



Lowestoft
Town Council

Cllr Representation Reporting Form

<p>Councillor: Colin Butler</p> <p>Body: Lowestoft Place Board</p> <p>Report Date: 13th June 2022</p>	
<p>Meetings attended & dates</p>	<p>Lowestoft Place Board 8th June 2022</p>
<p>Key issues discussed during the meeting(s) (relevant to LTC)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Dental services - Peter Aldous has requested another debate plus a motion in Parliament regarding the paucity of dental provision in Lowestoft. It was noted that dental kits for schools attract full VAT at 20%. 2) Lowestoft Rising – Only 2 rough sleepers in town; all hostels are full. Food bank in increasing demand – 1300 boxes/month. Supermarket champions are now at store entrances to encourage donations. Church venues will host schools holiday programmes of meals + activities for 4 hours per day. Financial intervention classes to be offered before debt creates poverty. 3) Towns Deal update – Outstanding land ownership problems now resolved in the Cultural Quarter, whose bid was signed off by ESC on 7th June for Place Board approval 8th June. The Battery Green car park is intended for cultural and leisure uses to increase footfall in the town centre; backstage developments for the Marina Theatre are included; also development of the Marina Centre (top floor for theatre use, ground floor as café/restaurant). The project viability has been confirmed with cost/benefit ratio 2:1. £14.7m from the Towns Fund to be topped up with extra funding to £24.4m. 4) The “Think Clean” Street Cleaning Review for Lowestoft has also been circulated to Councillors within the weekly LTC update on 10th June. 5) Lowestoft and Northern Parishes Community Update reported on Schools Healthy Eating and Warm Places in village halls. 6) East Coast College: External Partnerships – Julia Bates has been in post for a month to head programmes to Level Up Through Skills, e.g. ‘green’ enterprises, and also to develop collaboration and connections in the town (coincident with students starting re-painting, etc at Denes Oval!)
<p>Actions by LTC?</p>	<p>Lowestoft Rising proposes ‘Keep Warm’ locations in the community for people to attend and socialize during winter months. It is intended to provide tablets for people to use. Maybe LTC could offer Councilors’ redundant tablets?</p>
<p>Signed: Colin Butler</p>	<p>Date 13th June 2022</p>