

**COUNCIL
20 MAY 2022**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR M BROOKES (CHAIRMAN)

Councillors Mrs A M Austin (Vice-Chairman), M G Allan, T R Ashton, S A J Blackburn, M D Boles, Mrs W Bowkett, Mrs P A Bradwell OBE, Mrs J Brockway, S Bunney, R D Butroid, T A Carter, L A Cawrey, K J Clarke, M R Clarke, Mrs N F Clarke, R J Cleaver, K H Cooke, P E Coupland, A Dani, C J Davie, R G Davies, P M Dilks, T J G Dyer, I G Fleetwood, R A Gibson, W H Gray, M A Griggs, A M Hall, M J Hill OBE, R J Kendrick, J L King, K E Lee, C S Macey, C E H Marfleet, C Matthews, A P Maughan, D McNally, Mrs A M Newton MBE, Mrs M J Overton MBE, R B Parker, S R Parkin, N H Pepper, Clio Perraton-Williams, Mrs S Rawlins, R P H Reid, S P Roe, N Sear, P A Skinner, T J N Smith, E J Sneath, H Spratt, A N Stokes, E W Strengiel, Dr M E Thompson, J Tyrrell, Mrs C L E Vernon, M A Whittington and Mrs S Woolley

Councillors: attended the meeting as observers

Officers in attendance:-

1 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL 2022/23

On the nomination of Councillor M J Hill OBE, seconded by Councillor M Brookes, and there being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor A M Austin be elected as Chairman of the County Council for the year 2022/23.

Councillor Austin took the Chair and thanked the Council for electing her.

COUNCILLOR A M AUSTIN IN THE CHAIR

2 ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL 2022/23

On the nomination of Councillor M J Hill OBE, seconded by Councillor K H Cooke, and there being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED

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That Councillor R P H Reid be elected Vice-Chairman of the County Council for the year 2022/23.

3 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A J Baxter, I D Carrington, A G Hagues, A M Key, Mrs J E Killey, G J Taylor, L Wootten, R Wootten, R A Wright and T V Young.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest at this point in the meeting.

5 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2022**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Council Chamber and thanked councillors and officers for taking part in the County Council photograph which was an important record in the history of the Council.

The Chairman particularly welcomed Councillor Charlotte Vernon to her first meeting of the Full Council since her By-Election success in February.

Councillors were reminded that the Lincolnshire Show would be held on Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 June 2022 at the County Showground.

Members were invited to attend the Meet Your Councillor marquee on the "One Lincolnshire – Think Bigger" stand. This marquee would provide residents with an opportunity to meet their local councillors and discuss any issues they may have.

The Chairman advised that colleagues from neighbouring North and North East Lincolnshire would be joining councillors on the stand and adult learning and Good Citizens awards would be hosted over the two days. Members were encouraged to respond to the invitation so that tickets could be issued.

The Chairman announced that she was planning to hold a service of dedication and thanksgiving in Wyberton Church on Sunday, 23 October 2022. Invitations would be sent to members nearer the date but in the meantime it would be appreciated if this date could be noted in diaries.

On a sadder note, the Chairman reported the death of former County Councillor Brian Sumner, who represented the Stamford North electoral division from 2005 until 2009 and members were invited to stand for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

A list of civic engagements relating to the immediate past Chairman and Vice-Chairman were available from the Civic Officer.

7 RESULT OF BY ELECTION FOR COLSTERWORTH RURAL ELECTORAL DIVISION

The Council received the Electoral Return for the by-election held for the Colsterworth Rural electoral division.

8 THE LEADER TO REPORT ON EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIOS AND APPOINTMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE AND APPOINTMENTS OF EXECUTIVE SUPPORT COUNCILLORS

In accordance with Article 5.02 of the Council's Constitution the Leader notified the Council of the appointments to the Executive and for the purposes of Part 3 (Responsibilities for Functions) the responsibilities of each portfolio holder. The Leader also notified the Council of the Executive Support Councillors he had appointed in accordance with Article 5.07.

9 STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE LEADER AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

Statements by the Executive had been circulated prior to the meeting.

10 POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

A report by the Executive Director – Resources had been circulated.

