

Lowestoft Town Council Climate and Ecological Emergency Committee

For the attention of all Committee Members

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Committee of Lowestoft Town Council at 15:30 on 18 September 2023, at **First Floor, Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 1DE.**

The meeting is held in accessible premises and open to the public and press to attend.

Those attending 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.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81949592126>. The meeting can also be observed via YouTube on the following link: <https://youtu.be/wrVI-QF6oPU>.

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.

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Shona Bendix, Clerk

11 September 2023

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AGENDA

65. Welcome

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

66. To receive and consider approval of apologies for absence

67. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

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

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

68. To consider the draft minutes and confidential note of the meeting on 21 August 2023

69. 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.

70. To monitor expenditure by this Committee from the climate emergency budget, under delegated authority

71. To consider any matters to raise with Cllr Rachel Smith-Lyte (Cabinet Member for the Environment) or Cllr Caroline Topping (East Suffolk Council Leader with responsibility for Parish Liaison) and/or the Environment and Waste Group, and to receive feedback on any matter previously raised, including the following:

71.1. To give early consideration to review of the Waveney Local Plan

72. To consider the following items on the agenda:

72.1. To consider the following in relation to the Earth Protector Town Status of Lowestoft Town Council and relevant actions:

72.1a. Signing up as the community lead on Plastic Free Communities

72.2. To consider Lowestoft Town Council's draft Climate Action Plan and relevant actions:

72.2a. Include in the plan an annual review of the greenhouse gas emissions of Lowestoft Town Council against the baseline 2019 Greenhouse Gas Report to ensure the Town Council is on target to meet its commitment to reach net zero emissions by 2030

72.3. To consider the natural environment with regards to Lowestoft's parks and open spaces and relevant actions:

72.3a. To receive an update regarding the Lowestoft Kittiwake Partnership (confidential)

72.3b. To consider a grant application from the Lowestoft Kittiwake Partnership (some aspects may be confidential)

72.4. To consider issues relating to the energy and water supply of the built environment of Lowestoft and relevant actions:

72.4a. Receive an update on a new energy supplier

72.4b. Receive an update on the water refill scheme of Lowestoft Vision

72.4c. Receive an update on the provision of water bottle refill stations including the following:

72.4ci. Feedback from the site visit with MIW Water Cooler Experts

72.4d. Receive an update on water storage in parks

72.5. To consider issues relating to waste and pollution and relevant actions:

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- 72.5a. Receive an update from East Suffolk Council on Lowestoft's Blue Flag status
- 72.6. To consider public transport and alternative methods of travel and relevant actions:
 - 72.6a. The provision of buses, with consideration of the state of bus stops and shelters
- 72.7. To consider avenues of community engagement and relevant actions:
 - 72.7a. Receive an update on the formation of a Lowestoft Pupils Climate Committee
 - 72.7b. Plans for the 'Big Green Weekend' for 2024
 - 72.7c. Receive feedback on the Terms of Reference of this Committee regarding a minimum age requirement

- 73. To review the decisions on this agenda from the perspective of nature**

- 74. Date of the next meeting**
Monday 16 October - 15:30

- 75. Items for the next agenda and close**

- 76. To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, namely any legal issues relating to the matters on this agenda**