

Agenda Item 4

VIRTUAL MEETING OF LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

19 FEBRUARY 2021

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

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If a Councillor would like to speak, they are requested to use the meeting chat function and to type 'speak' as a comment (Members will usually only be invited to speak if they have indicated using the chat function). Requests will be collated by the Chairman supported by the Head of Democratic Services.

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The agenda previously circulated and published will be followed

Councillor M Brookes in the Chair

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(Councillors are asked to ensure that their video and microphone are both off at the start of the meeting)

Nigel West to signal that the meeting is live with the words: "Good morning Chairman".

The Chairman to open the meeting and introduce himself.

Chairman to further state:

To enable the smooth running of this virtual meeting of the County Council I will shortly propose to suspend some of the Council procedure rules under paragraph 21.1 of the Council Procedure Rules of the Council's Constitution.

Head of Democratic Services, Nigel West, will then carry out a roll call to confirm attendance at the meeting and support for the motion to suspend procedure rules.

Firstly, to avoid numerous roll call votes and the length of time that such votes take, I propose to have a roll call vote on agenda item 6 – Council Budget 2021/22 and 12 - Motions on Notice, and otherwise to conduct votes on the business on the agenda in the following way:

- a) I will ask if there are any councillors abstaining from the vote to indicate in the chat function by typing 'abstain'. The Head of Democratic Services will identify any members abstaining for the benefit of the public.
- b) I will then ask if there are any councillors voting against the motion to indicate by typing 'against' in the chat function.
- c) In the absence of any votes against I will declare the motion carried.
- d) If there are any votes against there will be a vote by roll call.

If any member wishes to call for a recorded vote on any item of business they should type the words 'recorded vote' into the chat function.

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 recorded votes will be taken on agenda item 6 – Council Budget 2021/22 and any amendments.

I therefore propose that the following Council procedure rules be suspended for the duration of the meeting, 13.2 (Right of the Chairman to require motion to be written down and handed to him), 15(c) (Every proposition to be decided by voices or show of hands), 15(d) (Where the decision of the Chairman is challenged on voices, requirement to have a show of hands), 15(f) (standing to call for a recorded vote) 19.1 (Standing to speak), Rule 19.2 (Chairman Standing).

Secondly in order to allow for one debate on agenda item 6 – Council Budget 2021/22 - I propose **that procedure rules 13.4, 13.6 (b), 13.6 (c), 13.6 (d), 13.6 (e)**

and 13.10 (b) are temporarily suspended for agenda item 6 only – The Council's Budget 2021/22.

Councillor T Bridges to second.

Nigel West, Head of Democratic Services, to ask Councillors to confirm their presence at the meeting and to clearly state whether they are voting for, against or abstaining in the motion to suspend the procedure rules listed above. **Councillors' names will be read out alphabetically. Councillors are requested to respond by unmuting their microphones only and saying 'present' followed by 'For', 'Against' or 'Abstain'.**

Nigel West, Head of Democratic Services, to announce the result of the vote to suspend procedure rules.

The Chairman to confirm the decision.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

List of apologies to be read by Nigel West, Head of Democratic Services.

2. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

Councillors to indicate by typing 'speak' in the chat function if they have any interests they wish to declare.

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. Where councillors do declare an interest they must state what the interest is.

Councillors must not speak or vote on the item if they have a DPI unless they have been awarded a dispensation by the Monitoring Officer. A number of dispensations have been awarded for Item 6 (Council Budget 2020/21) on today's Agenda. Councillors are not therefore required to declare that they have a dispensation.

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 11 DECEMBER 2020

The Chairman to state:-

That the minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 11 December 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman to ask if there are any councillors abstaining from the vote to indicate in the chat function by typing 'abstain'.

Chairman to ask if there are any councillors voting against the motion to indicate by typing 'against' in the chat function.

In the absence of any votes against, the Chairman will declare the motion carried.

If there are any votes against there will be a vote by roll call.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

We continue to witness the devastating loss of lives all around the world and we are comforted to know our NHS staff and key workers are continuing to work hard and tirelessly to keep us all safe and well. The rollout of the vaccine is proving to be successful and this gives us hope for the future but we must continue to encourage all to adhere to the guidelines issued by the Government.

We wait with bated breath for the Prime Minister's announcement on the Government's roadmap for emerging from the current lockdown, in the hope that it will enable our schoolchildren to return to lessons in their classrooms, as soon as it is safe to do so.

I look forward to being able to carry out my civic duties in person rather than via the virtual world afforded to us by the likes of Microsoft Teams and Zoom.

