

# 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 20 November 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/81817730886>. The meeting can also be observed via YouTube on the following link: <https://youtu.be/bBu5hX3D5zU>.

*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

13 November 2023

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**AGENDA**

**89. Welcome**

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

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

**91. Declarations of Interests and dispensations**

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

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

**92. To consider the draft minutes and confidential note of the meeting on 16 October 2023**

**93. 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.

**94. To receive a report from an invited speaker regarding the Local Plan and the Town Council's Climate Action Plan**

**95. To receive a report from an invited speaker regarding the accumulative impact of proposed energy projects on East Suffolk**

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

**97. 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 to receive feedback on any matter previously raised**

**98. To consider the following items on the agenda:**

98.1. To consider avenues of community engagement and relevant actions:

98.1a. Receive an update on the formation of a Lowestoft Pupils Climate Committee

98.1b. Plans for the 'Big Green Weekend' for 2024

98.1c. Receive a presentation from Cllr Ray on Plant Based Councils

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

98.2a. Recommend Lowestoft Town Council signs the pledge for Plastic Free Communities as the Community Lead

98.2b. Setting up a Steering Group for Plastic Free Communities and appointment of a Town Council representative

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

98.3a. Support for Zero Hour and their Climate and Ecology Bill

98.4. To consider issues relating to waste and pollution:

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- 98.4a. Receive an update on the Bulky Waste Scheme
- 98.4b. Submitting a response to the East Suffolk Council's Refuse & Dog Waste Bin Policy Consultation
- 98.5. To consider the natural environment with regards to Lowestoft's parks and open spaces and relevant actions:
  - 98.5a. The Town Council Tree Policy in relation to the pledge to replace felled trees
- 98.6. To consider issues relating to the energy and water supply of the built environment of Lowestoft and relevant actions:
  - 98.6a. Receive an update on a new energy supplier
  - 98.6b. Receive an update on the water refill scheme
- 98.7. To consider public transport and alternative methods of travel and relevant actions:
  - 98.7a. Receive the notes of the Public Transport Working Group and consider any relevant actions
  - 98.7b. Support for a local cycling group
- 99. To review the decisions on this agenda from the perspective of nature**
- 100. Date of the next meeting**  
Monday 18 December - 15:30
- 101. Items for the next agenda and close**
- 102. 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**