

# Lowestoft Town Council Finance and Governance Committee

For the attention of all Committee Members

You are summoned to attend an Extraordinary Meeting of the Finance and Governance Committee of Lowestoft Town Council at 12:00 on 26 April 2023, at **First Floor, Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 1DE.**

**The meeting is open to the public and press to attend** and those attending the meeting shall be informed that the meeting may be reported on (including recording, photographing and filming). This does not apply to confidential items. Comments can also be submitting regarding any item on the agenda in advance of the meeting. Members of the public can join the meeting remotely via the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82977874075>. The meeting can also be observed via YouTube on the following link: <https://youtu.be/0LJTbDHqugk>.

*In providing any comments members of the public accept that, where they are suitable, they may be considered at the meeting and published in our minutes. Any individual submitting the comments should ensure that their name, address and contact details are included in their communication and should note that anonymous submissions will not be accepted. Members of the public accept that their name may be noted and recorded at the meeting. However, their contact details will not be noted and reported publicly.*

Councillors must register relevant interests and declare them at a meeting if they have such an interest in a matter to be considered. Under the Localism Act 2011, a councillor with **relevant interests** in matters on the Agenda cannot take part or vote on those matters, unless they have been granted a dispensation. Under the Council's Code of Conduct, a councillor must leave the meeting room if they have such an interest, unless they have been granted a dispensation. There may be other interests or matters in which councillors might be considered to be biased or predetermined in which case they will need to consider whether they should leave the room.

The Council has a duty to pay due regard to preventing crime and disorder and to conserve biodiversity as part of relevant decisions.

To help prevent the spread of infectious diseases, all attendees should consider the safety of others, make their own risk assessment of the advisability of attending and consider measures they should take to ensure their own safety.

*A. Pearce*

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Cllr Andy Pearce, Chair  
20 April 2023

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**Extraordinary Meeting of the Finance and Governance Committee**  
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**12:00 on 26 April 2023**

**AGENDA**

**213. Welcome**

To explain the fire evacuation procedure, welcome the meeting, and remind councillors and members of the public of the right to report.

**214. To receive and consider approval of apologies for absence**

**215. Declarations of Interests and dispensations**

215.1. To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Registerable and Non-Registerable Interests from councillors on items on the agenda

215.2. To consider written requests for dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and note dispensations granted

**216. To consider the draft minutes and appended confidential notes of the meeting on 3 April 2023**

**217. Public forum**

An opportunity for the public to make comments on any matters on this agenda, and to consider any advance comments from the public.

**218. To consider the following recommendations from the Standing Orders and Policies Sub-Committee:**

218.1a. To recommend adoption of the following policies:

Co-option Policy (as amended)

Equality and Diversity Policy (as amended)

Health and Safety Policy (as amended)

Infrastructure Investment Plan (as amended)

Investment Policy (as amended)

Memorial Planting (as amended) and Memorial Benches

Open Spaces Strategy (revised)

Reserves Policy (as amended)

Training and Development Policy (as amended)

Tree Policy (as amended)

Video Meeting Protocol (as amended and with revisions to be considered by Full Council)

Volunteer Policy (draft – to be considered further by Full Council)

Whistleblowing Policy

Wild Flower Meadows Policy (as amended)

**219. Date of the next meeting**

23 May 2023 14:00 (to be confirmed)

**220. Items for the next agenda and close**