

**LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

21 MAY 2010

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

The agenda in the Green Book will be followed

Prayers will be led by the Reverend Christine Pennock

Councillor E R Chapman in the Chair

AGENDA

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Councillor E R Chapman will invite nominations for the election of the Chairman.

Proposer of nomination – Councillor M J Hill OBE

Seconder of nomination – Councillor P A Robinson

Nomination to be put to the Council.

Newly elected Chairman to indicate acceptance of office and sign declaration of acceptance of office.

New Chairman takes the Chair

Speech of thanks by the Chairman.

(The new Chairman will present the past Chairman's badge to Councillor E R Chapman and there will be an opportunity for Members of the Council to speak).

Speech of thanks by Councillor E R Chapman.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Chairman will invite nominations for the election of Vice-Chairman.

Proposer of nomination – Councillor P Bedford

Seconder of nomination – Councillor C J Davie

Nomination to be put to the Council.

Newly appointed Vice-Chairman to indicate acceptance of office and sign declaration of acceptance of office.

Speech of thanks by the Vice-Chairman.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

List of apologies to be read by the Chief Executive.

4. 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)

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2010

The Chairman to state: -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. CHAIRMAN TO SIGNIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN'S CHAPLAIN

The Chairman to state:-

The Reverend Andrew Higginson (Parish of Butterwick with Benington, Freiston & Leverton) has kindly agreed to act as my Chaplain during my term of office.

The Reverend Andrew Higginson to address Council.

7. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman to state:-

Will members of the Council please note that this year's Lincolnshire Show will be held at the Lincolnshire Showground, Grange-de-Lings, on Wednesday 23 June and Thursday 24 June 2010. It is hoped that as many members of the Council as possible will be able to attend what is always an enjoyable event. May I remind members that entrance tickets for the

Lincolnshire Show will only be issued to those members taking part in “Meet your Councillor”. The Marquee for this will be located at the front of the County Council stand.

The County Service will be held in Lincoln Cathedral, starting at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday 11 July 2010, followed by a Reception which will be held in Lincoln Castle grounds. Members of the Council will be invited to attend the Service and will be given the opportunity to nominate up to four people from their particular area whom they would wish to attend the Service and Reception.

The People’s Choice Award gives Lincolnshire County Council an opportunity to nominate a County Council employee, who has made an outstanding contribution to the lives of others.

Scores of nominations were received and today I have the pleasant duty of announcing the winner.

Congratulations go to Connexions Intensive Support Advisor Hannah Gray, whose heartfelt nomination from Kerrie Musson told us of the incredible work Hannah does to support young people.

On behalf of this entire chamber, the County Council, and the people of Lincolnshire, I want to thank and congratulate you. Please join me to receive your award.

(Opportunity for photo)

On a sadder note I have to report the recent deaths of former Councillors Clive Finch and Alan Day DFC and former Director of Education Mr Fred Rickard.

i) C Finch

Former Councillor Clive Finch represented the Louth North Electoral Division from May 1997 until June 2001.

ii) R A Day DFC

Former Councillor Alan Day DFC represented the Boston Rural Division for a four-year term from May 1981 and was re-elected to the County Council in 2001 and served until June 2009.

iii) Mr Fred Rickard

Mr Fred Rickard was a former Director of Education for Lincolnshire County Council before retiring in March 1985, after many years of dedicated service.

(The Chairman will invite Councillors and Officers to stand in silent memory)

The Chairman will invite Councillors to pay tribute.

A list of civic engagements relating to the immediate past Chairman and Vice-Chairman, together with Training Events attended by Members are listed and available for inspection in the Members' Foyer.

8. NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Chairman to state:-

The Council is reminded that Councillor M J Hill OBE has been elected Leader of the County Council until the day of the next post-election annual meeting or such earlier date, in accordance with Article 5.03 of the Constitution.

Leader to address Council.

Copies of the Annual Statement have been placed in Councillors' pigeon holes.

9. THE LEADER TO REPORT ON EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIOS, APPOINTMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE AND APPOINTMENTS OF EXECUTIVE SUPPORT COUNCILLORS

In accordance with Article 5.02 the Leader notifies the Council of the appointments to the Executive and for the purposes of Part 3 (Responsibilities for functions) the responsibilities of each Executive Councillor. The Leader also notifies the Council of the Executive Support Councillors he has appointed in accordance with Article 5.07.

(NOTE: Schedule 1 attached details the appointments).

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

The Chairman to state:-

The statements/announcements are detailed as report reference 10.0 in the Green Book.

11. QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN, THE LEADER, EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS AND CHAIRMEN OF ANY COMMITTEE OR SUB-COMMITTEE

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.

