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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL – 15 JULY 2019

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Council **on Monday 15 July 2019** in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Buildings, West Street, Boston at **6.30 p.m.**

Although it is not a formal part of this Summons or the business of the meeting, the Mayor's Chaplain will lead prayers immediately prior to the meeting.

PHIL DRURY
Chief Executive

AGENDA

PART I - PRELIMINARIES

- A. To sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28 February 2019 attached at pages 1 – 12.**
- B. To receive apologies for absence.**
- C. To receive communications (if any) from the Mayor and the Chief Executive.**
- D. To receive deputations or petitions (if any) pursuant to Rules 12 and 13 of the Council's Rules of Procedure.**
- E. To answer questions (if any) from elected members pursuant to Rule 11 of the Council's Rules of Procedure.**
- F. To answer questions (if any) from members of the public pursuant to Rule 10 of the Council's Rules of Procedure**
- G. To receive declarations by Members of any interests in respect of items on the agenda.**

PART II - AGENDA ITEMS

- 1 **APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL** (Pages 13 - 14)
(Report by the Chief Executive)
- 2 **AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES** (Pages 15 - 30)
(To receive the confirmed minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 28 January and 25 March 2019.)
- 3 **REAPPOINTMENT OF NON-ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES** (Pages 31 - 34)
(Report by the Monitoring Officer)
- 4 **ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS 2018/19** (Pages 35 - 96)
(Report by the Chief Executive)
- 5 **APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS** (Pages 97 - 100)
(Report by the Monitoring Officer)

PART III - MOTIONS ON NOTICE

TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURE RULE 14:-

1. This Council:

1. Commits to make the Council's activities carbon neutral by 2050.
2. Commits to working in partnership with, but not exclusively, the LGA, County Council and Parish Councils in Lincolnshire, local businesses and community groups with the aim of making Lincolnshire carbon neutral within the same time scale.
3. Calls on central government to provide the necessary powers and resources to achieve or better the 2050 target.
4. Notes the progress this Council has made in reducing carbon emissions.
5. Notes the declaration of a 'Climate Emergency'.
6. Will receive an update on policy, details of action taken, an action plan, this will include annual reviews for the period up to 2030.

PROPOSED BY: COUNCILLOR PAUL SKINNER

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR JUDITH SKINNER

2. This Council notes:

That the impacts of climate breakdown are already causing serious damage around the world and as each year passes, we experience it;

That the 'Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C', published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in October 2018;

- (a) describes the enormous harm that a 2°C average rise in global temperatures is likely to cause compared with a 1.5°C rise, and;
- (b) confirms that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society and the private sector.

That all governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to act, and local governments that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies;

That we are not experts in this field, but that is no excuse for inaction;

That collectively as a local community, we need guidance, education, support, encouragement and structure in order to effect change;

That strong policies to cut emissions also have associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits; and

That recognising this, a growing number of UK local authorities have already passed 'Climate Emergency' motions.

This Council therefore commits to:

Declare a 'climate emergency' that requires urgent action.

Endeavour to make the Council's activities net-zero carbon by 2030.

Endeavour to achieve 100% clean energy across the Council's full range of functions by 2030.

Ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2030.

Support and work with all other relevant agencies towards making the entire area zero carbon within the same timescale.

Ensure that elected members together with officers embed this work in all areas and take responsibility for reducing as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the Council's activities, ensuring that any new recommendations are fully costed and that the Cabinet and Scrutiny committees review council activities taking account of production and consumption emissions and produce an action plan within 12 months, together with budget actions and a measured baseline.

Wherever possible, work with, influence and inspire partners across the district, county and region to help deliver this goal through all relevant strategies, plans and shared resources by developing a series of meetings, events and partner workshops.

Request that the Council and partners take steps to proactively include young people in the process, ensuring that they have a powerful voice in shaping the future.

Request that the Portfolio holder with responsibility for Climate Change convenes a Citizens' Assembly in 2019 in order to involve the wider population of the Borough in this process. This group would help develop their own role, identify how the Council's activities might be made net-zero carbon by 2030, consider the latest climate science and expert advice on solutions and to consider systematically the climate change impact of each area of the Council's activities. It will also recommend ways to maximise local benefits of these actions in other sectors such as employment, health, agriculture, transport and economy.

Report on the level of investment in the fossil fuel industry that our pensions plan and other investments have, and review the Council's investment strategy to give due consideration to climate change impacts in the investment portfolio.

Ensure that all reports in preparation for the 2020/21 budget cycle and investment strategy will take into account the actions the council will take to address this emergency.

Call on the UK Government to provide the powers, resources and help with funding to make this possible, and ask our local MP to do likewise.

To review this motion annually in order to keep clear track of progress and to make adjustments as necessary.

PROPOSED BY: COUNCILLOR ANNE DORRIAN

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR NEILL HASTIE

(The Monitoring Officer will issue written advice on the procedure for consideration of the two Motions on Notice relating to the same subject.)

Questions from Members of the Council and the public must be received by 5 p.m. two clear working days prior to the day of the meeting – the deadline for this meeting is 5 p.m. on Wednesday 10 July 2019.

Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting as observers except during the consideration of exempt or confidential items.

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