I was pleased to attend the virtual Public Sector Compact Apprenticeship Celebration Event last month, where I was invited to speak about the importance of the apprenticeship scheme and in particular how Lincolnshire County Council contributes greatly to this. It was inspiring to hear from providers who reported on how apprentices have continued to progress with focus and determination, despite facing such unique and difficult challenges, and this was recognised and celebrated.

On a sadder note, I have to report the death of the following former County Councillors:

Mrs Edna Chapman who represented the Grantham North West electoral division from 1985 until 1993 and again from 2001 until 2009. Mrs Chapman served as Chairman of the Council for the year 2005-2006.

Mr Jim Dodsworth who represented Wainfleet and Burgh electoral division from 1981 until 2001.

At this point councillors may wish to pay tribute to the former councillors by typing 'speak' into the meeting chat.

5. 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 virtual 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.

When invited to ask their question, councillors should switch on their video and microphone, and switch them off again when they have finished speaking.

6. COUNCIL BUDGET 2021/22

A report by the Executive Director – Resources has been circulated, together with a separate document entitled 'Council Budget 2021/22' which describes the Executive's Budget and council tax proposals.

Subject to the procedure rules having been temporarily amended for this item, the Chairman to state:

I would remind councillors that for this Item procedure rules 13.4, 13.6 (b), 13.6 (c), 13.6 (d), 13.6 (e) and 13.10 (b) are temporarily suspended and therefore I propose that there be one debate and that:

- (1) Councillor M J Hill OBE Leader of the Council in introducing and moving the budget and in responding to issues raised during the debate be allowed to speak without limit of time (at A and F in this Order of Proceedings)**
- (2) That proposers of any amendments listed in this order of proceedings each be allowed to speak without limit of time (at C on the Order of Proceedings)**
- (3) That Councillors seconding the motions, each be allowed to speak for 6 minutes (at B and D on the Order of Proceedings or at E on the Order of Proceedings if they reserve their speech until later in the debate)**
- (4) That other speakers each be allowed to speak for 3 minutes (at E on the Order of Proceedings)**
- (5) That no further amendments to be moved.**

Rules of debate

The Chairman will state:

I wish to remind members about the Rules of Debate as set out in rules 13.5 and 13.9 of the Council Procedure Rules which have not been suspended. These are set out in paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) below:

Therefore, the debate will take the form as set out in paragraphs (A) to (G) on pages 6 to 11 of the Order of Proceedings.

(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 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.
- (iii) (a) Except as set out in rules 13.5 and 13.9 above, councillors are only allowed to speak once during the debate. Therefore, the motion and any amendment(s) will proceed as one debate.
- (b) Councillors are reminded that the Chairman will require the mover of any amendment – if it is to increase expenditure, to indicate the source from which financial provision is to be made for the proposal and if it is to reduce expenditure, to indicate where the reduction is to be made.

Budget Debate

(A) Councillor M J Hill OBE Leader of the Council to introduce the report and move:-

(NOTE: the text highlighted in red at paragraph 5.1 and 5.2 below shows additions to the recommendations published in the Council papers)

It is recommended that the Council:

Council Budget 2020/21

1. **approves that the budget for 2020/21 be amended as follows:**
 - 1.1 **a new Support for Businesses Reserve of £12.000m be**

created for the purpose of implementing schemes for supporting Lincolnshire businesses, by a transfer of £12.000m from the Financial Volatility Reserve; and

1.2 £0.200m be transferred from the Financial Volatility Reserve to the existing Flood and Water Risk Management reserve for the purpose of providing 5,000 sandbags across the county, the part refilling of grit bins throughout the winter, and localised sandbags provided for emergency response to Parish Councils.

Council Budget 2021/22

It is recommended that the Council:

