

# Norfolk County Council

Date: **Tuesday, 24 January 2023**

Time: **10 am**

Venue: **Council Chamber, County Hall, Martineau Lane,  
Norwich NR1 2DH**

**To: All members of the Council. You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council for the purpose of transacting the business set out in this agenda.**

## **Advice for members of the public:**

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## **Prayers**

## **AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Minutes**  
To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2022.
- 3 To receive any announcements from the Chair, Leader or Head of Paid Service (maximum of 15 minutes)**
- 4 Members to declare any interests**

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If you have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter to be considered at the meeting and that interest is on your Register of Interests you must not speak or vote on the matter. It is recommended that you declare that interest but it is not a legal requirement. If you have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter to be considered at the meeting and that interest is not on your Register of Interests you must declare that interest at the meeting and not speak or vote on the matter.

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If you do not have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest you may nevertheless have an Other Interest in a matter to be discussed if it affects to a greater extent than others in your division:

- Your wellbeing or financial position, or
- that of your family or close friends
- Any body –
  - Exercising functions of a public nature.
  - Directed to charitable purposes; or
  - One of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union);

of which you are in a position of general control or management.

If that is the case then you must declare such an interest but can speak and vote on the matter.

**5 Petitions presented to Council:** none

**6 Business (if any) remaining from the last Council meeting:**  
none

**7 Member questions to the Leader (a maximum of 15 minutes will be allowed for this item)**

Procedure Note attached.

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**8 Recommendations from Cabinet meeting held on 11 January 2023:** none

**9 Cabinet Reports and questions to Cabinet Members**

**9.1 Report from meeting held on 11 January 2023**

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**10 Recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee and Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee: none**

**11 Recommendations from Committees: none**

**12 Specific Business Items: none**

**13 Report from Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 14 December 2022**

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**14 Report from Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee: none**

**15 Reports from other Committees**

**15.1 Pensions Committee**

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**16 Reports from Select Committees: none**

**17 Reports about the business of joint arrangements and external organisations: none**

**18 Notice of Motions**

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**19 Questions on notice under Rule 9.3: none**

**20 Appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees and Joint Committees (Standard item).**

**(i) To note any changes made under delegated powers since the last meeting.**

**None**

**(ii) To consider any proposals from Group Leaders for changes to committee places or consequential positions.**

**None**

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Head of Paid Service  
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**Norfolk County Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting Held at 10am on Tuesday 13 December 2022**

<b>Present:</b>		
	<b>ADAMS</b> Tim	<b>LONG</b> Brian
	<b>ANNISON</b> Carl	<b>MAXFIELD</b> Ed
	<b>AQUARONE</b> Steffan	<b>MORPHEW</b> Steve
	<b>ASKEW</b> Stephen	<b>NEALE</b> Paul
	<b>BAMBRIDGE</b> Lesley	<b>OLIVER</b> Judy
	<b>BENSLY</b> James	<b>OSBORN</b> Jamie
	<b>BILLS</b> David	<b>PECK</b> Greg
	<b>BIRMINGHAM</b> Alison	<b>PENFOLD</b> Saul
	<b>BORRETT</b> Bill	<b>PLANT</b> Graham
	<b>CARPENTER</b> Penny	<b>PRICE</b> Ben
	<b>CLANCY</b> Stuart	<b>PROCTOR</b> Andrew
	<b>COLWELL</b> Robert	<b>RICHMOND</b> Will
	<b>CORLETT</b> Emma	<b>REILLY</b> Mathew
	<b>DAWSON</b> Christopher	<b>ROPER</b> Dan
	<b>DEWSBURY</b> Margaret	<b>RUMSBY</b> Chrissie
	<b>DIXON</b> Nigel	<b>SANDS</b> Mike
	<b>DUFFIN</b> Barry	<b>SAVAGE</b> Robert
	<b>DUIGAN</b> Phillip	<b>SAYERS</b> David
	<b>EAGLE</b> Fabian	<b>SHIRES</b> Lucy
	<b>ELMER</b> Daniel	<b>SMITH-CLARE</b> Mike
	<b>FITZPATRICK</b> Tom	<b>STOREY</b> Martin
	<b>GURNEY</b> Shelagh	<b>THOMAS</b> Alison
	<b>HEMPSALL</b> Lana	<b>THOMPSON</b> Vic
	<b>HORSBRUGH</b> Michael Chenery of	<b>VARDY</b> Eric
	<b>JAMES</b> Jane	<b>VINCENT</b> Karen
	<b>JAMIESON</b> Andrew	<b>WALKER</b> Colleen
	<b>JONES</b> Brenda	<b>WARD</b> John
	<b>KEMP</b> Alexandra	<b>WATKINS</b> Brian
	<b>KIDDIE</b> Keith	<b>WEBB</b> Maxine
	<b>KIRK</b> Julian	<b>WHITE</b> Tony
		<b>WILBY</b> Martin

**Present: 61**

## **1 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Tony Adams, Cllr Claire Bowes, Cllr Sharon Blundell, Cllr Brociek-Coulton, Cllr Graham Carpenter, Cllr Ed Colman, Cllr Ed Connolly, Cllr Michael Dalby, Cllr Stuart Dark, Cllr Nick Daubney, Cllr John Fisher, Cllr Andy Grant, Cllr Terry Jermy, Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris, Cllr Ian Mackie, Cllr Kay Mason-Billig, Cllr Jim

Moriarty, Cllr Rhodri Oliver, Cllr Richard Price, Cllr Steve Riley, Cllr Carl Smith, Cllr Barry Stone and Cllr Fran Whymark.

## **2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

2.1 The minutes of the County Council meeting held on 11 October 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2.2 The Chair agreed to take up with Cllr John Fisher, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, (who had given his apologies for this meeting), Cllr Webb's request for an answer about the situation mentioned at minute 8.7.

## **3 To receive announcements from the Chair, Leader or Head of Paid Service**

3.1 The Chair welcomed the newly elected Councillor for Gaywood North and Central, Cllr David Sayers, to his first meeting of the County Council.

3.2 The Chair informed Council of the sad passing of former County Councillor Thelma Paines who was first elected as Labour Councillor for Thetford West in 1985 and re-elected every term until she stood down in 2009. Thelma Paines served as a town, district and county councillor for Thetford. Thelma became Chair of both Breckland Council and Norfolk County Council, having served as Chair of the County Council in 1999.

The Chair invited Council to hold a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

3.3 The Chair said that while all her engagements could be found on the County Council website under the Chairman's page, she wished to highlight three recent events.

Firstly, to congratulate the Norfolk Music Hub and its Student Jazz Orchestra chosen to perform in the Youth Proms at the Royal Albert Hall. It was an honour for them and a privilege for the Chair to be invited to see them and wanted to pay credit to these very talented young people.

Secondly, the Chair attended the official opening and blessing of Gaywood Primary School. It was a pleasure to be given a guided tour by pupils clearly excited about their new school and its facilities, and to hear praise from the teachers about the thoughtful design by architects from NORSE (NCC's owned company).

Thirdly, the Chair had the privilege to spend the day yesterday with some of the Norfolk County Council's care leavers, helping to wrap presents for them and to serve their Christmas lunch. It was a wonderful day which the Chair would remember.

Finally, to thank Members and colleagues who attended the Chair's Carol Service here at County Hall last week and for those unable to attend it was not too late to donate to the collection for the NCC's Access to Resources team whose aim was to give every young person in the NCC's care or placed in supported accommodation with a small gift this

Christmastime.

- 3.4 The Leader said that on 8 December 2022 the Government had signed an “in principle” devolution deal to transfer powers to the County Council. On completion of the deal, there would be a guaranteed £20m per year investment fund for Norfolk for the next 30 years. The Council would be able to target more resources to Norfolk’s own growth and infrastructure priorities, attract new businesses, support existing businesses, invest more resources in people skills and employment opportunities and unlock housing sites for development. The deal would raise Norfolk’s profile and enable the Council to help shape future Government policies. The Council would have a leader directly elected, with an election scheduled for May 2024.

- 3.5 At this point in the proceedings, in reply to a point of order raised by Cllr Dan Roper, the Deputy Monitoring Officer said that a report on the political composition of the Council, following the election of Cllr David Sayers, would be brought to Council in January 2023.

#### **4 Declarations of Interest**

- 4.1 Cllr Mike Smith-Claire declared an “other interest” in the second motion on the agenda in that he was a co-founder of Bread Kitchens which was an organisation that ran activities within the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun Programme.
- 4.2 Cllr Maxine Webb declared an “other interest” in the second motion on the agenda in that she helped to run a social media page which promoted activities for children with disabilities.
- 4.1 Cllr Chenery of Horsburgh declared an “other Interest “as a Trustee of NORAH (Norfolk Archives and Heritage Development Foundation).

#### **5 Petitions presented to Council**

- 5.1 There were no items of petition for Council to consider.

#### **6 Business (if any) remaining from the last Council meeting.**

- 6.1 The Chair said that motions not dealt with previously and not withdrawn have been incorporated into item 18 on the agenda. Motions were in the order laid out in Rule 10.1.2. This action was determined as appropriate by the Deputy Monitoring Officer who had advised that this put the Groups and unaligned member back in the same position as they would have been at the last meeting.

#### **7 Questions to the Leader**

##### **7.1 Question from Cllr Maxine Webb**

Cllr Maxine Webb said that the Council’s constitution stated that carers allowance for children of county councillors must be paid at a rate of

£11.40 per hour. The Council was currently advertising positions for care support workers at £10.19 and care team leaders at £11.29 per hour. How did the Leader justify these double standards and unfairness?

In reply, the Leader said that he hoped that all the jobs to which the Council helped recruit staff had the appropriate rate of pay from a national living wage prospective and were appropriate to the job.

## **7.2 Question from Cllr Brian Watkins**

Cllr Brian Watkins said that who needed enemies when the leader had got friends like some of his senior Conservative colleagues around Norfolk? How did the Leader respond to the comments of George Freeman MP for Mid Norfolk who questioned whether the County Deal could deliver the 'boldness Norfolk needed'?

In reply, the Leader said that he thought George Freeman MP had taken a somewhat narrow view about the implications for Norfolk of a County Deal. The deal was a starting point and there was the potential for doing a lot more, as shown by the deals struck in other areas of the country. There was a lot of disinformation about who had and who had not been informed about the implications of a county deal which had received a lot of very positive support from Norfolk business leaders. This was the start of the devolution journey and the Leader hoped that everyone would work together to get a good result for Norfolk.

## **7.3 Question from Cllr Ben Price**

Cllr Ben Price said that Conservative Councillors at Norfolk County Council had negotiated a deal with central government to concentrate power into the hands of a directly elected County Council Leader. Norfolk residents had not had the opportunity to say what type of deal if any, would be right for them. While there were some potential benefits to devolution, including greater control over public transport, there were risks in concentrating more power in the hands of a single Council Leader, and a lack of sufficient funding to adequately deliver the proposed outcomes. In the interests of democracy, would the Leader agree to conducting a county-wide referendum asking residents of Norfolk if they agreed to accept the county deal?