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED

1. That the Council's Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels as set out in Appendix A to the report, along with their terms of reference as set out in the Constitution be established for the 2022/23 municipal year in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2;
2. That the size of each of the Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels as set out within Appendix A to the report, be agreed for the 2022/23 municipal year, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2;
3. That the allocation of those Committee and Sub-Committee seats that are required to be politically balanced as detailed in Appendix B to the report be approved;

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4. That the appointment to Committees and Sub-Committees as circulated as Schedule 2 of the Order of Proceedings be agreed.

11 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

A report by the Executive Director – Resources had been circulated.

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the nominations for Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees as circulated as Schedule 3 to the Order of Proceedings be approved.

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

Questions pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 10.3 were asked and answered as follows:

<u>Question by:</u>	<u>Question to:</u>	<u>Subject</u>
a) R J Kendrick	R G Davies	Invite to executive councillor to inspect the roads in Metherringham
b) R B Parker	M J Hill OBE	Levelling Up agenda and social welfare
c) R J Cleaver	M J Hill OBE	Updates on devolution
d) P A Skinner	R G Davies	Speeding vehicles in villages
e) S Bunney	R G Davies	Planting of trees on roads
f) Mrs A M Newton MBE	R G Davies	Maintenance of overhanging trees on highways
g) Mrs S Rawlins	C J Davie	Food security
h) S R Parkin	R G Davies	Louth Active Travel Fund
i) C E H Marfleet	M J Hill OBE	Devolution

j)	K Clarke	R G Davies	Delays in school transport
k)	P M Dilks	R G Davies	Highways alterations at Deepings Bypass with A15
l)	M D Boles	C S Macey	Cleveland House Surgery
m)	J L King	D McNally	Review of Spalding amenity refuse sites opening hours
n)	T J G Dyer	Mrs S Woolley	Coroners Service update
o)	K E Lee	R D Butroid	Ermine Library Hub opening date
p)	Mrs M J Overton MBE	R G Davies	Local Transport Plan
q)	N H Pepper	L A Cawrey	Update on HMICFRS

13 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2022/23

A report by the Executive Director – Resources had been circulated.

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED

1. That the 2022/23 Calendar of Meetings, attached as Appendix A to the report, be approved and the points outlined in paragraphs 1.4 and 1.5 be noted; and
2. That authority be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services, following consultation with the Chairs of the relevant Committee(s)/Working Group(s) to amend the Calendar of Meetings as and when required.

14 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

A report by the Executive Director – Resources had been circulated.

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED

That that Council makes the appointments to the organisations as detailed in Schedule 4 as attached to the Order of Proceedings.

15 REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION - CHANGES TO CHIEF OFFICER DELEGATIONS

A report by the Chief Executive had been circulated.

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED

1. That the division of responsibilities between Chief Officers described in the report be noted;
2. That the amendments to the Constitution set out in Appendices B and C to the report be approved.

16 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

A report by the Executive Director – Resources had been circulated.

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2021 – 2022 be approved.

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

Motion by Councillor R B Parker

It was moved and seconded as follows:

There is little doubt that thousands of Lincolnshire people are struggling to make ends meet in the face of the biggest cost of living crisis for a generation.

We have already seen energy bills for the average household rise last month by almost £700 to just under £2,000 a year as the Government raised the energy price cap by 56 per cent to its highest ever level. Even bigger rises are forecast for October.

Most experts agree that in the coming days and weeks, many families across Lincolnshire who are already facing real hardships will suffer food poverty as the price of groceries continues to increase in line with the highest inflation for decades.

It is clear that many of those we represent need urgent help now if they and their children have a chance of surviving financially.

At the same time, energy price rises mean that profits by North Sea oil and gas producers are likely to hit almost £20 billion in the current year – up from £11.75 billion last year. These excess profits are caused, to a large extent, by rises in the cost of fossil fuels.

Accordingly, this Council agrees that the Leader of the County Council should write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, copied to Lincolnshire MPs, imploring the Government to take immediate measures to assist those hardest hit by the cost of living crisis, including levying an immediate one-off substantial windfall tax on the billions of pounds in unexpected excess profits now being banked by fossil fuel companies.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was lost.

NOTE: the following councillors wished it to be noted that they voted in favour of the motion: Councillors M D Boles, S Bunney, K J Clarke, R J Cleaver, P M Dilks, R A Gibson, J L King, K E Lee, Mrs A M Newton MBE, Mrs M J Overton MBE and R B Parker.

The meeting closed at 12.45 pm