2. has due regard to the responses to the consultation on the Council's budget proposals as contained in the appended Budget Book (Appendix D - Budget Consultation Feedback);
3. has due regard to the Section 151 Officer's Statement on the Robustness of the Budget and the Adequacy of Reserves as set out in the appended Budget Book (Section 11 - Section 151 Officer's Statement on the Robustness of the Budget and Adequacy of Reserves);
4. has due regard to the Impact Analysis relating to increasing the Council Tax by 1.99% in 2021/22 set out in the appended 'Budget Book' (Appendix C – Impact Analysis relating to increasing the Council Tax by 1.99% in 2021/22);
5. approves:
 - 5.1 the service revenue budgets for 2021/22 contained in the appended Budget Book, (Table 2 - Net Service Revenue Budget 2021/22) **subject to the addition of £25k recurring expenditure in 'Other Budgets' to cover the County Council's share of the cost of Lincolnshire District Councils providing discretionary Council Tax relief for Special Constables, with a corresponding reduction of £25k in the proposed transfer to the Financial Volatility Reserve Earmarked Reserve;**
 - 5.2 the capital programme and its funding contained in the appended Budget Book (Section 8 - Capital Programme) and (Appendix P - Capital Programme), **subject to the addition of a further £2.3m to the new Rural Road Fund to maintain Highways funding at record levels, with the stated purpose of the fund to be amended to read "Investment Fund for Rural Roads across the county, with priority primarily afforded to minor rural and unclassified roads". This will be funded by a corresponding reduction of the New Developments Capital Contingency Fund in 2021/22 only;**

5.3 the County Council element of the council tax for a Band D property at £1,364.16 for 2021/22 contained in the appended Budget Book (Appendix B - County Precept 2021/22);

as together being the Council's Budget.

- 6. approves the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy contained in the appended Budget Book (Appendix E – Medium Term Financial Strategy);**
- 7. approves the Council's Capital Strategy 2021/22 contained in the appended Budget Book (Appendix O – Capital Strategy 2021/22);**
- 8. approves the Council's Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy 2021/22 contained in the appended Budget Book (Appendix G - Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy);**
- 9. approves the prudential targets for capital finance and notes the prudential indicators contained in the appended Budget Book (Appendix N - Prudential Indicators);**
- 10. approves that the minimum revenue provision (MRP) be based on the asset life method, charged on an annuity basis for major infrastructure projects and in equal instalments for all other assets, over the estimated life of the assets acquired through borrowing as set out in the appended Budget Book (Section 10 - Minimum Revenue Provision).**

(B) Motion to be seconded by Councillor M A Whittington

(C) Amendment to be moved by Councillor R B Parker on behalf of the Labour Group

The Labour Group's alternative budget again recognises that our residents look to the County Council to provide important services which protect and promote their interests. This is particularly true at this time when Covid-19 continues to have a major impact on the lives of many of our residents, families and businesses. The budget put forward by the Conservative Group only deals with some of the issues presented by the Covid-19 pandemic. In particular there is scant recognition by way of extra funding of the serious educational and social challenges that many children and young people are and will continue to face because of Covid-19. This alternative budget deals with that deficiency through making sufficient and effective use of the balances available to the County Council at this time of need. Because, after all, that is what balances are for. Despite a council commitment to a 'Green Agenda' there is little recognition in the budget put forward by the controlling group of new innovative developments aimed at reducing carbon emissions. Under this revised budget, the balances going forward will stand at £27.773m.

It is proposed therefore that the following amendments are made to the circulated 'Council Budget 2021/22' report:

Extra Revenue Spending 2021/22 and succeeding years

		2021/ 22	2022/23 and 2023/24
1a	<p>Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Support for Children and Young People.</p> <p>This funding would be used to strengthen our response to the emerging emotional wellbeing and mental health needs of children and young people across Lincolnshire. It is well documented that the impact of the pandemic has been severe and supporting children and young people is essential to mitigate long lasting effects.</p> <p>The funding would provide additional capacity across our established pathways to reduce and prevent waiting times and allow services to be responsive to need as it emerges. This will include our preventative, early intervention and specialist services.</p>	£3.000m	-
1b	<p>Extension to the catch up programme (for 1 further year)</p> <p>The additional support should enhance the Government Funded Catch Up Funding which is set to provide £80 to schools for mainstream pupils and £240 for pupils in Special schools and APs.</p> <p>To ensure that catch up funding is targeted appropriately and teachers are skilled in addressing gaps in learning, schools should be supported in ensuring that assessment for all year groups is accurate. A group of trained professionals would deliver training to all schools (at a cost of £0.185m) and work with teachers across schools to ensure teachers are able to identify gaps in learning and address these in the most effective way – this would be based on a monitoring and moderation model for targeted support and a system wide offer, and provide governance.</p> <p>Schools would then be given additional funding to provide catch up for their pupils in the way that leaders determine best fits with their school priorities. This could include individual and small group support for pupils or additional teaching time either before or after school. Sessions should be delivered by highly skilled experts to ensure pupils make the best progress possible. Schools could use some of the funding to purchase equipment so pupils can access the high quality materials already provided by Oak Academy and integrate these into face to face delivery so pupils access bespoke programmes which are designed to meet their needs.</p>	£7.000m	-