In reply, the Leader said that with regards to the concentration of power, a directly elected leader for Norfolk was a new concept and the mechanism for doing this was still to be decided. Power would not be concentrated in only one person. There would still be a Full Council and a Cabinet. There would be a public consultation exercise on the matter but not a referendum.

## **7.4 Question from Cllr Ed Maxfield**

Cllr Ed Maxfield asked whether, given the state of the Council's finances and the state of the economy, the Leader considered it was wise at this time for the Council to make do without an Executive Director of Finance?



In reply, the Leader said that the Council had an Executive Director of Finance until the start of April 2023 and whatever happened thereafter was something which needed very careful thought. The Council would deliver a balanced and robust budget for 2023/24 irrespective of current circumstances.

**7.5 Question from Cllr Alison Thomas**

Cllr Alison Thomas asked if the Leader would join her in thanking all the officers involved in supporting and delivering the Household Support Fund that enabled residents across the county to get the financial support they needed during such difficult times?

In reply, the Leader said that he wholeheartedly supported the work that officers were doing in delivering what had been three tranches of the Household Support Fund. The Leader briefly explained how this work had led to a very successful scheme that had helped support some of Norfolk's most vulnerable people.

**7.6 Question from Cllr Alexandra Kemp**

Cllr Alexandra Kemp said that it was alleged that a county deal was required to provide the infrastructure to meet Norfolk's needs, with £60m provided over 30 years, but £882m was needed to rebuild the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Was the hospital discussed during the county deal negotiations?

In reply, the Leader said that the county deal was worth £20m a year for 30 years but the QEH was not a part of those negotiations. There were many other discussions aimed at getting the QEH rebuilt.

**7.7 Question from Cllr Matt Reilly**

Cllr Matt Reilly asked if the Leader could confirm, as previously asked by Cllr Rhodri Oliver at Cabinet on 5th December 2022, that despite the announced increase in the referendum limit, he would not be supporting a combined rise in Council Tax and Adult Social Care precept that was greater than 2.99%, as stated in the MTFs in October's cabinet paper?

In reply, the Leader said that Cllr Jamieson gave a very full answer at Cabinet to questions asked by Cllr Oliver on this matter and that this issue formed part of the budget setting process for next year.

**7.8 Question from Cllr Robert Colwell**

Cllr Robert Colwell said that he would like to welcome the newest Norfolk County Councillor, Liberal Democrat David Sayers for Gaywood North and Central to his first meeting of Full Council. This was previously a Conservative Division, which made him want to ask the Leader whether he accepted that the people of Norfolk had had enough of his party who were considered out of touch with misplaced priorities? This was

especially so when we heard last week that the Council had provided funding towards a Norfolk space port whilst people were freezing in their homes and could not afford to put food on the table. This appeared more reminiscent of North Korea than Norfolk.

In reply, the Leader said that a one-off election result was always going to happen every now and again, but he did not accept that people were fed up with the Conservative Administration at Norfolk County Council or with those Conservatives that were in office elsewhere in the country. The policies of the Conservative Administration in Norfolk were aimed at growing the local economy and this was the right approach.

#### **7.9 Question from Cllr Jamie Osborn**

Cllr Jamie Osborn said that before the start of the meeting some Councillors had spent a minute praying with the Chaplain for those who were cold, hungry, and poor this winter. Many of these people were in-work poverty due to real-terms wage cuts over the last twelve years. Meanwhile, executive pay had risen more than 30% in the last year. So it was for good reason that a majority of the British public supported the workers- NHS, rail, civil servants, posties, and many more - who were going out on strike this winter. Having just prayed for people who were in poverty, did the the Leader of the Council think that the inequality that had hit workers over the last ten years was unacceptable and that workers were right to strike?

In reply, the Leader said that those people who were legally entitled to strike were free to do so; whether private and public sector employers could or could not afford to pay employees a higher salary were issues for employers and the Government to resolve.

#### **7.10 Question from Cllr Penny Carpenter**

Cllr Penny Carpenter asked the Leader if he would join her in thanking Chloe Smith MP for her service in our county?

In reply, the Leader said that he would be very happy to do so. Chloe Smith MP had worked very hard as the MP for Norwich North. By the time of the next general election, she would have served as a Norfolk MP for 15 years. During her time as an MP she had taken on a range of government responsibilities for disabled people and served as Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

### **8 Recommendations to Council from Cabinet**

#### **8.1.1 Cabinet Meeting held on 7 November 2022 Finance Monitoring Report 2022-23 P6: September 2022**

8.1.2 The recommendation from the Cabinet meeting held on 7 November 2022 about the Finance Monitoring Report 2022-23 P6: September 2022 was moved by Cllr Andrew Proctor, Chair of Cabinet, seconded by Cllr Graham Plant.

- 1. That County Council approve the addition of £33.425m to the capital programme to address capital funding requirements funded from various external sources as set out in detail in capital Appendix 3, paragraph 4.1 as follows:**
  - £0.062m uplift to Childrens Services capital projects, mainly from S106 developer contributions in the current year and £3.009m for future years
  - £0.040m uplift to ICT budgets for Fire Services IT requirements, funded by NCC borrowing
  - £22.096m grant funding updates from the Department of Transport for various capital projects, including the Great Yarmouth 3rd River Crossing and the Long Stratton Bypass
  - £1.544m uplift to S106 and developer contributions to Highways capital projects
  - £0.827m reduction in NCC borrowing for Highways capital projects
  - £7.500m for LED streetlighting upgrade to be funded by NCC borrowing in 2023-24 and 2024-25.
- 2. To delegate:**
  - 2.1) To the Director of Procurement authority to undertake the necessary procurement processes including the determination of the minimum standards and selection criteria (if any) and the award criteria; to shortlist bidders; to make provisional award decisions (in consultation with the Chief Officer responsible for each scheme); to award contracts; to negotiate where the procurement procedure so permits; and to terminate award procedures if necessary.**
  - 2.2) To the Director of Property authority (notwithstanding the limits set out at 5.13.6 and 5.13.7 of Financial Regulations) to negotiate or tender for or otherwise acquire the required land to deliver the schemes (including temporary land required for delivery of the works) and to dispose of land so acquired that is no longer required upon completion of the scheme.**
  - 3.3) To each responsible chief officer authority to:**  
**(in the case of two-stage design and build contracts) agree the price for the works upon completion of the design stage and direct that the works proceed; or alternatively direct that the works be recompeted approve purchase orders, employer's instructions, compensation events or other contractual instructions necessary to effect changes in contracts that are necessitated by discoveries, unexpected ground**
    - conditions, planning conditions, requirements arising from detailed design or minor changes in scope
    - subject always to the forecast cost including works, land, fees and disbursements remaining within the agreed scheme or programme budget.

- That the officers exercising the delegated authorities set out above shall do so in accordance with the council's Policy Framework, with the approach to Social Value in Procurement endorsed by Cabinet at its meeting of 6 July 2020, and with the approach set out in the paper entitled "Sourcing strategy for council services" approved by Policy & Resources Committee at its meeting of 16 July 2018.

**8.1.4 Cabinet Meeting held on 5 December 2022  
Finance Monitoring Report 2022-23 P7: October 2022**

8.1.5 The recommendation from the Cabinet meeting held on 5 December 2022 (with the supplementary agenda) about the Finance Monitoring Report 2022-23 P7: October 2022 was moved by Cllr Andrew Proctor, Chair of Cabinet, seconded by Cllr Graham Plant.

**8.1.6 Council RESOLVED on a show of hands (with 23 abstentions)**

1. That County Council approve the addition of £40.921m to the capital programme to address capital funding requirements funded mostly from various external sources as set out in detail in capital Appendix 3 of the report, paragraph 4.1 and 4.2 as follows:
  - £38.826m grant funding updates from the Department of Transport for various capital projects, including the West Winch Bypass £3.188m and the NWL £35.596m
  - £2m uplift to the Schools ICT Refresh budget for the rolling programme
  - £0.095m uplift to the Norwich Castle: Royal Palace Reborn project to fund monitoring and quality assurance measures (see Appendix 3 of the report: Note 4.2)
2. To delegate:
  - 2.1) To the Director of Procurement authority to undertake the necessary procurement processes including the determination of the minimum standards and selection criteria (if any) and the award criteria; to shortlist bidders; to make provisional award decisions (in consultation with the Chief Officer responsible for each scheme); to award contracts; to negotiate where the procurement procedure so permits; and to terminate award procedures if necessary.
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  - 2.3) To each responsible chief officer authority to:
    - (in the case of two-stage design and build contracts) agree the price for the works upon completion of the design stage and direct that the works proceed; or

- alternatively direct that the works be recompeted
- approve purchase orders, employer's instructions, compensation events or other contractual instructions necessary to effect changes in contracts that are necessitated by discoveries, unexpected ground conditions, planning conditions, requirements arising from detailed design or minor changes in scope
- subject always to the forecast cost including works, land, fees and disbursements remaining within the agreed scheme or programme budget.
- That the officers exercising the delegated authorities set out above shall do so in accordance with the council's Policy Framework, with the approach to Social Value in Procurement endorsed by Cabinet at its meeting of 6 July 2020, and with the approach set out in the paper entitled "Sourcing strategy for council services" approved by Policy & Resources Committee at its meeting of 16 July 2018.

9. **Cabinet Reports (Questions to Cabinet Members)**

- 9.1.1 Cllr Andrew Proctor, Leader and Chair of Cabinet, moved the report of the Cabinet meetings held on 7 November 2022 and that of 5 December 2022 (with the supplementary agenda).

Council **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the reports on a show of hands (with 14 abstentions).

9.1.2 **Question from Cllr Brenda Jones to Cllr Bill Borrett, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Prevention**

Cllr Brenda Jones asked when the minimum income guarantee for disabled people would increase in line with the cost of living; currently any increase in benefits that people received were eaten up by the rate of increase of the minimum income guarantee. Would the Cabinet Member explain how and when that would be achieved?

In reply, Cllr Bill Borrett said that the Council was waiting for an announcement from the Government on this issue.

9.1.3 **Question from Cllr Saul Penfold to Cllr Andrew Jamieson, Cabinet Member for Finance**

Cllr Saul Penfold asked Cllr Andrew Jamieson how close was Norfolk County Council to issuing a Section 114 (one month from bankruptcy) notice?

In reply, Cllr Andrew Jamieson said that he did not accept the premise of the question; the Council was working hard to ensure a balanced budget was put together for next year in a robust and sustainable way and public consultation on this matter had not yet been completed.

