

**Present:** Councillor Jackie Kirk (*in the Chair*),  
Councillor Bill Bilton, Councillor Alan Briggs,  
Councillor Chris Burke, Councillor Sue Burke,  
Councillor Bob Bushell, Councillor Liz Bushell,  
Councillor Thomas Dyer, Councillor Matthew Fido,  
Councillor Gary Hewson, Councillor Rosanne Kirk,  
Councillor Jane Loffhagen,  
Councillor Rebecca Longbottom, Councillor Helena Mair,  
Councillor Bill Mara, Councillor Ric Metcalfe,  
Councillor Neil Murray, Councillor Donald Nannestad,  
Councillor Lucinda Preston, Councillor Christopher Reid,  
Councillor Clare Smalley, Councillor Hilton Spratt,  
Councillor Mark Storer, Councillor Pat Vaughan,  
Councillor Calum Watt and Councillor Loraine Woolley

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillor Biff Bean, Councillor David Clarkson,  
Councillor Andy Kerry, Councillor Adrianna McNulty,  
Councillor Laura McWilliams,  
Councillor Edmund Strengiel and  
Councillor Naomi Twedde

**51. Confirmation of Minutes - 22 February 2022**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2022 be confirmed and signed as the Chair as a correct record.

**52. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Pat Vaughan declared a personal interest as his granddaughter worked within the finance department at the City of Lincoln Council.

**53. Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor thanked the Alive Church for hosting meetings of the Council, which had enabled it to meet in accordance with social distancing measures in its risk assessment.

The Mayor invited the Leader of the Council to reflect on the tragic events in Ukraine. A message of sympathy and support had been issued by the Council to the Ukrainian community within Lincoln. The Council was liaising with other local authorities on readying itself for people seeking sanctuary within the county, including Lincoln.

The Mayor was sad to report the death of Peter Robinson, who had previously been an officer of the City of Lincoln Council.

The Mayor referred to her engagements since the last meeting of the Council, which had included:

- The unveiling of artwork created by a local artist and school children had been unveiled at Lincoln train station.
- A fundraising event in Newark.

- The South Holland District Council's Civic Service.

**54. Receive Any Questions under Council Procedure Rule 11 from Members of the Public and Provide Answers thereon**

No questions had been submitted by members of the public.

**55. Receive Any Questions under Council Procedure Rule 12 from Members and Provide Answers thereon**

Councillor Thomas Dyer to Councillor Bob Bushell, Portfolio Holder for Remarkable Place

*Question*

Can the executive member provide council with an update on the impact of Lincoln's air quality, with reference to pollution hotspots such as Lindum Hill, following the opening of the Lincoln Eastern by-pass?

*Reply*

The Lincoln Eastern bypass had opened on 19 December 2020 so a full year of monitoring data since the bypass opened was now available. The Council monitored both nitrogen dioxide and particulates smaller than 10 microns (PM10).

The monitoring data had shown there had been a significant reduction in roadside pollution levels from 2019 to 2021 at the sites the Council monitored. However, there were a number of factors that could have influenced the decrease on top of the opening of the Eastern Bypass, including the Covid-19 response measures during 2021 and the closure of Pelham Bridge for several weeks during 2021.

The extent of the reductions due to the opening of the Lincoln Eastern Bypass would become clearer once all 2022 air quality data was available (assuming pandemic restrictions were not re-introduced). Additionally, there would be other issues that the council was currently unable to quantify, such as whether the opening of the bypass had changed traffic routes, therefore creating new air pollution hotspots elsewhere. The Council would continue to work with Lincolnshire County Council's Highways department to establish whether this was the case.

Councillor Christopher Reid to Councillor Bob Bushell, Portfolio Holder for Remarkable Place

*Question*

Can the portfolio holder provide Council with the details of fly-tipping statistics that lead to formal and informal action?

*Reply*

527 reports of fly tipping on the public highway and 165 reports of fly tipping on council owned land had been received since 1 April 2021. These figures did not include collections that had been requested by Customer Services, Community Services or proactive collections undertaken by Biffa.

Any reports where the incident had been witnessed, or where cases had evidence, were fully investigated by the team and a decision would be made dependent on the evidence available as to the action which would be taken. However, there were many occasions when the team received reports in relation to fly tipped mattress, fridges or sofas and there had been no witnesses or evidence. In these cases, it would result in no further enforcement action being able to be taken.