	<p>Schools could use some of the funding for holiday catch up programmes to support pupils in catching up with the content of the curriculum but also to develop broader social skills pupils have missed whilst being at home.</p> <p>There should be a particular focus on transition year groups who will be moving onto their next phase of education who may have missed a substantial part of their course. This includes children in the Reception cohort, those in Year 6 due to start secondary school, those in Year 8 or 9 due to start GCSE courses and those in Year 11 looking to move into the next stage of education.</p> <p>A mechanism for providing this funding to schools would need to be agreed with the DfE</p>		
1c	<p>Additional funds for the virtual school for addition tuition for Looked After Children: This would provide catch up programmes using additional tutoring for 300 children young people from years 4-11 for 12 months</p>	£0.400m	-
2a	<p>Touring Exhibition – Usher Gallery Presentation of the Exhibition</p>	£0.050m	-
3a	<p>Green Master Plan: Sustainability Projects Solar Canopies: This project would develop solar canopies for car parks that incorporated panels to generate electricity. The canopies could include electric vehicle charging points that utilised the electricity generated from the panels</p>	£0.300m	-
3b.	<p>Green Master Plan: Sustainability Projects LCC Buildings: Installation of solar panels to LCC owned buildings</p>	£0.250m	-
3c	<p>Green Master Plan: Sustainability Projects Schools: Energy efficiency programme in LCC maintained schools to reduce running costs for schools and reduce carbon emissions for LCC</p>	£1.000m	-
3d	<p>Green Master Plan: Sustainability Projects Create a fund to purchase low grade land for habitat development. At the same time the project could generate income through carbon credits</p>	£0.750m	-
	Total Extra Revenue Spending	£12.75m	-

Extra Capital Spending 2021/22 and succeeding years

1.	<p>Street Lighting LEDs £7m over three years to implement full LED conversion with aggressively dimmed all-night lighting and re-visit existing part-night lit LEDs to make all night and aggressively dimmed</p>	£2.330m	£4.670m
	Total Extra Capital Spending	£2.33m	£4.67m

Funding of the Extra Spending 2021/22 and succeeding years

The extra revenue spending is all one-off and will be funded via a drawdown from the Financial Volatility Reserve. The balance prior to the amendment as shown in the budget book (p71) is £40.483m and the commitments set out here would reduce that balance to £27.733m.

The extra capital spending is a three year programme totalling £7m. This will be funded by top slicing the annual New Developments Capital Contingency Fund which is set at £7.5m per annum as shown in the budget book (p116) and reduce it to £5.17m per annum for the three years 2021/22 to 2023/24.

Executive Director of Resources/s.151 Officer Commentary

The Executive Director of Resources has confirmed these proposals are viable and broadly compliant with the existing Financial Strategy of the Council.

The capital proposals make use of a proportion of the annual capital contingency for the first three years of the plan and therefore means less flexibility to bring forward new proposals in year.

The revenue proposals make use of a significant drawdown of the Financial Volatility reserve. Reiterating my comments from Section 11 of the budget book, the stated intention of the reserve is to manage future funding volatility and given that issue is yet to be resolved, it is my strong professional opinion that the reserve should be maintained towards its historical level of around £50m and steps should be taken to replenish it to that level at the earliest opportunity.

(D) To be seconded by Councillor R A Renshaw

Debate to take place

(E) Other Councillors

(F) Response by the Leader of the Council

(G) in accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 the recorded votes to be taken in the following order:

- (i) Labour Group Amendment
- (ii) Conservative Group Motion (Original or amended)

7. PAY POLICY STATEMENT

A report by the Executive Director - Resources has been circulated.

Councillor M J Hill OBE to move:

That the Council approves the Pay Policy Statement 2021/22 attached at Appendix A to the report, as recommended by the Pay Policy Sub-Committee.

Councillor Mrs A M Newton to second.

The Chairman to invite any speakers.

Chairman to ask if there are any councillors abstaining from the vote to indicate in the chat function by typing 'abstain'.

Chairman to ask if there are any councillors voting against the motion to indicate by typing 'against' in the chat function.

In the absence of any votes against, the Chairman will declare the motion carried.

If there are any votes against there will be a vote by roll call

8. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S GREEN MASTERPLAN

A report by the Executive Director - Place has been circulated.

Councillor C J Davie to move:

That the County Council supports the Green Masterplan as attached as Appendix A to the report.

Councillor E J Poll to second.

The Chairman to invite any speakers.