**9.1.4 Question from Cllr Jamie Osborn to Cllr Andrew Proctor, Leader and Cabinet Member for Governance and Strategy**

Cllr Jamie Osborn said that a County Deal would mean almost £7 million to support regeneration of brownfield sites and £5.9 million of capital funding in this Spending Review period to support the delivery of housing, regeneration, and development priorities. Could the Leader commit to making all this development zero carbon? If not, would he admit that County Deals funding was not being used to support the future of Norfolk ambition to be net zero?

In reply, Cllr Andrew Proctor said that the text of the “in principle” deal contained references to net zero and that steps would be taken to ensure appropriate support for the development priorities prior to the implementation of the deal in 2024.

**9.1.5 Question from Cllr Ed Maxfield to Cllr Daniel Elmer, Deputy Cabinet Member for Children’s Services.**

Cllr Ed Maxfield said that the federation of councils in his division had advised parents and staff that energy costs might rise by £41,000 next year. The schools in his division had also informed him that their energy costs might double next year. While the Government had provided some assistance to schools for meeting energy costs, could the Deputy Cabinet Member explain what additional assistance would be provided by the County Council?

In reply, Cllr Daniel Elmer, Deputy Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, (answering in the absence of the Cabinet Member) said that the County Council had no option other than to rely on the support the Government provided to schools with energy costs, however, the Council was working to share best practice between schools and ensure that they got all the support that was available.

**9.1.6 Question from Cllr Carl Annison to Cllr Graham Plant, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Growing the Economy**

Cllr Carl Annison asked how Norfolk apprenticeships were progressing?

In reply, Cllr Graham Plant explained the headline apprenticeship details for Norfolk which had just been released. These figures showed that the number of Norfolk apprenticeships had significantly increased following 5 years of decline. The latest figures also showed that Norfolk was making very good progress and at a rate that was significantly above the national average.

**9.1.7 Question from Cllr Alexandra Kemp to Cllr Bill Borrett, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Prevention**

Cllr Alexandra Kemp said that the QEH had developed a range of innovative practices for helping people with heart conditions and that this learning was now used to support the work of the mental health trust. The

County Council was planned to work with the QEH to help set up a system of work experience for people in care but there were a very large number of props holding up the roof of the QEH which would fall down after 2030 and the hospital have to close unless something was done. When did the Cabinet Member last speak to officials at the Dept of Health about the expected funding for this hospital and what did they have to say?

In reply, Cllr Bill Borrett said that the hard working and dedicated staff at the QEH had continued to show a sense of excellence in their working practices whilst having to work in a physically testing environment. Cllr Borrett said that he had raised the situation at the QEH with MPs and their advisors when he met with them at Westminster last week and he remained confident that the Government would do all that needed to be done to resolve the situation as quickly as possible.

**9.1.8 Question from Cllr Mike Smith-Clare to Cllr Andrew Proctor, Leader and Cabinet Member for Governance and Strategy**

Cllr Mike Smith-Clare said that in October 2022, Cabinet gave money to Norfolk Community Foundation to support over 100 warm banks across the county with grants of up to £2,000 per warm space. Community organisations were seeing their bills more than quadruple and £2,000 was nowhere near enough to cover the massive gas, electricity and oil bills these voluntary services were facing. Given that Norfolk County Council now relied so heavily on the community and voluntary sector to provide services that had been cut, what other support would the Council be offering to stop organisations from folding, as they grappled with the impact of helping people stay warm through this cost-of-living Winter crisis?

In reply, Cllr Andrew Proctor explained the support that the County Council provided to the voluntary sector through the Household Support Fund and the wide range of other work that the Council did to align itself with that sector.

**9.1.9 Question from Cllr Dan Roper to Cllr Graham Plant, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Growing the Economy**

Cllr Dan Roper said that at the last meeting of Full Council Cllr Plant had stated an aspiration for some nuclear installations to be built in Norfolk. Was this Council policy, had any work been done on the matter or was this a case of where a Cabinet Member had spoken out of turn?

In reply, Cllr Graham Plant confirmed that he had briefly commented in favour of nuclear energy at the last meeting when responding to a question from Cllr Osborn. The comment he had made arose from reading a government report on the subject. Nuclear energy was something that Cllr Plant said he would be happy to see explored in Norfolk as one of the many alternative ways of meeting long term energy needs.

**9.1.10 Question from Cllr Ben Price to Cllr Andrew Jamieson, Cabinet Member for Finance.**

Cllr Ben Price said that when he attended the county farms AGM last week, he talked with farmers about the benefits of installing solar panels on farmland. Farmers could install solar panels on land to diversify their business on land that was currently being fallowed, or graze animals under the panels, so it was a win-win. Over 70% of farmers now used their land to produce energy. So, as the County Council faced £60m black hole, as well as a climate emergency, would the Cabinet Member for Finance at the very least investigate using the asset of county farms to create solar farms to generate revenue for the Council?

In reply, Cllr Andrew Jamieson said that while he believed the installation of solar panels and other forms of energy generation on farmland could in certain circumstances be useful in helping to improve farming practices, solar panels would not make a significant impact on the £60m blackhole in the Council's budget.

**9.1.11 Question from Cllr Robert Savage to Cllr Martin Wilby Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Transport.**

Cllr Robert Savage said that Norfolk County Council was the recipient of the winter maintenance award for 2022. Would the Cabinet Member join him in thanking the staff who had helped Norfolk achieve this award, and in welcoming the use of innovative technology across our network, which was crucial in winning the award?

In reply, Cllr Martin Wilby explained the winter campaign which set out to help people to travel safely on Norfolk roads over the coming months. He expressed his thanks to Norfolk Highways Services on their winning of the Winter Maintenance Award for 2022. Cllr Wilby also referred to the importance of the more than 1,900 grit bins in the county that could be used by volunteers to help keep footpaths and road junctions safe.

**9.1.12 Question from Cllr Alison Birmingham to Cllr Tom FitzPatrick, Cabinet Member for Innovation, Transformation and Performance**

Cllr Alison Birmingham asked if the Cabinet Member would apologise to staff for the shambolic situation that has led to many staff not being paid their wages correctly, and for the distress and hardship this had caused?

In reply, Cllr Tom FitzPatrick said that there were only a small number of delays in the payment of wages each month and these were mainly due to anomalies in individual payment details. The number of delays was less in November 2022 than before a new system for the payment of wages was implemented.

**9.1.13 Question from Cllr Brian Watkins to Cllr Bill Borrett, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Prevention.**

Cllr Brian Watkins said that the Leader had talked about the long-term benefits of a county deal, so did the Cabinet Member agree with the Leader and, if so, how did he think the deal would help to bring about a



much needed transformation of adult social services in Norfolk in the coming years?

In reply, Cllr Borrett said that he agreed with Leader, but the transformation of adult social services was not part of a county deal.

10        **Recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee and Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

10.1       There were no recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee and Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

11        **Recommendations from Committees**

11.1       **Recommendations from the Corporate Select Committee meeting held on 14 November 2022**

11.1.1     **Amendments to the Constitution to include Financial Regulations update 2022-23 & changes to statutory officer designations**

The Chair explained that Kat Hulatt, the Deputy Monitoring Officer, had advised that she felt it was appropriate for her to leave the meeting at this point in the proceedings as this matter concerned a contract that she held with the Council.

**(Kat Hulatt leaves the meeting)**

11.1.2     In the absence of Cllr Ed Colman, Cllr Andrew Proctor moved, seconded by Cllr Graham Plant, the recommendations in the report of the Corporate Select Committee.

Note: The financial regulations were at page B3 of the supplementary papers (Appendix A - Recommendations from the Corporate Select Committee held on 14 November 2022).

Cllr Steve Morpew said that he would expect a new corporate management framework to be the subject of a future report to the Employment Committee.

11.1.3     **Council RESOLVED** on a show of hands (with one abstention)

**To approve the proposed amendments to Financial Regulations and the proposed amendments to statutory officer designations set out in para 2.2 of Appendix A of the report to Corporate Select Committee, as specifically set out at Page B3 of the Council supplementary papers (Appendix A - Recommendations from the Corporate Select Committee held on 14 November 2022).**

**(At this point in the meeting the Deputy Monitoring Officer returned to the meeting).**

#### 11.1.4 **Policy for Parental Leave for Councillors**

In the absence of Cllr Ed Colman, Cllr Andrew Proctor moved, seconded by Cllr Graham Plant, the recommendations in the report of the Corporate Select Committee.

#### 11.1.5 **Council RESOLVED** on a show of hands (with one abstention)

**To agree the policy for parental leave for Councillors as set out at paragraph 2 of the report and Appendix B (page 47 of the Council papers) and to authorise the Director of Governance (in consultation with the Leader of the Council) to make any minor or consequential amendments to the Constitution necessary for, or incidental to, the implementation of these proposals.**

#### 11.2 **Recommendations from the Governance and Audit Committee meeting held on 28 November 2022**

11.2.1 In the absence of Cllr Ian Mackie, Cllr Robert Savage moved, seconded by Cllr Andrew Proctor, the recommendation in the report of the Governance and Audit Committee.

#### 11.2.2 **Council RESOLVED** on a show of hands

**To confirm that the Committee be titled, 'Audit and Governance Committee' and that the Director of Governance make such consequential changes as are required.**

#### 12 **Specific Business Items**

12.1 There were no specific business items.

#### 13 **Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 19 October 2022 and 23 November 2022**

13.1 Cllr Steve Morphew, Chair, moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

13.2 Council joined the Scrutiny Committee in placing on record thanks to General The Lord Dannatt, Chair of the Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance, who was due to give up the chairmanship of the flooding Alliance in January 2023.

#### 14 **Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 10 November 2022**

14.1 Cllr Alison Thomas, Chair, moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

14.2 In reply to questions, Cllr Alison Thomas said that the links between planning applications for new infrastructure, housing growth and NHS contracts were matters for the NHS rather than for the Scrutiny

Committee. Cllr Thomas reminded Members that they should look to ask questions at the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee rather than at Council. Any member of the Council could request that an item be added to the Committee's forward work programme.

## 15 **Reports from other Committees**

15.1 The Chair asked Members if they had any comments on the reports of the Governance and Audit Committee, the Employment Committee (with the first of the supplementary agendas) and the Health and Wellbeing Committee before moving these reports.

15.2 Council **RESOLVED** to note the reports.

## 16 **Reports from Select Committees**

16.1 The Chair asked Members if they had any comments on the reports of the Corporate Select Committee, Infrastructure and Development Select Committee and the People and Communities Select Committee before moving these reports.

16.2 Council **RESOLVED** to note the reports.

## 17 **Reports about the business of Joint Arrangements and External Organisations**

17.1 The Chair asked members if they had any comments on the reports of the Norfolk Joint Museums Committee and the Norfolk Records Committee before moving these reports.