Informal action may take the form of advice and verbal warnings, where it could be reasonably expected that informal action would achieve compliance. Officers within the team would carry out investigations and these might reveal an incident which could be deemed as fly tipping. However, on occasions it might have been due to a genuine lack of understanding in relation to the illegal deposit of waste. The use of informal action was a frequent occurrence whilst carrying out their duties and would involve discussing presentation and providing educational information in relation to the disposal.

Formal action would be taken where appropriate, and these would include the use of Community Protection Warnings / Notices, Fixed Penalty Notices or Prosecution.

The Portfolio Holder presented the figures contained within the table below.

FORMAL ACTION	April 2021 to February 2022
Community Protection Warnings/Community Protection Notices	21
Fixed Penalty Notices	7
Prosecutions	1

It was emphasised that a phased approach to enforcement should be undertaken so prosecution would generally be initiated in circumstances where there appeared to be a blatant disregard for the law by a business, or due to the seriousness and scale of the fly-tipping offence. Circumstances that were likely to warrant prosecution included offences committed by businesses, fly-tipping of hazardous material, large scale deposits of waste or significant multiple loads or multiple offenders, however, this would be dependent on evidence.

Councillor Alan Briggs to Councillor Neil Murray, Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth

*Question*

Following last week's council meeting, is the executive member now aware of the Charterfields Board?

*Reply*

Yes, the Board, which was made up of senior officers of the Council and senior officers of Lindum Group, was part of the governance framework for the more strategic decision making for the proposed development of the western growth corridor.

Councillor Mark Storer to Councillor Donald Nannestad, Portfolio Holder for Quality Housing

Is it acceptable for recently homeless individuals to be housed in City Council properties that do not even have carpet?

*Reply*

The majority of the properties that were used on a temporary basis for homeless households were already carpeted. As this temporary accommodation was relet, in preparation for its further temporary use, checks were carried out and properties were carpeted if needed. In addition, the council relets several hundred properties on permanent tenancies each year and funding was not sufficient to provide carpets for all of these, however where carpets from the previous tenant were of sufficient quality and cleanliness then they would be left in place for the new tenant. The Housing Solutions and Allocations Teams do provide signposting to relevant charities that may be able to assist new tenants to furnish their properties.

Councillor Matthew Fido to Councillor Sue Burke, Portfolio Holder for Reducing Inequality

*Question*

Can the executive member update council on how the Discretionary Rate Relief Policy will support people for the financial year 2022-23?

*Reply*

The City of Lincoln Council had been allocated £2.7m in Covid-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF) to help support those businesses affected by the pandemic but that were ineligible for existing support linked to business rates. Businesses who may potentially be eligible for the CARF had recently been contacted, with a deadline of 31 March 2022 for applications to be submitted, after which applications would be assessed as soon as possible.

Also, the Council had introduced a Business Rates Growth Policy in 2018, to assist businesses moving into premises in the City or those looking to expand to potentially receive a discretionary relief from their business rates for up to three years. This Policy had remained in place, and the Council's Revenues and Benefits Shared Service would continue to work closely with Major Developments to identify businesses who may benefit from this rates relief.

Councillor Bill Mara to Councillor Sue Burke, Portfolio Holder for Reducing Inequality

*Question*

How is the City Council working with partner organisations to boost the Skills and Training outcomes for those in Lincoln, with reference to the unemployed?

## *Reply*

The Council had been working across a range of service areas with a number of public sector, private sector and voluntary organisations to boost skills and training opportunities for the unemployed, which had included:

- Town Deal funded projects including digital skills and tourism / hospitality related training.
- Community based projects with Abbey Access centre, Lincoln City Foundation, Network and others with the neighbourhood team.
- Housing Repairs Service was working with Lincoln College on construction related trades / skills development and training.

## Councillor Hilton Spratt to Councillor Bob Bushell, Portfolio Holder for Remarkable Place

### *Question*

Can the executive member provide an update on the council's aim to hit net zero by 2030?

