

# 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 March 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.**

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Sarah Foote, Acting Town Clerk  
11 March 2024

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**AGENDA**

**141. Welcome**

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

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

**143. Declarations of Interests and dispensations**

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

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

**144. To consider the draft minutes and confidential note of the meeting on 19 February 2024**

**145. 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.

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

**147. To receive a presentation from a member of Suffolk Wildlife Trust in connection with community engagement activities**

**148. To receive a presentation from Zero Hour regarding the Climate and Ecology Bill**

**149. 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:**

149.1. To receive feedback from Cllrs Page and Ray on the meeting with East Suffolk Council discussing collaboration on environmental matters

149.2. To receive feedback from a meeting with East Suffolk Council regarding waste and recycling

149.3. To receive an update on the acoustic panel for McDonalds in Gunton ward

**150. To consider the following items:**

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

150.1a. Receive an update on the formation of a Lowestoft Pupils Climate Committee

150.1b. Plans for the 'Big Green Weekend' for 2024

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

150.2a. Review the Climate Emergency Action Plan and consider a recommendation to Full Council, with consideration of feedback from the standalone meeting

150.2b. Receive feedback on the scheme of delegations relating to planning considerations and discuss the capacity of members to join the Planning Committee

150.2c. How the Environmental Policy is monitored

150.2d. A recommendation to Full Council on whether the Environmental Policy, Sustainability Strategy and Climate Declaration should remain as standalone documents or be merged into one

150.3. To consider the following in relation to the Earth Protector Town Status of Lowestoft Town

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Council and relevant actions:

- 150.3a. Setting up a steering group to audit, plan and monitor the activities and projects undertaken to protect and enhance the environment in and around the town
- 150.4. To consider the natural environment with regards to Lowestoft's parks and open spaces, and other ecology related matters, and relevant actions:
  - 150.4a. Receive an update on the progress of the Lowestoft Kittiwake Partnership (some aspects may be confidential)
  - 150.4b. A quotation for kittiwake nesting mitigation measures on the western elevation of the Marina Theatre
  - 150.4c. Receive an update on the works to support bees in the Town Council parks and open spaces
- 150.5. To consider issues relating to the energy and water supply of the built environment of Lowestoft and relevant actions:
  - 150.5a. Receive an update on the installation of water refill stations
- 150.6. To consider public transport and alternative methods of travel and relevant actions:
  - 150.6a. Receive the notes from the Public Transport Working Group meeting
- 150.7. To consider issues relating to waste and pollution:
  - 150.7a. To consider a policy for dog waste bins
  - 150.7b. A request for dog waste bins in alley ways between Edinburgh Road and Park Road, Edinburgh Road and St Margaret's Road and Edinburgh Road and Cambridge Road
- 151. To review the decisions on this agenda from the perspective of nature**
- 152. Date of the next meeting**  
Monday 15 April 2024 15:30
- 153. Items for the next agenda and close**
- 154. 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**