17.2 Council **RESOLVED** to note the reports.

At this point in the proceedings the Council took a break of 30 minutes.

## 18 **Notice of Motions**

When the meeting reconvened, it was noted that the tenth motion on the agenda (Social Care Emergency) had been withdrawn.

The Chair asked the Council if it wished to extend the meeting in accordance with standing order (rule 11.1(n)) if it was unable to complete the business on the agenda in the time that remained for this meeting. On being put to a show of hands this was **LOST**.

The Council then proceeded to consider the motions.

### 18.1 **Motion 1 -Supporting People**

18.1.1 The following motion was proposed by Cllr Lana Hemsall and seconded by Cllr Daniel Elmer subject to a factual amendment (that was agreed by Council on a show of hands) which related to a Government change from two years to six months in the energy price guarantee:

Norfolk County Council is determined to work as hard as it can to help the residents of Norfolk in the cost-of-living challenge driven by Covid and Vladimir Putin's war in Ukraine. This is what has led to rising energy and food prices.

This Council thanks the Government for the significant work it has done to support the residents of Norfolk and across the Country, through the two-year (it was noted on a factual amendment by the proposed that this was now six months) energy price guarantee and the certainty it'll give residents across Norfolk, as well as the significant help that the £400 energy bill discount will provide to every household. This is in addition to the £650 cost of living payment for those in receipt of means-tested benefits, £300 for pensioner households and £150 for recipients of disability benefits in Norfolk and the £150 Council tax rebate.

Norfolk County Council thanks Officers who have delivered the Norfolk Household Support fund, totalling two allocations of £6.7m, providing valuable help to families, older people and those with disabilities. Alongside, the Norfolk Assistance Scheme has provided both immediate and longer-term social and financial support.

The third allocation of £6.7m, between October 2022 and March 2023, is supplemented by an additional County Council fund of £1.2m.

Norfolk County Council has done, and is doing, all it can to provide help to our residents, especially for energy costs.

We applaud the actions Government is taking to help businesses with their energy costs, which in turn protects jobs in Norfolk. The offshore industry is an important part of Norfolk's economy and is well placed to further the Government's aim of domestic energy security and create local jobs.

This Council resolves to:

1. Work with the Government to ensure that it delivers beyond the much-appreciated support to the residents of Norfolk as quickly as possible.
2. Continue to identify, with partners, those most in need of support in Norfolk and ensure that they access all the help they are eligible for.
3. Promote local opportunities in Norfolk for energy generation to help increase the supply of energy to further aid the long-term lowering of prices.

18.1.2 Cllr Steve Morphew moved as an amendment seconded by Cllr Emma Corlett to read:

Norfolk County Council is determined to work as hard as it can to help the residents of Norfolk in the cost-of-living challenge driven by Covid and Vladimir Putin's war in Ukraine. This is what has led to rising energy and food prices.

This Council thanks the Government for the significant work it has done to support the residents of Norfolk and across the Country, through the two-

year six month energy price guarantee and the short term certainty it'll give residents across Norfolk, as well as the significant help that the £400 energy bill discount will provide to every household. This is in addition to the £650 cost of living payment for those in receipt of means-tested benefits, £300 for pensioner households and £150 for recipients of disability benefits in Norfolk and the £150 Council tax rebate.

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Together with the care and climate crisis council recognises the cost of living crisis is an urgent priority for Norfolk. Council is disappointed the timing of the proposed devolution deal distracts attention and resources away from supporting Norfolk residents facing immediate hardship.

The lack of substance and divisive nature of the governance arrangements proposed in the devolution deal are already consuming attention as well as the time that staff and members will spend considering the matter. Council would therefore prefer the deal to be abandoned or at least delayed until inflation is under control, the impact of twelve years of austerity and the economy has emerged from recession.

This Council resolves to:

1. Work with the Government to ensure that it delivers beyond the much-appreciated support to the residents of Norfolk as quickly as possible.
2. Continue to identify, with partners, those most in need of support in Norfolk and ensure that they access all the help they are eligible for.
3. Promote local opportunities in Norfolk for energy generation to help increase the supply of energy to further aid the long-term lowering of prices
4. Request the Leader to rescind his signature on the 'minded to' devolution deal
5. Request the government to delay further devolution discussions for Norfolk until inflation is under control, the impact of over a decade of austerity and Liz Truss' disastrous budget is reduced and the economy has emerged from recession.

18.1.3 Following debate, it was moved by Cllr Brian Long, duly seconded, that the amendment be put to the vote which was **agreed**.

The amendment on the table was then put to a recorded vote (Appendix A) and with 19 votes in favour, 31 votes against and 1 abstention the amendment was **LOST**.

- 18.1.4 At this point in the meeting there was a procedural vote on whether to allow the word “renewable” to be added into the amendment that was about to be moved by Cllr Saul Penfold and seconded by Cllr Brian Watkins. This was necessary because this word formed part of an amendment made to a motion used at the last meeting and therefore required the support of 21 Members. On a show of hands the addition of the word “renewable” did not receive the required number of votes and this was LOST.

- 18.1.5 Cllr Saul Penfold then moved seconded by Cllr Brian Watkins:

Norfolk County Council is determined to work as hard as it can to help the residents of Norfolk in the cost of living **crisis. challenge driven by Covid and Vladimir Putin’s war in Ukraine. This is what has lead to rising energy and food prices.**

This Council thanks the Government for the significant work it has done to support the residents of Norfolk and across the Country, through the two-year energy price guarantee and the certainty it’ll give residents across Norfolk, as well as the significant help that the £400 energy bill discount will provide to every household. This is in addition to the £650 cost of living payment for those in receipt of means-tested benefits, £300 for pensioner households and £150 for recipients of disability benefits in Norfolk and the £150 Council tax rebate.

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**Alongside, the Norfolk Assistance Scheme has provided both immediate and longer-term social and financial support.** The third allocation of £6.7m, between October 2022 and March 2023, is supplemented by an additional County Council fund of £1.2m.

**Norfolk County Council has done, and is doing, all it can to provide help to our residents, especially for energy costs.**

**We applaud the actions Government is taking to help businesses with their energy costs, which in turn protects jobs in Norfolk. The offshore industry is an important part of Norfolk’s economy and is well placed to further the Government’s aim of domestic energy security and create local jobs.**

**The Council notes that people in rural areas often have no choice but to drive due to poor public transport provision across Norfolk.**

**Norfolk County Council’s own figures estimate that in 2018 there were around 45,600 Norfolk households, 12% of Norfolk’s population, who were experiencing fuel poverty.**

**The End Child Poverty Coalition has found that one in three children across the county are living in poverty households.**

**Norfolk’s residents earned an average annual salary of £28,571 in 2020 which is lower than both the East of England (£32,944) and England (£31,766).**

**Norfolk’s recent population growth has been concentrated in older age groups. The population aged 65+ accounts for 25% of Norfolk’s total population which is higher than both East of England (20%) and England**

(19%) figures.

The Norfolk and Waveney Adult Social Care Workforce Strategy says that in Norfolk and Waveney there are an estimated 114,000 unpaid carers who are looking after a family member or friend.

This Council resolves to:

1. Work with the Government to ensure that it delivers beyond the much-appreciated support to the residents of Norfolk as quickly as possible.
2. Continue to identify, with partners, those most in need of support in Norfolk and ensure that they access all the help they are eligible for.
3. Promote local opportunities in Norfolk for energy generation to help increase the supply of energy to further aid the long-term lowering of prices.
4. Arrange an emergency cost of living summit in Norfolk to bring together people and organisations on the front line of dealing with local poverty including Citizens Advice, Food Banks, Local Trades Unions, and Chambers of Commerce to figure out how best to tackle the problems.
5. Authorise the Head of Paid Service to increase the staff mileage rate by 0.15p as a temporary increase for the remainder of the 2022/2023 financial year. The Head of Paid Service would review the rate each month, and if circumstances dictate, have the flexibility to reduce the enhanced rate reflecting any significant fall in petrol and diesel Prices.
6. Write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer asking the Government to introduce a £500 Unpaid Carers Support payment scheme in England as there is in Scotland and Wales to help with the effects of the cost of living crisis
7. Write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer asking for an emergency cut to VAT from 20% to 17.5% that would on average save families £600
8. Write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer asking for rural fuel duty relief to be doubled to 10p a litre and for the rural fuel duty relief scheme to be expanded to include Norfolk.

18.1.6 Following debate, it was moved that the amendment now be put to the vote and upon a show of hands this was **AGREED**.

18.1.7 The amendment was then put to a recorded vote (Appendix B), which with 16 votes in favour, 34 votes against and 4 abstention was **LOST**.

18.1.8 Following debate on the substantive motion, it was moved by Cllr Steve Morphew, seconded by Cllr Emma Corlett, that the substantive motion now be put to the vote which was **agreed** on a show of hands.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote, and it was **RESOLVED** (Appendix C) with 34 votes in favour 19 votes against and 1 abstention:

**Norfolk County Council is determined to work as hard as it can to help the residents of Norfolk in the cost-of-living challenge driven by Covid and Vladimir Putin's war in Ukraine. This is what has lead to rising energy and food prices.**

**This Council thanks the Government for the significant work it has done to support the residents of Norfolk and across the Country, through the six months energy price guarantee and the certainty it'll give residents across Norfolk, as well as the significant help that the**

**£400 energy bill discount will provide to every household. This is in addition to the £650 cost of living payment for those in receipt of means-tested benefits, £300 for pensioner households and £150 for recipients of disability benefits in Norfolk and the £150 Council tax rebate.**

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- 3. Promote local opportunities in Norfolk for energy generation to help increase the supply of energy to further aid the long-term lowering of prices.**

**18.2 Motion 2- Supporting opportunities for physical activity for children and young people living with a disability in Norfolk**

- 18.2.1 The following motion was proposed by Cllr Maxine Webb and seconded by Cllr Mike Smith-Clare:**

In February 2022 the Government published its first ever activity guidance for disabled children and young people, Physical activity guidelines: disabled children and disabled young people - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)) described by the four Chief Medical Officers as “an important step forward in addressing the gap in physical activity guidelines for disabled children and disabled young people.” The guidance recommends weekly and daily levels of physical activity including walking and cycling as well as structured activities such as indoor wall climbing, yoga, swimming and modified sports like



basketball and football.

The Chief Executive of Activity Alliance (the national charity and leading voice for disabled people in sport and activity) welcomed the guidance with the warning, “It is absolutely imperative that all opportunities are welcoming, appealing and accessible so no child feels forgotten or misses out. The people working in these environments must be aware and skilled in knowing how to genuinely include disabled children. There is no use recommending increased levels of activity if the opportunities are not there for disabled children and young people in every community.”

In line with its Flourishing in Norfolk strategy, Flourish - Norfolk County Council this Council is committed to improving the health and wellbeing of disabled children and young people.