### *Reply*

The Council's Executive had recently approved the Decarbonisation Strategy and Action Plan, which set out how the Council would work towards achieving net zero carbon by 2030 for its organisational emissions. The Council's Environmental Performance was externally audited on an annual basis by Investors in the Environment and a copy of the latest annual report could be found online.

For Lincoln's area wide climate action and ambition to achieve net zero carbon the Council had prepared a draft Lincoln 2030 Strategy and Action Plan with its partners on the Lincoln Climate Commission, which was scheduled to go out to public consultation in May 2022 and due to be completed by Autumn 2022. A report providing a detailed review of progress would be produced and published annually to report progress towards the net zero carbon target for Lincoln.

## **56. To Consider the Following Recommendations of the Executive and Committees of the Council**

### **(a) Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022-2027**

It was moved by Councillor Jackie Kirk, seconded by Councillor Donald Nannestad and

RESOLVED that Council Procedure Rule 17.4 regarding the content and length of speeches be suspended to allow the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition unlimited time to speak on Minute 56a.

Councillor Ric Metcalfe, Leader of the Council, proposed the recommendations contained within the report, as detailed on page 18 of the agenda pack, in relation to the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022-2027 and budget.

He reflected on the events of recent years, particularly focusing on the impact of Covid-19 on the Council, combined with a number of measures the Council had to undertake due to the restrictions imposed at different stages throughout the pandemic, all of which had led to significant costs and a drop in many traditional sources of income for the Council. The City Council was very well financially managed and due to its excellent financial stewardship had been able to stabilise the position and rebuild its finances for a sustainable future in line with continuing to support the Council's vision. Reference was made to the continued uncertainty faced by the labour market and its associated supply issues, which was impacting on many sectors.

Reference was made to the longstanding uncertainty with regards to local government financing, where the Council had achieved £10 million of revenue savings over a period of ten years. It had been hoped that the Levelling Up White Paper would address inequality within Lincoln, however, this had not been included. Similarly, the Council was awaiting detail on the Shared Prosperity Fund. However, the Leader was pleased to highlight the successful projects which had received funding via the Lincoln Town Deal Fund. Councillor Metcalfe took this opportunity, however, to remind Council that there were lots of financial challenges ahead owing to the ongoing uncertainty in funding.

An increase of 1.89% in council tax was proposed, which averaged approximately 7-8p per week. It was highlighted that 14% of the total council tax bill for the City of Lincoln was attributable to the City Council, with the remainder going to Lincolnshire County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Councillor Donald Nannestad, Deputy Leader of the Council, seconded the proposition and reiterated the points made in relation to the reduction in government funding and the ongoing financial challenges faced by the Council, as a result of this reduced funding and also Covid-19.

The Mayor, having received notice of the Leader of the Opposition's intention to propose a number of amendments, permitted that more than one amendment may be discussed and debated at once to facilitate the proper and efficient conduct of the Council's business in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.6(b). She reported, however, that each amendment would be voted upon separately.

Councillor Thomas Dyer, Leader of the Opposition, proposed the following amendments to the Medium Term Financial Strategy, which were seconded by Councillor Christopher Reid, Deputy Leader of the Opposition:

Amendment 1 - the increasing of Enforcement Fines:

- (a) Littering - Amendment to page 127 of the agenda pack. Appendix 7. Delete £75 proposed fine for littering and insert £100.
- (b) Dog Fouling – Amendment to page 127 of the agenda pack. Appendix 7. Delete £50 proposed fine for Dog Fouling and insert £100.
- (c) Breach of Community Protection – Amendment to page 127 of the agenda pack. Appendix 7. Delete £75 proposed fine for Breaching of Community Protection and insert £100.
- (d) Breach of a Public Space Protection Order – Amendment to page 127 of the agenda pack. Appendix 7. Delete £75 proposed fine for Breach of a Public Space Protection Order and insert £100.

- (e) Breach of S46 Notice (Presentation of Waste) – Amendment to page 127 of the agenda pack. Appendix 7. Delete £75 proposed fine for Breach of S46 Notice (Presentation of Waste) and insert £100.

Amendment 2 - freeze all parking charges until undertaking a full car parking review:

- (a) Delete all proposed charges for 22/23 and insert all current rates on pages 138, 139 & 140 of the council agenda budget pack.

