by our own County Treasurer's Department, in 2011/12 Lincolnshire County Council received £211m in government support through the revenue support grant.

Each subsequent year the level of grant received has fallen and in the current year, 2018/19, we received £34m.

During this eight-year period the County Council has lost a cumulative total of £962m compared to what we would have received if the 2011/12 revenue support grant levels had been maintained and inflated each year.

*The Government have, however, given the Council some additional funding for Better Care Fund, New Homes Bonus, Rural Services Delivery Grant and Council Tax Freeze grant, this additional support totals £217m over the same period of time. Therefore the Council has in effect lost £745m that could have been spent on services or reduced the increase in council tax. **This is an average reduction of £93m per year.***

Not only have we had this reduction in government funding we have also had to fund a number of unavoidable cost pressures, therefore, the Council has had to implement a number of strategies to bridge the gap. Council tax has been increased since 2015/16, savings/reductions have been made to budgets totalling £311m over the eight years and we have had to use our reserves, £117m, where these weren't enough.

That is what Austerity has mean to Lincolnshire people and no services have been left untouched whether Adults, Children, Highways, Heritage or Fire Services.

Councils across the country now face a further funding gap of £7.8 billion by 2025 just to keep services 'standing still' and meeting additional demand. In particular, adult social care as a result of an ageing population and growing demand faces a gap of £3.5 billion. Lord Gary Porter, the Conservative Chair of the Local Government Association, has said "Councils can no longer be expected to run our vital local services on a shoestring"

Given that reality, we challenge the comments of the Chief Secretary to the Treasury Liz Truss for stating on BBC Newsnight on 1st October 2018 that the government is "not making cuts to local authorities", when all independent assessments of government spending show that this is false; and we also challenge the claims of the Prime Minister Theresa May that "austerity is over" despite her government planning a further £1.3bn of cuts to council budgets over the next year

We call on the Prime Minister and Chancellor to truly end austerity in local government by:

- Reversing next years planned £1.3bn cut to council budgets;
- Immediately investing nationally £2bn in children's services and £2bn in adult social care to stop these vital emergency services from collapsing;
- Pledging to use the Spending Review to restore council funding to 2010 levels over the next four years

We therefore move that:

This Council asks the Leader of the Council to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Prime Minister, and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government setting out the funding pressures faced by our local council, and calling on the Government to truly end austerity in local government.

Seconded by Councillor S R Parkin

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

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

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

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCILLORS

COUNCIL MEETINGS – INTERVENTION IN DEBATE

1. (a) Points of Order are just that. They must relate to the Council Procedure Rules or conduct of the meeting and generally will be drawing attention to a perceived breach, e.g.
 - (i) absence of a quorum;
 - (ii) order of speeches;
 - (iii) irrelevance;
 - (iv) time limit for speech exceeded;
 - (v) misconduct;
 - (vi) motion not seconded.

- (b) Examples of common intervention which are **NOT** points of order:-
 - (i) Points of information or Personal Explanation (as to which see below);
 - (ii) Disagreement with a speaker;
 - (iii) Further thoughts or clarification of a previous speech prompted by the speaker (unless amounting to a Personal Explanation);
 - (iv) Correction of a speaker's opinion (rather than fact, which is a Point of Information);
 - (v) An attempt to "reply" to another Member's speech or a point made in it;

2. (a) Point of Information – when a Member is speaking and is obviously proceeding on the basis of information which is wrong or of which the member is ignorant, another member may properly seek to intervene to provide the correct or missing information, thereby saving the Council from being misled and saving its time.

- (b) ASKING FOR information is **NOT** a Point of Information; a member who has spoken may be able to request a colleague who has not yet spoken to ask;

3. (a) A Personal Explanation is a proper intervention only when an earlier speech by the Member is being misquoted or misrepresented;

- (b) It must not be used as a spurious pretext for reiteration of the Member's earlier speech or as a second speech.

4. Practice

Members rising to make one of the Points must specify which one is being used. The Member speaking should give way. The Point should be made briefly. The Chairman will then rule on it promptly, firmly and finally. There will be no debate nor will the ruling of the Chairman be open to discussion.

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