12. COMMITTEE STRUCTURE 2010/2011

(a) COMMITTEE STRUCTURE, POLITICAL BALANCE ON COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES AND ALLOCATION OF PLACES

A report by the Chief Executive has been circulated.

Councillor M J Hill OBE to move:

- (1) That the allocation of seats on Committees, Sub-Committees and other bodies between political groups, as set out at Appendix A to the report, be approved.**
- (2) That the making of appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees and those other bodies be carried out by the Chief Executive, in accordance with the wishes of the Group Leaders, Deputy Group Leaders and Group Whips, pursuant to his delegated powers.**

Councillor C J T H Brewis to second.

(NOTE: Schedule 2 shows proposed membership of Committees and Sub-Committees).

(b) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES (EXCEPT STANDARDS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEES)

A report by the Chief Executive has been circulated.

Councillor M J Hill OBE to move:

That the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees and Sub-Committees, as detailed in Schedule 3 attached, be approved.

Councillor C J T H Brewis to second.

(NOTE: Schedule 3 attached details the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees and Sub-Committees).

13. CALENDAR OF NEW MEETING DATES 2010/2011

A report by the Chief Executive has been circulated.

Councillor P A Robinson to move:

That the calendar of meeting dates for 2010/2011 be approved, subject to the entry relating to the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire on the 15 June 2011 being deleted.

Councillor J R Marriott to second.

14. LINCOLNSHIRE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) MEMBERSHIP

A report by the Chief Executive has been circulated.

Councillor Mrs C A Talbot to move:

That Mr Andrew Hornsby be appointed to serve on Lincolnshire SACRE under Group A of its membership, representing the Methodist Church.

Councillor C M H Farquharson to second.

15. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

A report by the Chief Executive has been circulated.

Councillor M J Hill OBE to move:

That the appointment of members to outside bodies, as detailed in Schedule 4 attached, be approved.

Councillor B G Singleton to second.

(NOTE: Schedule 4 attached details the appointment of members to the Outside Bodies).

16. STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report of the Standards Committee will be tabled.

Group Captain P J Rodgers MBE to move:

That the Annual Report from the Standards Committee be noted.

Councillor Mrs M J Overton to second.

17. REVIEW OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

A report by the Chief Executive has been circulated.

Councillor M J Hill OBE to propose a motion.

Councillor.....to second.

18. A NEW CULTURAL STRATEGY FOR LINCOLNSHIRE SUPPORTED BY NEW STRATEGIES FOR SPORTS AND ARTS

A report by the Director of Customer Strategies has been circulated.

Councillor C N Worth to move:

That the three strategies appended to the report "Promote, Provide, Participate! Lincolnshire Cultural Strategy 2010-2015", "Lincolnshire Loving Sport, Living Life – a Strategy to 2012 and Beyond" and "This is Art" be adopted.

Councillor E J Poll to second.

19. COUNCIL BUSINESS PLAN 2010-2013

A report by the Assistant Chief Executive has been circulated.

Councillor M J Hill OBE to move:

That the Draft Council Business Plan 2010-2013 be approved.

Councillor B G Singleton to second.

20. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

(1) PENSIONS

Councillor C Farrar to move:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Pensions Committee of 8 February 2010, 9 April 2010 and 15 April 2010 be received.

No recommendations.

(2) PLANNING AND REGULATION

Councillor I G Fleetwood to move:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Planning and Regulation Committee of 15 February 2010 and 12 April 2010 be received.

No recommendations.

(3) AUDIT

Councillor B Young to move:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee of 22 March 2010 and 26 April 2010 be received.

No recommendations.

(4) STANDARDS

Group Capt P J Rodgers MBE to move:

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

No recommendations.

21. 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.

(i) Motion by Councillor Mrs M J Overton

Councillor Mrs M J Overton to move:

“Members who attended the ‘Citizen of the Year’ awards a week ago can not fail to have been impressed by the selfless and welcome efforts for their communities, which were shown by all of the winners. The Young Persons’ winner appeared from his citation to be running many activities in his community at the tender age of sixteen.

Bearing in mind the increasingly straitened and difficult times which may be ahead, and considering the cuts which now appear to be inevitable in many of the services which the people of Lincolnshire have come to enjoy, will the Executive adopt a programme to encourage young people, especially in the 16-19 year old group to volunteer for roles within their communities?

Will they further consider that such activities would be encouraged by the award of a certificate from Lincolnshire County Council detailing their work, which could assist them in securing employment either in the immediate future or when the economic circumstances begin to improve?

Will the Executive engage with the schools, academies and colleges to proactively encourage such an initiative which might serve to make all our communities more self resilient, as they may very well have to become in the near future?”

Councillor C J T H Brewis to second.

22. 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).