Amendment 3 - introduce 1 hour's free parking at the Lincoln Central Car Park until the outcome of the parking review:

- (a) Delete charges for 1-hour parking at the Lincoln Central Car Park on page 139 of the council agenda budget pack and replace with "£0 until outcome of parking review".

This would help assist the High Street and local businesses recover from the financial implications of Covid-19.

Amendment 4 - offering more effective virtual tenancy at our managed workspace:

- (a) Delete the £304 charge on page 137 of the agenda pack, appendix 7 and insert "£216" (£18 per month excluding VAT).
- (b) The City of Lincoln Council also agrees to fully review the virtual tenancy offering and align it with other operators within Lincolnshire.

This would help assist smaller businesses to start up.

Amendment 5 - the Council to fund four Police and Community Support Officers (PCSOs) to directly support policing operations within our neighbourhoods and to support special constable recruitment within Lincoln:

- (a) Insert an additional recommendation within items 13, of the council agenda pack to fund four PCSOs at a cost of £30,000pa per PCSO.
- (b) Insert a 25% council tax discount (as per the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner request) within the recommendation section of the council agenda pack.

Amendment 6 - allocate £35,000 from the Mayoral Car fund and Vision 2025 fund for more public seating provision within our parks and recreational areas:

- (a) Allocate the full £27,100 from the Mayoral Car reserve plus an additional £7,900 from the vision 2025 fund to provide more public seating provision throughout Lincoln.

Amendment 7 - end the Neighbourhood working scheme, to fund the above priorities:

- (a) The Council recommends that it now winds down the Neighbourhood working scheme, to fund other priorities and assist with the Council reprofiling its budget, should the above amendments be implemented.

During the discussion on the proposed amendments, the following points were noted:

- It was suggested that any amendments were circulated at an earlier stage in the budget setting process to enable thorough consideration. In response, it was advised that the amendments had been circulated with 24 hours' notice.
- It was commented that a large proportion of council tax income was attributed to the Police and Crime Commissioner and therefore any funding for additional PCSOs should be funded via this source of income, alternatively the Police and Crime Commissioner could approach the County Council.
- The City Council had sustained significant budget cuts over a period of ten years.
- There was a need to review and increase certain enforcement fines, particularly for dog fouling, as it was having a negative impact on the City.

Councillor Ric Metcalfe, using his right to reply, advised that he would not be in support of any of the amendments as they had not been properly costed and would therefore negatively impact on the Council's budget. The total cost of the proposed amendments was £487k, of which the full funding of those amendments had not been set out as part of the amendments.

It was highlighted that should the Council freeze car park income, it would cost circa £105k for the next twelve months, with an additional cost of circa £240k should the Council provide the first hour of parking free of charge, the funding of these amounts had not been factored into the amendments. With regards to the funding of the four PCSOs, this would cost the Council circa £120k per year and the Council had no responsibility for policing.

Having been proposed and seconded, each amendment was voted upon individually. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19.7, a recorded vote was taken for each amendment, the results of which were as follows:



Amendment 1:

**For (8)**

Councillor Alan Briggs  
Councillor Thomas Dyer  
Councillor Matthew Fido  
Councillor Bill Mara  
Councillor Chris Reid  
Councillor Clare Smalley  
Councillor Hilton Spratt  
Councillor Mark Storer

**Against (18)**

Councillor Bill Bilton  
Councillor Chris Burke  
Councillor Sue Burke  
Councillor Bob Bushell  
Councillor Liz Bushell  
Councillor Gary Hewson  
Councillor Jackie Kirk  
Councillor Roseanne Kirk  
Councillor Jane Loffhagen  
Councillor Rebecca Longbottom  
Councillor Helena Mair  
Councillor Ric Metcalfe  
Councillor Neil Murray  
Councillor Donald Nannestad  
Councillor Lucinda Preston  
Councillor Pat Vaughan  
Councillor Loraine Woolley  
Councillor Calum Watt

**Abstention**

Amendment 2:

**For (8)**

Councillor Alan Briggs  
Councillor Thomas Dyer  
Councillor Matthew Fido  
Councillor Bill Mara  
Councillor Chris Reid  
Councillor Clare  
Smalley  
Councillor Hilton Spratt  
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**Against (18)**