To strengthen our commitment and deliver our four key FLOURISH priorities this Council resolves to work across all internal departments, with commissioned partners such as Active Norfolk, colleagues in Public Health and the wider community to form a framework that ensures:

- Activity providers and community organisations in Norfolk offer appropriate inclusive physical activity opportunities to children and young people with disabilities
- Create a disability-friendly protocol, in coproduction with families and parent/carers groups, to enable the award of disability-friendly status to inclusive activities, providers and venues
- Publish a list of inclusive activities, providers and venues and ensure this is refreshed regularly (at least yearly) in collaboration with families and parent/carers groups

18.2.2 On being put to the vote the motion was **LOST** (Appendix D), there were 19 votes in favour 31 votes against and 4 abstentions.

### 18.3 **Motion 3- Helping Rural Norfolk with the Cost-of-Living Crisis**

18.3.1 This motion was withdrawn.

### 18.4 **Motion 4- Support for People Seeking Asylum (amended title)**

18.4.1 A composite motion was proposed by Cllr Jamie Osborn and seconded by Cllr Paul Neale with the following wording having met with the acceptance of an amendment from Cllr Emma Corlett, seconded by Cllr Mike Sands:

Since it became apparent that conditions for migrants at the Home Office's Manston Detention Centre could be illegal, an unknown number of migrants have been transferred to hotels in Norfolk. Local councils were not consulted on these transfers and have been offered little or no funding or guidance from the Home Office or Government to help them in supporting these vulnerable people.

This Council notes that:

- The UK Government's treatment of migrants could be in breach of international and national law and is inhumane;
- Migrants being held in the UK without status are denied legal rights to work, which leaves them vulnerable to exploitation;
- The accommodation provided for migrants and people seeking asylum is often overcrowded and inadequate support is given for people who have often fled traumatic conditions;
- Norfolk has a proud history of welcoming migrants and refugees, including via the work of many voluntary, charity and other civil society organisations, but also structural racism in the UK means many migrants are discriminated against, including in the immigration system.

This Council resolves to:

1. Identify, with the Home Office, the number of asylum seekers who have been transferred to Norfolk and ensure that appropriate safeguarding measures are in place to protect them;
2. Work with district councils to identify the housing and support needed for asylum seekers and write to Government for the necessary funding to provide these;
3. Write to the Home Office and the Prime Minister to:
  - a. Open safe and legal routes into Britain for all people seeking asylum;
  - b. Call for the ban on people seeking asylum working to be lifted;
  - c. Call for an end to the "hostile environment" and for an amnesty for undocumented migrants already living and working in the UK.

18.4.2 Following discussion, the composite motion was put to the vote and **LOST** (Appendix E), there were in 19 in favour, 33 votes against and 1 abstention.

#### 18.5 **Three-hour meeting time elapses**

At this point in the proceedings the Chair pointed out that the 3 hours for the meeting had elapsed and council had not agreed to extend the meeting.

18.6 As a result, following a break of 10 minutes, Council moved to the part of the meeting where all remaining business be they motions or amendments to motions would be considered moved and seconded in line with procedure rule 4 (iv).

18.7 The Chair said that she would deal with each motion in turn. Initially she would ask the proposer of the motion if they wanted the motion to go ahead or be withdrawn. If the motion was withdrawn Council would continue through the motions in the order they appeared on the agenda, which was by reference to the size of the group. If the motion was not withdrawn, the Chair would consider if there were amendments. If there were, then Council would vote on those first and then, when those were completed, Council would vote on the substantive motion.

18.8 The Chair said that she would like to propose the possibility of all the votes in this section being taken as recorded votes. The Chair then asked for a singular decision to do this, to extend to all votes taken in this section of the meeting and to have a proposer for doing this. This was then proposed by

Cllr Morpew seconded by Cllr Kemp and **AGREED** unanimously.

- 18.9 Council then noted that in accordance with an email sent to Group Leads and the unaligned member, the Deputy Monitoring Officer had given her opinion that amendments without notice could not be moved in this session of the meeting. The reason being that the Council would not know exactly what was being voted on. Therefore, only those amendments submitted 24 hours prior to the meeting and shared in advance would be considered. There would be no speeches, or debate on the items that followed.

18.10 **Motion 5- Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn**

- 18.10.1 **This Council once more unites in support of West Norfolk, in its hour of need. In May 2021, this Council unanimously voted for a Motion, calling on the Government to place the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn on the list of hospitals for rebuild, because the concrete roof, constructed with built-in obsolescence, is now collapsing, incapable of permanent repair and is only held up with the support of over 3,000 metal and wooden props and fail-safes. But the Government has not yet listened. The situation It is now critical. Even with the £130 million safety programme that has made the QEH the most propped-up hospital in the country., It is now known that the RAAC-riddled roof of the QEH cannot survive beyond 2030 and that parts of the hospital would then start to close. This would devastate Kings Lynn. This Council therefore calls on the Government to place the QEH on the rebuild list now.**

- 18.10.2 On being put to a recorded vote (Appendix F), the motion was **AGREED**, with 43 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 2 abstentions.

18.11 **Motion 6- 20 Minute Neighbourhoods**

- 18.11.1 **A 20-minute neighbourhood is typically defined as a place where people can meet most of their everyday needs through a pleasant, fully accessible, 20 minute return journey undertaken without the use of a car (ie. 10 minutes there and 10 minutes back). Such neighbourhoods are generally defined by the communities that live there and each will be unique in terms of what services and facilities they want to access. Typically, a 20-minute neighbourhood approach should help to disperse investment, jobs and services more widely across a town or city rather than just focusing on the centre. Making sure that neighbourhoods are compact and fully accessible, as well as containing a mix of different shops, services and amenities will make it easier for more people to move around on foot, by wheelchair, by bike, by bus or other non-car means and research shows that people are generally happy to travel for 20 minutes to get to and from the places they need to go. It will still be possible to make driving trips, but these may not be as direct as walking, cycling or using public transport. Reduced traffic levels will create safer environments for all users of the transport network, irrespective of whether you are a resident of the local area or are visiting the area. This latter point highlights how a 20 minute neighbourhood approach can also support**

**sustainable tourism and help to boost the visitor economy.**

**It should be noted that 20-minute neighbourhoods may be difficult to implement in rural villages, so public transport options between these villages would be essential, to access places outside of the neighbourhood and to support those who could find it challenging to make a trip on foot or by cycle.**

**The Council resolves to work with Transport East, District Councils and stakeholders to review the evidence for, and benefits of, trialling a number of 20 Minute Neighbourhoods in Norfolk in both rural and urban areas.**

18.11.2 On being put to a recorded vote (Appendix G), the motion was **AGREED**, with 48 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 0 abstentions.

18.12 **Motion 7- Winter Emergency Planning**

18.12.1 This motion was withdrawn.

18.13 **Motion 8- A Say for Norfolk Residents on the County Deal**

18.13.1 **The following amendment was put to the vote:**

1. The public has had no direct say over county deal discussions, no opportunity to provide their views, and no opportunity to scrutinise the proposals;

2. While there are some potential benefits to devolution, including greater control over public transport, there are risks in concentrating more power in the hands of a single county council leader;

3. The decision over the political future of Norfolk should not be made by a handful of county councillors from a single political party and with no input from other parties or the people of Norfolk;

4. District council leaders have expressed their discontent with the way the negotiations are being run;

Council resolves to;

1. Immediately publish the details of the proposed County Deal and the options being considered;

2. Ensure Norfolk residents get a say over the future of our democracy by:

~~a. Establishing a Citizens' Assembly to determine what form of county deal would offer the best outcomes for Norfolk; and~~

~~b. Subjecting the final decision of the Citizens' Assembly to a referendum by Norfolk residents.~~

a. asking the Leader to commit to ensuring all future discussions are subject to public scrutiny and no further 'minded to' agreements are

signed without explicit council consent

- b. Adding all devolution matters to the list of policy framework policies reserved for decision by council
- c. Asking the Head of Paid Service to recommend to council ways of establishing public consent for the final terms of any deal before it is brought to council for a decision.

18.13.2 On being put to the vote the amendment (Appendix H) was **LOST**, there being 15 votes in favour, 31 votes against and 1 abstention.

18.13.3 The original motion was put to the vote:

Discussions regarding the “County Deal” for Norfolk have been ongoing between Government officials and county leaders for months. These discussions are over what has been described as “the most fundamental and far reaching change in governance of the county for the next 50 years.”

Council notes:

1. The public has had no direct say over county deal discussions, no opportunity to provide their views, and no opportunity to scrutinise the proposals;
2. While there are some potential benefits to devolution, including greater control over public transport, there are risks in concentrating more power in the hands of a single county council leader;
3. The decision over the political future of Norfolk should not be made by a handful of county councillors from a single political party and with no input from other parties or the people of Norfolk;
4. District council leaders have expressed their discontent with the way the negotiations are being run;

Council resolves to:

1. Immediately publish details of the proposed county deal and the options being considered;
2. Ensure Norfolk residents get a say over the future of our democracy by:
  - a. Establishing a Citizens’ Assembly to determine what form of county deal would offer the best outcomes for Norfolk; and
  - b. Subjecting the final decision of the Citizens’ Assembly to a referendum by Norfolk residents.

18.13.4 On being put to the vote the motion (Appendix I) was **LOST**, there being 4 votes in favour, 29 votes against and 15 abstentions.

#### 18.14 **Motion 9-West Winch Bypass**

18.14.1 This Council agrees no major development can start along the A10 in West Winch and Setchey until the West Winch Bypass is fully built.

18.14.2 On being put to the vote the motion (Appendix J) was **LOST**, there being 15 votes in favour, 31 votes against and 2 abstentions.