Chairman to ask if there are any councillors abstaining from the vote to indicate in the chat function by typing 'abstain'.

Chairman to ask if there are any councillors voting against the motion to indicate by typing 'against' in the chat function.

In the absence of any votes against, the Chairman will declare the motion carried.

If there are any votes against there will be a vote by roll call.

9. REVIEW OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN

A report by the Executive Director - Place has been circulated.

Councillor E J Poll to move:

That the County Council:

1. **Approve the document attached to the report as Appendix A for publication as the "Review of the Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan – February 2021".**
2. **Approve the document attached as Appendix B to the report for publication as the "Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Development Scheme – February 2021" and resolve that it takes effect on 19 February 2021.**
3. **Authorise the updating of the Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan as a whole in accordance with the Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Development Scheme referred to in the recommendation above.**

Councillor D McNally to second.

The Chairman to invite any speakers.

Chairman to ask if there are any councillors abstaining from the vote to indicate in the chat function by typing 'abstain'.

Chairman to ask if there are any councillors voting against the motion to indicate by typing 'against' in the chat function.

In the absence of any votes against, the Chairman will declare the motion carried.

If there are any votes against there will be a vote by roll call.

10. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

A report by the Monitoring Officer has been circulated.

Councillor B Young to move:

That the Council approves the changes to the Constitution shown in Appendices A, B, C and D of the report.

Councillor Mrs A M Newton to second.

The Chairman to invite any speakers.

Chairman to ask if there are any councillors abstaining from the vote to

indicate in the chat function by typing 'abstain'.

Chairman to ask if there are any councillors voting against the motion to indicate by typing 'against' in the chat function.

In the absence of any votes against, the Chairman will declare the motion carried.

If there are any votes against there will be a vote by roll call.

11. EXECUTIVE DECISION – RULE 17 (SPECIAL URGENCY)

A report by the Leader of the Council has been circulated.

Councillor M J Hill OBE to move:

That the decision made under Rule 17 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules in the Council's Constitution by the Chief Executive be noted.

Councillor C E H Marfleet to second.

The Chairman to invite any speakers.

Chairman to ask if there are any councillors abstaining from the vote to indicate in the chat function by typing 'abstain'.

Chairman to ask if there are any councillors voting against the motion to indicate by typing 'against' in the chat function.

In the absence of any votes against, the Chairman will declare the motion carried.

If there are any votes against there will be a vote by roll call.

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

(1) Motion by Councillor C J Davie

Lincolnshire County Council Renewables, Landscape and Economic Position statement:

In 2012 this Council signed the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change and we have made significant progress in reducing the Councils Carbon footprint to date. The Executive recently approved the Green Masterplan, that we debated earlier today, and this is the Council's road map to becoming zero carbon by 2050.

We also note the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnerships

significant involvement and support for the low carbon economy which has an economic value to the area of £1.2bn per annum and holds enormous potential for future investment of up to £60bn over the next 15 years. Already employing over 12,000 people the newly announced off shore wind licenses, issued by the Crown Estate, presents further opportunities for growth, not just in offshore wind but in other technologies such as hydrogen and carbon capture that are setting up in our wider economic area and are part of long term Government initiatives.

In 2013 this council agreed a Wind Energy Position statement due to the enormous public concern over large scale industrial wind farms coming into the County area and the harm they would cause to our visual amenity and landscape settings which are a significant driver for our visitor economy. In 2015 the government's own position statement made it clear that communities must support any local application for wind turbines before it could be approved and this is explicit in Paragraph 154 (b) of the National planning policy Framework. This motion seeks to update this councils position statement, especially as the turbines which were of concern in 2013 have been replaced by much bigger units having a much greater visual impact.

This Council and the GLLEP both recognise the huge importance of our County for its role in the agri-food sector, especially for high quality food production and for supporting the requirements of the supply chain to meet contractual requirements to achieve zero-carbon targets. It is therefore vital the County's highly prized Grade 1 Agricultural land is, wherever feasible, protected solely for the production of food and for the appropriate investment in new technologies to achieve zero-carbon targets to be supported across the agri-food sector.