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Councillor Helena Mair  
Councillor Ric Metcalfe  
Councillor Neil Murray  
Councillor Donald Nannestad  
Councillor Lucinda Preston  
Councillor Pat Vaughan  
Councillor Loraine Woolley  
Councillor Calum Watt

**Abstention**

Amendment 3:

**For (7)**

Councillor Alan Briggs

Councillor Thomas Dyer  
Councillor Matthew Fido  
Councillor Bill Mara  
Councillor Chris Reid  
Councillor Hilton Spratt  
Councillor Mark Storer

**Against (18)**

Councillor Bill Bilton

Councillor Chris Burke  
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Councillor Neil Murray  
Councillor Donald Nannestad  
Councillor Lucinda Preston  
Councillor Pat Vaughan  
Councillor Loraine Woolley  
Councillor Calum Watt

**Abstention (1)**

Councillor Clare  
Smalley

Amendment 4:

**For (8)**

Councillor Alan Briggs  
Councillor Thomas Dyer  
Councillor Matthew Fido  
Councillor Bill Mara  
Councillor Chris Reid  
Councillor Clare  
Smalley  
Councillor Hilton Spratt  
Councillor Mark Storer

**Against (18)**

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Councillor Neil Murray  
Councillor Donald Nannestad  
Councillor Lucinda Preston  
Councillor Pat Vaughan  
Councillor Loraine Woolley  
Councillor Calum Watt

**Abstention**

Amendment 5:

**For (7)**

Councillor Alan Briggs  
Councillor Thomas Dyer  
Councillor Matthew Fido  
Councillor Bill Mara  
Councillor Chris Reid  
Councillor Hilton Spratt  
Councillor Mark Storer

**Against (19)**

Councillor Bill Bilton  
Councillor Chris Burke  
Councillor Sue Burke  
Councillor Bob Bushell  
Councillor Liz Bushell  
Councillor Gary Hewson  
Councillor Jackie Kirk  
Councillor Roseanne Kirk  
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Councillor Lucinda Preston  
Councillor Clare Smalley  
Councillor Pat Vaughan  
Councillor Loraine Woolley  
Councillor Calum Watt

**Abstention**

Amendment 6:

**For (8)**

Councillor Alan Briggs  
Councillor Thomas Dyer  
Councillor Matthew Fido  
Councillor Bill Mara  
Councillor Chris Reid  
Councillor Clare  
Smalley  
Councillor Hilton Spratt  
Councillor Mark Storer

**Against (18)**

Councillor Bill Bilton  
Councillor Chris Burke  
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Councillor Helena Mair  
Councillor Ric Metcalfe  
Councillor Neil Murray  
Councillor Donald Nannestad  
Councillor Lucinda Preston  
Councillor Pat Vaughan  
Councillor Loraine Woolley  
Councillor Calum Watt

**Abstention**

Amendment 7:

**For (7)**

Councillor Alan Briggs

Councillor Thomas Dyer  
Councillor Matthew Fido  
Councillor Bill Mara  
Councillor Chris Reid  
Councillor Hilton Spratt  
Councillor Mark Storer

**Against (18)**

Councillor Bill Bilton

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Councillor Calum Watt

**Abstention (1)**

Councillor Clare Smalley

Amendments 1 to 7 were therefore declared lost.

Returning to debate on the original motion, Councillor Chris Reid proposed the following amendment:

The full reopening of the West Gate Toilet facilities – reversing the decision taken earlier this financial year:

- (a) Council to recommend that the West Gate Toilet facilities are reopened.

In proposing the amendment Councillor Reid highlighted the significant opposition to the Executive's original decision, both by members of the public and local businesses. Councillor Reid pleaded with the Council to accept it had made the wrong decision and not to let pride stand in the way of correcting it. Councillor Mark Storer seconded the proposal but reserved his right to speak.

During a debate on the amendment, the following points were noted:

- This reduction in service had been made following years of budget cuts suffered by the City Council.
- It was confirmed that the West Gate facilities were open to disabled users 24/7 and they would be open to all users during paid events. It was also highlighted that there were other facilities available for use close by, including at Castle Hill.

Councillor Mark Storer, who had reserved his right to speak, advised that this should be about ensuring the right level of service is available to members of the public, local businesses and the visiting economy. By having these facilities closed, it sent out the wrong message.

