

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 19 February 2024, 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.

Members of the public can join the meeting remotely via the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88498632427>. The meeting can also be observed via YouTube on the following link: https://youtu.be/G15_whpPexo.

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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Sarah Foote, Acting Town Clerk
12 February 2024

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AGENDA

127. Welcome

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

128. To receive and consider approval of apologies for absence

129. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

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

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

130. To consider the draft minutes and confidential note of the meeting on 15 January 2024

131. 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.

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

133. To receive a presentation from a member of Suffolk Wildlife Trust in connection with community engagement activities and B-Lines 'insect highways'

134. To consider the contents and implications of Planning Application DC/23/4933/DEM and whether Lowestoft Town Council Climate and Ecological Emergency Committee would like to take a formal position on the matter and make a recommendation to Full Council

135. 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, including the following:

135.1. To consider the decision by East Suffolk Council to halt work on the project to construct a tidal barrier in Lowestoft and its implications for Lowestoft's residents and businesses

135.2. To consider potential dates and representatives for a standalone meeting with East Suffolk Council to discuss possible collaboration in relation to environmental matters

136. To consider the following items:

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

136.1a. Receive an update on the formation of a Lowestoft Pupils Climate Committee

136.1b. Plans for the 'Big Green Weekend' for 2024

136.1c. Approve a budget for the Suffolk Wildlife Trust Eco-Event on Sunday 28th April 2024

136.1d. How Lowestoft Town Council can be involved in the Plastic Action week from 9th March 2024

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

136.2a. To review the Climate Emergency Action Plan prior to submission to Full Council

136.2b. To consider stakeholders with regards to climate input for the Annual Assembly

136.2c. To consider the article 'Postcards from the Edge' in relation to the effect of climate change on the Lowestoft community

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- 136.3. To consider the natural environment with regards to Lowestoft's parks and open spaces and relevant actions:
136.3a. To consider the rare invertebrates reported to be present on an LTC-owned site and to understand their needs and conservation status (confidential)
- 136.4. To consider issues relating to the energy and water supply of the built environment of Lowestoft and relevant actions:
136.4a. To receive the latest news on Sizewell C
- 136.5. To consider procurement and funding options for the Climate and Ecological Emergency Committee:
136.5a. Suffolk Climate Action Community Match Funder
- 136.6. To consider public transport and alternative methods of travel and relevant actions:
136.6a. Receive an update from the Public Transport Working Group on the public meeting, including the cycling and walking strategy
- 137. To review the decisions on this agenda from the perspective of nature**
- 138. Date of the next meeting**
Monday 18 March 2024 15:30
- 139. Items for the next agenda and close**
- 140. 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**