Within the strategic Economic plan is the need to progress 100,000 new homes in the GLLEP area by 2035. In Lincolnshire the progress to modern zero carbon homes has been painfully slow and leadership is now required to push developers to build the homes of the future. The arguments often used by developers against such a move vary but if whole life costings are used as a benchmark then there are no arguments that will prevail against Lincolnshire leading the way in building the homes that a modern, environmentally and socially aware workforce require. The public sector can set the standard for the properties that they seek to build as landowner and promoter of new development sites

The Council therefore Resolves:

- 1. That this Council should play a leadership role in encouraging the take up of zero carbon policies across the entire public sector. We should therefore encourage and instigate joint initiatives to help the County, as a place, to deliver a zero carbon future.**
- 2. To recognise the work of GLLEP on the wider low carbon agenda**

and creation of new green jobs which this council endorses. This Council will provide, through its economy team and working with GLLEP, advice and support to all sectors, businesses and the supply chain who request it, who wish to embrace the green jobs agenda and the Governments Green Industrial strategy.

3. We reaffirm our support for the 2013 Wind Energy Position statement and accordingly amend it thus:
 - a) The Council responds to all revising local plans and suggests that Paragraph 154(b) of the NPPF is made explicit in all local plans - that majority community support must be demonstrated before any development is passed;
 - b) As a council we object to all applications for on-shore wind turbines, other than for small scale (1-2 turbines), which are specifically linked to development and business sustainability issues and subject to them complying with all other planning policy considerations;
 - c) This council recognises the importance of our landscape and big open skies as a significant economic driver for our Visitor economy and for the role of the RAF in the County and this must be protected for future generations to enjoy and use.

4. Of increasing importance post-Brexit is the fact that the County makes one of the largest contributions to the fresh produce supply for the nation. We recognise the value of our land, particularly Grade 1. Therefore we will object to any development proposal on Grade 1 land, unless it is temporary, time-limited, provides demonstrable alternative environmental benefits or where there is no viable alternative.

5. The wider Lincolnshire area should seek to lead by example on new housing growth and therefore this Council supports a position that all new development in the County should be designed and built to Zero Carbon standards. We request the Director of Place to communicate our view on this subject to the Local Planning Authorities, working with them and supporting them in the achievement of this position.

Councillor E J Poll to second

The Chairman to ask Nigel West, Head of Democratic Services, to carry out a roll call vote. Members are requested to only switch on their microphone and clearly state 'For', 'Against' or 'Abstain' when their name is called.

The Chairman to announce the result of the vote.

(2) Motion by Councillor R B Parker

Preamble: In April 2020 weekly payments of Universal Credit were increased by £20 a week to provide extra support during the Coronavirus pandemic. That increase is set to be withdrawn on 31 March.

In January the Resolution Foundation warned that millions face the sharpest drop in living standards in a generation and the decision whether to keep the benefit uplift would “help define whether this is to be a Parliament of ‘levelling up’ living standards or pushing up poverty”.

Earlier this month a report by MPs on the House of Commons Work and Pensions committee argued that removing the extra payment as planned by the government would represent a ‘failure’ by government to recognise the reality of people struggling as a result of the pandemic.

The cost to the Exchequer of extending the £20 a week uplift for six months would be £3 billion. But that sum should be seen in the context of a total cost to date of £260 billion on responding to the Coronavirus pandemic and the annual cost of £100 billion spent on working age welfare payments.

The table below shows the sheer size of the increase in the number of Lincolnshire people claiming Universal Credit over the last year or so across nine of our centres of population.

	December 2019	December 2020	% change
Boston	3562	8372	135.04%
Gainsborough	2274	4111	80.78%
Grantham	3180	6094	91.64%
Lincoln	8852	17973	103.04%
Louth	1264	2549	101.66%
Skegness	4626	8229	77.89%
Sleaford	1455	3529	142.54%
Spalding	3312	7706	132.67%
Stamford	3056	6503	112.79%
Total	31581	65066	

Motion

This council

(1) notes the large numbers of Lincolnshire people likely to be left struggling financially by the ending on 31 March of the £20 a week uplift in Universal Credit.

(2) calls on the Leader of the Council to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer:-

(a) making the point that the uplift of Universal Credit has had a positive impact on the lives of many families and that now is not the right time to end to uplift and

(b) calling on the Chancellor to extend the uplift for 6 months to allow time for the UK economy to expand following the easing of lock-down restrictions and the greater numbers of people having been vaccinated. The situation then to be reviewed in the light of known health factors.

Councillor R A Renshaw to second

The Chairman to ask Nigel West, Head of Democratic Services, to carry out a roll call vote. Members are requested to only switch on their microphone and clearly state 'For', 'Against' or 'Abstain' when their name is called.

The Chairman to announce the result of the vote.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Members should immediately end the call using the red phone icon.

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCILLORS

COUNCIL MEETINGS – RULES OF DEBATE

(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.

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 speakers 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 making 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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