Councillor Ric Metcalfe reiterated the Council's current financial challenges and that difficult decisions had to be made. It was also reiterated that there were other public facilities within walking distance of the West Gate facilities.

Having been proposed and seconded, the amendment was voted upon. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19.7, a recorded vote was taken, the result of which was as follows:

<b>For (8)</b>	<b>Against (18)</b>	<b>Abstention</b>
Councillor Briggs	Councillor Bilton	
Councillor Thomas Dyer	Councillor Chris Burke	
Councillor Matthew Fido	Councillor Sue Burke	
Councillor Bill Mara	Councillor Bob Bushell	
Councillor Chris Reid	Councillor Liz Bushell	
Councillor Clare Smalley	Councillor Gary Hewson	
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	Councillor Pat Vaughan	
	Councillor Loraine Woolley	
	Councillor Calum Watt	

The amendment was declared lost.

Returning to debate on the original motion, Councillor Clare Smalley proposed the following amendment:

That £20,000 from the Corporate Repairs and Maintenance Reserve (Carry Forwards – Appendix 6 – Page 67) be allocated for a Bus Shelter Improvement Programme, to repair, replace or install bus shelters across the City of Lincoln.

That the planned use of earmarked reserves in 2022/23 in the General Fund (Appendix 1 Page 50) be increased from £4,966,830, by £20,000 to increase the contribution from balances to £4,986,930, which would offset the expenditure incurred.

Councillor Alan Briggs seconded the proposal and reserved his right to speak.

During the debate on the amendment, the following points were noted:

- It was highlighted that this amendment would be more appropriately funded by Lincolnshire County Council, as the highways authority. The level of reserves held by the county council was also commented upon.
- It was commented that those bus shelters owned by the City Council should be maintained to a high standard. It was also noted that there were some bus shelters owned by a third party within the City.

Councillor Metcalfe advised that the only reason as to why the City Council had any involvement in bus shelters was as a result of a legacy agreement with the County Council, as highways authority, thus the City Council had been left with the shelters, despite the agreement long ago coming to an end. However, the City Council did not receive any funding to maintain bus shelters. It was therefore considered more appropriate to be funded by the County Council.

Having been proposed and seconded, the amendment was voted upon. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19.7, a recorded vote was taken, the result of which was as follows:

**For (8)**

Councillor Briggs  
Councillor Thomas Dyer  
Councillor Matthew Fido  
Councillor Bill Mara  
Councillor Chris Reid  
Councillor Clare Smalley  
Councillor Hilton Spratt  
Councillor Mark Storer

**Against (18)**

Councillor Bilton  
Councillor Chris Burke  
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Councillor Helena Mair  
Councillor Ric Metcalfe  
Councillor Neil Murray  
Councillor Donald Nannestad  
Councillor Lucinda Preston  
Councillor Pat Vaughan  
Councillor Loraine Woolley  
Councillor Calum Watt

**Abstention**

The amendment was declared lost.

Council returned to the original motion.

Having been proposed and seconded, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19.7, a recorded vote was taken, the result of which was as follows:

**For (18)**

Councillor Bill Bilton  
Councillor Chris Burke  
Councillor Sue Burke  
Councillor Bob Bushell  
Councillor Liz Bushell  
Councillor Gary Hewson  
Councillor Jackie Kirk  
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Councillor Donald Nannestad  
Councillor Lucinda Preston  
Councillor Pat Vaughan  
Councillor Loraine Woolley  
Councillor Calum Watt

**Against (8)**

Councillor Alan Briggs  
Councillor Thomas Dyer  
Councillor Matthew Fido  
Councillor Bill Mara  
Councillor Chris Reid  
Councillor Clare Smalley  
Councillor Hilton Spratt  
Councillor Mark Storer

**Abstention**

The motion was declared carried.

It was therefore RESOLVED that the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022-2027 and the Capital Strategy 2022-2027, including the following elements, be approved:

- The Council was member of the Lincolnshire Business Rates Pool in 2022/23.
- The General Fund Revenue Forecast 2022/23-2026/27, as shown in Appendix 1 to the report, and the main basis on which this budget has been calculated (as set out in paragraph 4 of the report).
- The General Investment Programme 2022/23-2026/27, as shown in Appendix 2 to the report, and the main basis on which the programme had been calculated (as set out in paragraph 6).
- The Housing Revenue Account Forecast 2022/23-2026/27, as shown in Appendix 3 to the report, and the main basis on which this budget had been calculated (as set out in paragraph 5).
- The Housing Investment Programme 2022/23-2026/27, as shown in Appendix 4, and the main basis on which the programme had been calculated (as set out in paragraph 7).