**18.15 Motion 10-Social Care Emergency**

18.15.1 This motion was withdrawn.

**19 To answer questions under Rule 9.3 of the Council Procedure Rules (if any received).**

19.1 None were received.

**20 Appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees and Joint Committees (Standard item).**

**20.1 (i) To note any changes made under delegated powers since the last meeting.**

**Cllr Long appointed to replace Cllr Annison as a substitute member on Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

**Cllr Long appointed to replace Cllr G Carpenter on the Scrutiny Committee**

**Cllr G Carpenter appointed to fill vacancy on Corporate Select Committee**

**Cllr Mason Billig appointed to fill vacancy on Governance and Audit Committee**

**Cllr James and Cllr Whymark appointed to replace Cllr Thomas and Cllr Connolly on the Corporate Parenting Board**

**20.2 (ii) To consider any proposals from Group Leaders for changes to committee places or consequential positions.**

**A change in the Member Champion for Disabilities, from Cllr White to Cllr Long.**

**The meeting ended at 2.10 pm**

**Chair**



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**Norfolk County Council**  
**Date: 13 December 2022 APPENDIX A**

**RECORDED VOTE (Supporting People) Labour Amendment – ITEM  
NUMBER: 18.1**

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
<b>ADAMS</b> Timothy	Absent			<b>KIDDLE-MORRIS</b> Mark	Absent		
<b>ADAMS</b> Tony	Absent			<b>KIRK</b> Julian		x	
<b>ANNISON</b> Carl		x		<b>LONG</b> Brian		x	
<b>AQUARONE</b> Steffan	x			<b>MACKIE</b> Ian	Absent		
<b>ASKEW</b> Stephen	Absent			<b>MASON BILLIG</b> Kay	Absent		
<b>BAMBRIDGE</b> Lesley	Absent			<b>MAXFIELD</b> Ed	Absent		
<b>BENSLY</b> James		x		<b>MORIARTY</b> Jim	Absent		
<b>BILLS</b> David		x		<b>MORPHEW</b> Steve	x		
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b> Alison	x			<b>NEALE</b> Paul	x		
<b>BLUNDELL</b> Sharon	Absent			<b>OLIVER</b> Judy		x	
<b>BORRETT</b> Bill		x		<b>OLIVER</b> Rhodri	Absent		
<b>BOWES</b> Claire	Absent			<b>OSBORN</b> Jamie	x		
<b>BROCIEK-COULTON</b> Julie	Absent			<b>PECK</b> Greg		x	
<b>CARPENTER</b> Graham	Absent			<b>PENFOLD</b> Saul	x		
<b>CARPENTER</b> Penny		x		<b>PLANT</b> Graham		x	
<b>CLANCY</b> Stuart	Absent			<b>PRICE</b> Ben	x		
<b>COLMAN</b> Ed	Absent			<b>PRICE</b> Richard	Absent		
<b>COLWELL</b> Robert	Absent			<b>PROCTOR</b> Andrew		x	
<b>CONNOLLY</b> Ed	Absent			<b>RICHMOND</b> Will		x	
<b>CORLETT</b> Emma	x			<b>Reilly</b> Matthew	x		
<b>DALBY</b> Michael	Absent			<b>RILEY</b> Steve	Absent		
<b>DARK</b> Stuart	Absent			<b>ROPER</b> Dan	x		
<b>DAUBNEY</b> Nick	Absent			<b>Rumsby</b> Chrissie	x		
<b>DAWSON</b> Christopher	Absent			<b>SANDS</b> Mike	x		
<b>DEWSBURY</b> Margaret		x		<b>SAVAGE</b> Robert		x	
<b>DIXON</b> Nigel	Absent			<b>SAYERS</b> David	x		
<b>DUFFIN</b> Barry		x		<b>SHIRES</b> Lucy	Absent		
<b>DUIGAN</b> Phillip		x		<b>SMITH</b> Carl	Absent		
<b>EAGLE</b> Fabian		x		<b>SMITH-CLARE</b> Mike	x		
<b>ELMER</b> Daniel		x		<b>STONE</b> Barry	Absent		
<b>FISHER</b> John	Absent			<b>STOREY</b> Martin		x	
<b>FITZPATRICK</b> Tom		x		<b>THOMAS</b> Alison		x	
<b>GRANT</b> Andy	Absent			<b>THOMSON</b> Vic		x	
<b>GURNEY</b> Shelagh		x		<b>VARDY</b> Eric		x	
<b>HEMPSALL</b> Lana		x		<b>VINCENT</b> Karen			x
<b>HORSBRUGH</b> Michael Chenery of		x		<b>WALKER</b> Colleen	x		
<b>JAMES</b> Jane		x		<b>WARD</b> John		x	
<b>JAMIESON</b> Andrew		x		<b>WATKINS</b> Brian	x		
<b>JERMY</b> Terry	Absent			<b>WEBB</b> Maxine	x		
<b>JONES</b> Brenda	x			<b>WHITE</b> Tony	Absent		
<b>KEMP</b> Alexandra	x			<b>WHYMARK</b> Fran	Absent		
<b>KIDDIE</b> Keith		x		<b>WILBY</b> Martin		x	

<b>For</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>1</b>



**Norfolk County Council**  
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**RECORDED VOTE(Supporting People) Liberal Democrat**  
**Amendment – ITEM NUMBER: 18.1**

	For	Against	Abstain
<b>ADAMS</b> Timothy	Absent		
<b>ADAMS</b> Tony	Absent		
<b>ANNISON</b> Carl		x	
<b>AQUARONE</b> Steffan	x		
<b>ASKEW</b> Stephen	Absent		
<b>BAMBRIDGE</b> Lesley		x	
<b>BENSLY</b> James		x	
<b>BILLS</b> David		x	
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b> Alison	x		
<b>BLUNDELL</b> Sharon	Absent		
<b>BORRETT</b> Bill		x	
<b>BOWES</b> Claire	Absent		
<b>BROCIEK-COULTON</b> Julie	Absent		
<b>CARPENTER</b> Graham	Absent		
<b>CARPENTER</b> Penny		x	
<b>CLANCY</b> Stuart	Absent		
<b>COLMAN</b> Ed	Absent		
<b>COLWELL</b> Robert	Absent		
<b>CONNOLLY</b> Ed	Absent		
<b>CORLETT</b> Emma	x		
<b>DALBY</b> Michael	Absent		
<b>DARK</b> Stuart	Absent		
<b>DAUBNEY</b> Nick	Absent		
<b>DAWSON</b> Christopher		x	
<b>DEWSBURY</b> Margaret		x	
<b>DIXON</b> Nigel	Absent		
<b>DUFFIN</b> Barry		x	
<b>DUIGAN</b> Phillip		x	
<b>EAGLE</b> Fabian		x	
<b>ELMER</b> Daniel		x	
<b>FISHER</b> John	Absent		
<b>FITZPATRICK</b> Tom		x	
<b>GRANT</b> Andy	Absent		
<b>GURNEY</b> Shelagh		x	
<b>HEMPSALL</b> Lana		x	
<b>HORSBRUGH</b> Michael Chenery of		x	
<b>JAMES</b> Jane		x	
<b>JAMIESON</b> Andrew		x	
<b>JERMY</b> Terry	Absent		
<b>JONES</b> Brenda	x		
<b>KEMP</b> Alexandra	x		
<b>KIDDIE</b> Keith		x	

	For	Against	Abstain
<b>KIDDLE-MORRIS</b> Mark	Absent		
<b>KIRK</b> Julian		x	
<b>LONG</b> Brian		x	
<b>MACKIE</b> Ian	Absent		
<b>MASON BILLIG</b> Kay	Absent		
<b>MAXFIELD</b> Ed	Absent		
<b>MORIARTY</b> Jim	Absent		
<b>MORPHEW</b> Steve	x		
<b>NEALE</b> Paul			x
<b>OLIVER</b> Judy		x	
<b>OLIVER</b> Rhodri	Absent		
<b>OSBORN</b> Jamie			x
<b>PECK</b> Greg		x	
<b>PENFOLD</b> Saul	x		
<b>PLANT</b> Graham		x	
<b>PRICE</b> Ben			x
<b>PRICE</b> Richard	Absent		
<b>PROCTOR</b> Andrew		x	
<b>RICHMOND</b> Will		x	
<b>Reilly</b> Matthew	x		
<b>RILEY</b> Steve	Absent		
<b>ROPER</b> Dan	x		
<b>Rumsby</b> Chrissie	x		
<b>SANDS</b> Mike	x		
<b>SAVAGE</b> Robert		x	
<b>SAYERS</b> David	x		
<b>SHIRES</b> Lucy	Absent		
<b>SMITH</b> Carl	Absent		
<b>SMITH-CLARE</b> Mike	x		
<b>STONE</b> Barry	Absent		
<b>STOREY</b> Martin		x	
<b>THOMAS</b> Alison		x	
<b>THOMSON</b> Vic		x	
<b>VARDY</b> Eric		x	
<b>VINCENT</b> Karen			x
<b>WALKER</b> Colleen	x		
<b>WARD</b> John		x	
<b>WATKINS</b> Brian	x		
<b>WEBB</b> Maxine	x		
<b>WHITE</b> Tony		x	
<b>WHYMARK</b> Fran	Absent		
<b>WILBY</b> Martin		x	

<b>For</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>4</b>

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**Date:13 December 2022 APPENDIX C**

**RECORDED VOTE (Supporting People) Substantive Motion – ITEM  
NUMBER: 18.1**

	For	Against	Abstain
<b>ADAMS</b> Timothy	Absent		
<b>ADAMS</b> Tony	Absent		
<b>ANNISON</b> Carl	x		
<b>AQUARONE</b> Steffan		x	
<b>ASKEW</b> Stephen	Absent		
<b>BAMBRIDGE</b> Lesley	x		
<b>BENSLY</b> James	x		
<b>BILLS</b> David	x		
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b> Alison		x	
<b>BLUNDELL</b> Sharon	Absent		
<b>BORRETT</b> Bill	x		
<b>BOWES</b> Claire	Absent		
<b>BROCIEK-COULTON</b> Julie	Absent		
<b>CARPENTER</b> Graham	Absent		
<b>CARPENTER</b> Penny	x		
<b>CLANCY</b> Stuart	Absent		
<b>COLMAN</b> Ed	Absent		
<b>COLWELL</b> Robert	Absent		
<b>CONNOLLY</b> Ed	Absent		
<b>CORLETT</b> Emma		x	
<b>DALBY</b> Michael	Absent		
<b>DARK</b> Stuart	Absent		
<b>DAUBNEY</b> Nick	Absent		
<b>DAWSON</b> Christopher	x		
<b>DEWSBURY</b> Margaret	x		
<b>DIXON</b> Nigel	Absent		
<b>DUFFIN</b> Barry	x		
<b>DUIGAN</b> Phillip	x		
<b>EAGLE</b> Fabian	x		
<b>ELMER</b> Daniel	x		
<b>FISHER</b> John	Absent		
<b>FITZPATRICK</b> Tom	x		
<b>GRANT</b> Andy	Absent		
<b>GURNEY</b> Shelagh	x		
<b>HEMPSALL</b> Lana	x		
<b>HORSBRUGH</b> Michael Chenery of	x		
<b>JAMES</b> Jane	x		
<b>JAMIESON</b> Andrew	x		
<b>JERMY</b> Terry	Absent		
<b>JONES</b> Brenda		x	
<b>KEMP</b> Alexandra		x	
<b>KIDDIE</b> Keith	x		