**(b) Council Tax 2022/23**

The recommendations to the Council, as set out on pages 173 and 174 of the agenda and report pack, were duly moved and seconded, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19.7, a recorded vote was taken, the result of which was as follows:

**For (25)****Against (1)****Abstention**

Councillor Bill Bilton  
Councillor Alan Briggs  
Councillor Chris Burke  
Councillor Sue Burke  
Councillor Bob Bushell  
Councillor Liz Bushell  
Councillor Thomas Dyer  
Councillor Matthew Fido  
Councillor Gary Hewson  
Councillor Jackie Kirk  
Councillor Roseanne Kirk  
Councillor Jane Loffhagen  
Councillor Rebecca Longbottom  
Councillor Helena Mair  
Councillor Bill Mara  
Councillor Ric Metcalfe  
Councillor Neil Murray  
Councillor Donald Nannestad  
Councillor Lucinda Preston  
Councillor Chris Reid  
Councillor Hilton Spratt  
Councillor Mark Storer  
Councillor Pat Vaughan  
Councillor Loraine Woolley  
Councillor Calum Watt

Councillor Clare Smalley

The motion was declared carried.

**RESOLVED**

That the following, as submitted, be approved:

1. Acceptance of the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 Executive recommendation that the Council Tax Base for 2022/23, as calculated in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, to be £25,310.01.
2. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2022/23 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
  - a) £114,288,370 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
  - b) £106,928,470 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.



- c) £7,359,900 being the amount by which the aggregate at 2(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31A (4) of the Act).
- d) £290.79 being the amount at 2(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
- e) £0 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act
- f) £290.79 being the amount at 2c) above less the amount at 2e) above, all divided by the amount at 1 above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year

g) **City of Lincoln Council**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
£193.86	£226.17	£258.48	£290.79
<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
£355.41	£420.03	£484.65	£581.58

being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 2f) above by the number which, in proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular band divided by the number which in proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different bands.

3. That it be noted that for the year 2022/23 Lincolnshire County Council have provisionally stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with the dwelling bandings shown below:

**Lincolnshire County Council**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
£954.78	£1,113.91	£1,273.04	£1,432.17
<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
£1,750.43	£2,068.69	£2,386.95	£2,864.34

4. That it be noted that for the year 2022/23 Police & Crime Commissioner Lincolnshire have provisionally stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with the dwelling bandings shown below:

## **Police & Crime Commissioner Lincolnshire**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
£184.20	£214.90	£245.60	£276.30
<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
£337.70	£399.10	£460.50	£552.60

5. That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2g, 3 and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2022/23 in accordance with the dwelling bandings shown below:

### **Total Council Tax Charge 2022/23**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
£1,332.84	£1,554.98	£1,777.12	£1,999.26
<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
£2,443.54	£2,887.82	£3,332.10	£3,998.52

#### **(c) Prudential Indicators 2021-2022 - 2024/25 and Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23**

The recommendations to the Council, as set out on page 185 of the agenda and report pack, were duly moved and seconded.

On being put to the meeting, the motion set out above was declared carried.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Treasury Management Strategy, including the treasury management prudential indicators and the Investment Strategy, as set out in section 4 and Appendix 3 to the report, be approved.
- (2) That the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, as set out at Appendix 2 to the report, be approved.
- (3) That the Treasury Management Practices, as set out at Appendix 4 to the report, be approved.

#### **(d) Pay Policy Statement 2022/23**

The recommendation to the Council, as set out on page 268 of the agenda and report pack, was duly moved and seconded.

On being put to the meeting, the motion set out above was declared carried.

RESOLVED

That the Pay Policy Statement, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

#### **(e) Calendar of Meetings 2022/23**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Calendar of Meetings for 2022/23 be approved.

On being put to the meeting, the motion set out above was declared carried.

RESOLVED

That the Calendar of Meetings for 2022/23 be approved.