	For	Against	Abstain
<b>KIDDLE-MORRIS</b> Mark	Absent		
<b>KIRK</b> Julian	x		
<b>LONG</b> Brian	x		
<b>MACKIE</b> Ian	Absent		
<b>MASON BILLIG</b> Kay	Absent		
<b>MAXFIELD</b> Ed	Absent		
<b>MORIARTY</b> Jim	Absent		
<b>MORPHEW</b> Steve		x	
<b>NEALE</b> Paul		x	
<b>OLIVER</b> Judy	x		
<b>OLIVER</b> Rhodri	Absent		
<b>OSBORN</b> Jamie		x	
<b>PECK</b> Greg	x		
<b>PENFOLD</b> Saul		x	
<b>PLANT</b> Graham	x		
<b>PRICE</b> Ben		x	
<b>PRICE</b> Richard	Absent		
<b>PROCTOR</b> Andrew	x		
<b>RICHMOND</b> Will	x		
<b>Reilly</b> Matthew		x	
<b>RILEY</b> Steve	Absent		
<b>ROPER</b> Dan		x	
<b>Rumsby</b> Chrissie		x	
<b>SANDS</b> Mike		x	
<b>SAVAGE</b> Robert	x		
<b>SAYERS</b> David		x	
<b>SHIRES</b> Lucy	Absent		
<b>SMITH</b> Carl	Absent		
<b>SMITH-CLARE</b> Mike		x	
<b>STONE</b> Barry	Absent		
<b>STOREY</b> Martin	x		
<b>THOMAS</b> Alison	x		
<b>THOMSON</b> Vic	x		
<b>VARDY</b> Eric	x		
<b>VINCENT</b> Karen			x
<b>WALKER</b> Colleen		x	
<b>WARD</b> John	x		
<b>WATKINS</b> Brian		x	
<b>WEBB</b> Maxine		x	
<b>WHITE</b> Tony	x		
<b>WHYMARK</b> Fran	Absent		
<b>WILBY</b> Martin	x		

<b>For</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>1</b>

**Norfolk County Council**  
**Date:13 December 2022 Appendix D**

**RECORDED VOTE (Supporting opportunities for physical activity for children and young people living with a disability in Norfolk) – ITEM NUMBER: 18.2**

	For	Against	Abstain
<b>ADAMS</b> Timothy	Absent		
<b>ADAMS</b> Tony	Absent		
<b>ANNISON</b> Carl		x	
<b>AQUARONE</b> Steffan	x		
<b>ASKEW</b> Stephen	Absent		
<b>BAMBRIDGE</b> Lesley		x	
<b>BENSLY</b> James		x	
<b>BILLS</b> David		x	
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b> Alison	x		
<b>BLUNDELL</b> Sharon	Absent		
<b>BORRETT</b> Bill		x	
<b>BOWES</b> Claire	Absent		
<b>BROCIEK-COULTON</b> Julie	Absent		
<b>CARPENTER</b> Graham	Absent		
<b>CARPENTER</b> Penny		x	
<b>CLANCY</b> Stuart			
<b>COLMAN</b> Ed	Absent		
<b>COLWELL</b> Robert			
<b>CONNOLLY</b> Ed	Absent		
<b>CORLETT</b> Emma	x		
<b>DALBY</b> Michael	Absent		
<b>DARK</b> Stuart	Absent		
<b>DAUBNEY</b> Nick	Absent		
<b>DAWSON</b> Christopher		x	
<b>DEWSBURY</b> Margaret		x	
<b>DIXON</b> Nigel			
<b>DUFFIN</b> Barry		x	
<b>DUIGAN</b> Phillip		x	
<b>EAGLE</b> Fabian		x	
<b>ELMER</b> Daniel		x	
<b>FISHER</b> John	Absent		
<b>FITZPATRICK</b> Tom		x	
<b>GRANT</b> Andy	Absent		
<b>GURNEY</b> Shelagh		x	
<b>HEMPSALL</b> Lana		x	
<b>HORSBRUGH</b> Michael Chenery of		x	
<b>JAMES</b> Jane		x	
<b>JAMIESON</b> Andrew		x	
<b>JERMY</b> Terry	Absent		
<b>JONES</b> Brenda	x		
<b>KEMP</b> Alexandra	x		
<b>KIDDIE</b> Keith			x

	For	Against	Abstain
<b>KIDDLE-MORRIS</b> Mark	Absent		
<b>KIRK</b> Julian		x	
<b>LONG</b> Brian		x	
<b>MACKIE</b> Ian	Absent		
<b>MASON BILLIG</b> Kay	Absent		
<b>MAXFIELD</b> Ed			
<b>MORIARTY</b> Jim	Absent		
<b>MORPHEW</b> Steve	x		
<b>NEALE</b> Paul	x		
<b>OLIVER</b> Judy		x	
<b>OLIVER</b> Rhodri	Absent		
<b>OSBORN</b> Jamie	x		
<b>PECK</b> Greg		x	
<b>PENFOLD</b> Saul	x		
<b>PLANT</b> Graham		x	
<b>PRICE</b> Ben	x		
<b>PRICE</b> Richard	Absent		
<b>PROCTOR</b> Andrew		x	
<b>RICHMOND</b> Will		x	
<b>Reilly</b> Matthew	x		
<b>RILEY</b> Steve	Absent		
<b>ROPER</b> Dan	x		
<b>Rumsby</b> Chrissie	x		
<b>SANDS</b> Mike	x		
<b>SAVAGE</b> Robert		x	
<b>SAYERS</b> David	x		
<b>SHIRES</b> Lucy	Absent		
<b>SMITH</b> Carl	Absent		
<b>SMITH-CLARE</b> Mike	x		
<b>STONE</b> Barry	Absent		
<b>STOREY</b> Martin			x
<b>THOMAS</b> Alison			x
<b>THOMSON</b> Vic		x	
<b>VARDY</b> Eric		x	
<b>VINCENT</b> Karen			x
<b>WALKER</b> Colleen	x		
<b>WARD</b> John		x	
<b>WATKINS</b> Brian	x		
<b>WEBB</b> Maxine	x		
<b>WHITE</b> Tony		x	
<b>WHYMARK</b> Fran	Absent		
<b>WILBY</b> Martin		x	

<b>For</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>4</b>

**Norfolk County Council**  
**Date 13 December 2022 Appendix E**

**RECORDED VOTE (Support for People Seeking Asylum)**  
**ITEM NUMBER: 18.4 Green/Labour composite motion**

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
<b>ADAMS</b> Timothy	Absent			<b>KIDDLE-MORRIS</b> Mark	Absent		
<b>ADAMS</b> Tony	Absent			<b>KIRK</b> Julian		x	
<b>ANNISON</b> Carl		x		<b>LONG</b> Brian		x	
<b>AQUARONE</b> Steffan	x			<b>MACKIE</b> Ian	Absent		
<b>ASKEW</b> Stephen	Absent			<b>MASON BILLIG</b> Kay	Absent		
<b>BAMBRIDGE</b> Lesley		x		<b>MAXFIELD</b> Ed			
<b>BENSLY</b> James		x		<b>MORIARTY</b> Jim	Absent		
<b>BILLS</b> David		X		<b>MORPHEW</b> Steve	x		
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b> Alison	x			<b>NEALE</b> Paul	x		
<b>BLUNDELL</b> Sharon	Absent			<b>OLIVER</b> Judy		x	
<b>BORRETT</b> Bill	Absent			<b>OLIVER</b> Rhodri	Absent		
<b>BOWES</b> Claire	Absent			<b>OSBORN</b> Jamie	x		
<b>BROCIEK-COULTON</b> Julie	Absent			<b>PECK</b> Greg		x	
<b>CARPENTER</b> Graham	Absent			<b>PENFOLD</b> Saul	x		
<b>CARPENTER</b> Penny		x		<b>PLANT</b> Graham		x	
<b>CLANCY</b> Stuart				<b>PRICE</b> Ben	x		
<b>COLMAN</b> Ed	Absent			<b>PRICE</b> Richard	Absent		
<b>COLWELL</b> Robert				<b>PROCTOR</b> Andrew		x	
<b>CONNOLLY</b> Ed	Absent			<b>RICHMOND</b> Will		x	
<b>CORLETT</b> Emma	x			<b>Reilly</b> Matthew	x		
<b>DALBY</b> Michael	Absent			<b>RILEY</b> Steve	Absent		
<b>DARK</b> Stuart	Absent			<b>ROPER</b> Dan	x		
<b>DAUBNEY</b> Nick	Absent			<b>Rumsby</b> Chrissie	x		
<b>DAWSON</b> Christopher		x		<b>SANDS</b> Mike	x		
<b>DEWSBURY</b> Margaret		x		<b>SAVAGE</b> Robert		x	
<b>DIXON</b> Nigel				<b>SAYERS</b> David	x		
<b>DUFFIN</b> Barry		x		<b>SHIRES</b> Lucy			
<b>DUIGAN</b> Phillip		x		<b>SMITH</b> Carl	Absent		
<b>EAGLE</b> Fabian		x		<b>SMITH-CLARE</b> Mike	x		
<b>ELMER</b> Daniel		x		<b>STONE</b> Barry	Absent		
<b>FISHER</b> John	Absent			<b>STOREY</b> Martin		x	
<b>FITZPATRICK</b> Tom		x		<b>THOMAS</b> Alison		x	
<b>GRANT</b> Andy	Absent			<b>THOMSON</b> Vic		x	
<b>GURNEY</b> Shelagh		x		<b>VARDY</b> Eric		x	
<b>HEMPSALL</b> Lana		x		<b>VINCENT</b> Karen			x
<b>HORSBRUGH</b> Michael Chenery of		x		<b>WALKER</b> Colleen	x		
<b>JAMES</b> Jane		x		<b>WARD</b> John		x	
<b>JAMIESON</b> Andrew		x		<b>WATKINS</b> Brian	x		
<b>JERMY</b> Terry	Absent			<b>WEBB</b> Maxine	x		
<b>JONES</b> Brenda	x			<b>WHITE</b> Tony		x	
<b>KEMP</b> Alexandra	x			<b>WHYMARK</b> Fran	Absent		
<b>KIDDIE</b> Keith		x		<b>WILBY</b> Martin		x	

<b>For</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>1</b>



**Norfolk County Council**  
**Date: 13 December 2022 Appendix F**

**RECORDED VOTE (Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn)– ITEM  
NUMBER:18.5**

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
<b>ADAMS</b> Timothy	Absent			<b>KIDDLE-MORRIS</b> Mark	Absent		
<b>ADAMS</b> Tony	Absent			<b>KIRK</b> Julian	Absent		
<b>ANNISON</b> Carl	x			<b>LONG</b> Brian	x		
<b>AQUARONE</b> Steffan	Absent			<b>MACKIE</b> Ian	Absent		
<b>ASKEW</b> Stephen	Absent			<b>MASON BILLIG</b> Kay	Absent		
<b>BAMBRIDGE</b> Lesley	x			<b>MAXFIELD</b> Ed	Absent		
<b>BENSLY</b> James	x			<b>MORIARTY</b> Jim	Absent		
<b>BILLS</b> David	x			<b>MORPHEW</b> Steve	x		
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b> Alison	x			<b>NEALE</b> Paul	x		
<b>BLUNDELL</b> Sharon	Absent			<b>OLIVER</b> Judy	Absent		
<b>BORRETT</b> Bill	Absent			<b>OLIVER</b> Rhodri	Absent		
<b>BOWES</b> Claire	Absent			<b>OSBORN</b> Jamie	x		
<b>BROCIEK-COULTON</b> Julie	Absent			<b>PECK</b> Greg	x		
<b>CARPENTER</b> Graham	Absent			<b>PENFOLD</b> Saul	x		
<b>CARPENTER</b> Penny	x			<b>PLANT</b> Graham	x		
<b>CLANCY</b> Stuart	Absent			<b>PRICE</b> Ben	x		
<b>COLMAN</b> Ed	Absent			<b>PRICE</b> Richard	Absent		
<b>COLWELL</b> Robert	Absent			<b>PROCTOR</b> Andrew	x		
<b>CONNOLLY</b> Ed	Absent			<b>RICHMOND</b> Will	Absent		
<b>CORLETT</b> Emma	x			<b>Reilly</b> Matthew	x		
<b>DALBY</b> Michael	Absent			<b>RILEY</b> Steve	Absent		
<b>DARK</b> Stuart	Absent			<b>ROPER</b> Dan	x		
<b>DAUBNEY</b> Nick	Absent			<b>Rumsby</b> Chrissie	x		
<b>DAWSON</b> Christopher			x	<b>SANDS</b> Mike	x		
<b>DEWSBURY</b> Margaret	x			<b>SAVAGE</b> Robert	x		
<b>DIXON</b> Nigel	Absent			<b>SAYERS</b> David	x		
<b>DUFFIN</b> Barry			x	<b>SHIRES</b> Lucy	Absent		
<b>DUIGAN</b> Phillip	x			<b>SMITH</b> Carl	Absent		
<b>EAGLE</b> Fabian	x			<b>SMITH-CLARE</b> Mike	x		
<b>ELMER</b> Daniel	x			<b>STONE</b> Barry	Absent		
<b>FISHER</b> John	Absent			<b>STOREY</b> Martin	Absent		
<b>FITZPATRICK</b> Tom	x			<b>THOMAS</b> Alison	Absent		
<b>GRANT</b> Andy	Absent			<b>THOMSON</b> Vic	x		
<b>GURNEY</b> Shelagh	Absent			<b>VARDY</b> Eric	x		
<b>HEMPSALL</b> Lana	x			<b>VINCENT</b> Karen	x		
<b>HORSBRUGH</b> Michael Chenery of	x			<b>WALKER</b> Colleen	x		
<b>JAMES</b> Jane	x			<b>WARD</b> John	x		
<b>JAMIESON</b> Andrew	x			<b>WATKINS</b> Brian	x		
<b>JERMY</b> Terry	Absent			<b>WEBB</b> Maxine	x		
<b>JONES</b> Brenda	x			<b>WHITE</b> Tony	Absent		
<b>KEMP</b> Alexandra	x			<b>WHYMARK</b> Fran	Absent		
<b>KIDDIE</b> Keith	x			<b>WILBY</b> Martin	x		

<b>For</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Against</b>	
<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>2</b>

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**RECORDED VOTE (20 minute Neighbourhoods) – ITEM  
NUMBER:18.6**

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
<b>ADAMS</b> Timothy	Absent			<b>KIDDLE-MORRIS</b> Mark	Absent		
<b>ADAMS</b> Tony	Absent			<b>KIRK</b> Julian	Absent		
<b>ANNISON</b> Carl	x			<b>LONG</b> Brian	x		
<b>AQUARONE</b> Steffan	Absent			<b>MACKIE</b> Ian	Absent		
<b>ASKEW</b> Stephen	Absent			<b>MASON BILLIG</b> Kay	Absent		
<b>BAMBRIDGE</b> Lesley	x			<b>MAXFIELD</b> Ed	Absent		
<b>BENSLY</b> James	x			<b>MORIARTY</b> Jim	Absent		
<b>BILLS</b> David	x			<b>MORPHEW</b> Steve	x		
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b> Alison	x			<b>NEALE</b> Paul	x		
<b>BLUNDELL</b> Sharon	Absent			<b>OLIVER</b> Judy	Absent		
<b>BORRETT</b> Bill	Absent			<b>OLIVER</b> Rhodri	Absent		
<b>BOWES</b> Claire	Absent			<b>OSBORN</b> Jamie	x		
<b>BROCIEK-COULTON</b> Julie	Absent			<b>PECK</b> Greg	x		
<b>CARPENTER</b> Graham	Absent			<b>PENFOLD</b> Saul	x		
<b>CARPENTER</b> Penny	x			<b>PLANT</b> Graham	x		
<b>CLANCY</b> Stuart	Absent			<b>PRICE</b> Ben	x		
<b>COLMAN</b> Ed	Absent			<b>PRICE</b> Richard	Absent		
<b>COLWELL</b> Robert	Absent			<b>PROCTOR</b> Andrew	x		
<b>CONNOLLY</b> Ed	Absent			<b>RICHMOND</b> Will	Absent		
<b>CORLETT</b> Emma	x			<b>Reilly</b> Matthew	x		
<b>DALBY</b> Michael	Absent			<b>RILEY</b> Steve	Absent		
<b>DARK</b> Stuart	Absent			<b>ROPER</b> Dan	x		
<b>DAUBNEY</b> Nick	Absent			<b>Rumsby</b> Chrissie	x		
<b>DAWSON</b> Christopher	x			<b>SANDS</b> Mike	x		
<b>DEWSBURY</b> Margaret	x			<b>SAVAGE</b> Robert	x		
<b>DIXON</b> Nigel	Absent			<b>SAYERS</b> David	x		
<b>DUFFIN</b> Barry	x			<b>SHIRES</b> Lucy	Absent		
<b>DUIGAN</b> Phillip	x			<b>SMITH</b> Carl	Absent		
<b>EAGLE</b> Fabian	x			<b>SMITH-CLARE</b> Mike	x		
<b>ELMER</b> Daniel	x			<b>STONE</b> Barry	Absent		
<b>FISHER</b> John	Absent			<b>STOREY</b> Martin	x		
<b>FITZPATRICK</b> Tom	x			<b>THOMAS</b> Alison	x		
<b>GRANT</b> Andy	Absent			<b>THOMSON</b> Vic	x		
<b>GURNEY</b> Shelagh	x			<b>VARDY</b> Eric	x		
<b>HEMPSALL</b> Lana	x			<b>VINCENT</b> Karen	x		
<b>HORSBRUGH</b> Michael Chenery of	x			<b>WALKER</b> Colleen	x		
<b>JAMES</b> Jane	x			<b>WARD</b> John	x		
<b>JAMIESON</b> Andrew	x			<b>WATKINS</b> Brian	x		
<b>JERMY</b> Terry	Absent			<b>WEBB</b> Maxine	x		
<b>JONES</b> Brenda	x			<b>WHITE</b> Tony			
<b>KEMP</b> Alexandra	x			<b>WHYMARK</b> Fran	Absent		
<b>KIDDIE</b> Keith	x			<b>WILBY</b> Martin	x		

<b>For</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>0</b>

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## RECORDED VOTE (A say for Norfolk Residents on the County Deal) – ITEM NUMBER: 18.8 Labour Amendment

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
<b>ADAMS</b> Timothy	Absent			<b>KIDDLE-MORRIS</b> Mark	Absent		
<b>ADAMS</b> Tony	Absent			<b>KIRK</b> Julian	Absent		
<b>ANNISON</b> Carl		x		<b>LONG</b> Brian		x	
<b>AQUARONE</b> Steffan	Absent			<b>MACKIE</b> Ian	Absent		
<b>ASKEW</b> Stephen				<b>MASON BILLIG</b> Kay	Absent		
<b>BAMBRIDGE</b> Lesley		x		<b>MAXFIELD</b> Ed	Absent		
<b>BENSLY</b> James		x		<b>MORIARTY</b> Jim	Absent		
<b>BILLS</b> David		x		<b>MORPHEW</b> Steve	x		
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b> Alison	x			<b>NEALE</b> Paul		x	
<b>BLUNDELL</b> Sharon	Absent			<b>OLIVER</b> Judy	Absent		
<b>BORRETT</b> Bill				<b>OLIVER</b> Rhodri	Absent		
<b>BOWES</b> Claire	Absent			<b>OSBORN</b> Jamie		x	
<b>BROCIEK-COULTON</b> Julie	Absent			<b>PECK</b> Greg		x	
<b>CARPENTER</b> Graham	Absent			<b>PENFOLD</b> Saul	x		
<b>CARPENTER</b> Penny		x		<b>PLANT</b> Graham		x	
<b>CLANCY</b> Stuart	Absent			<b>PRICE</b> Ben		x	
<b>COLMAN</b> Ed	Absent			<b>PRICE</b> Richard	Absent		
<b>COLWELL</b> Robert	Absent			<b>PROCTOR</b> Andrew		x	
<b>CONNOLLY</b> Ed	Absent			<b>RICHMOND</b> Will	Absent		
<b>CORLETT</b> Emma	x			<b>Reilly</b> Matthew	x		
<b>DALBY</b> Michael	Absent			<b>RILEY</b> Steve	Absent		
<b>DARK</b> Stuart	Absent			<b>ROPER</b> Dan	x		
<b>DAUBNEY</b> Nick	Absent			<b>Rumsby</b> Chrissie	x		
<b>DAWSON</b> Christopher	Absent			<b>SANDS</b> Mike	x		
<b>DEWSBURY</b> Margaret		x		<b>SAVAGE</b> Robert		x	
<b>DIXON</b> Nigel	Absent			<b>SAYERS</b> David	x		
<b>DUFFIN</b> Barry		x		<b>SHIRES</b> Lucy	Absent		
<b>DUIGAN</b> Phillip		x		<b>SMITH</b> Carl	Absent		
<b>EAGLE</b> Fabian		x		<b>SMITH-CLARE</b> Mike	x		
<b>ELMER</b> Daniel		x		<b>STONE</b> Barry	Absent		
<b>FISHER</b> John	Absent			<b>STOREY</b> Martin		x	
<b>FITZPATRICK</b> Tom		x		<b>THOMAS</b> Alison		x	
<b>GRANT</b> Andy	Absent			<b>THOMSON</b> Vic		x	
<b>GURNEY</b> Shelagh		x		<b>VARDY</b> Eric		x	
<b>HEMPSALL</b> Lana		x		<b>VINCENT</b> Karen			x
<b>HORSBRUGH</b> Michael Chenery of		x		<b>WALKER</b> Colleen	x		
<b>JAMES</b> Jane		x		<b>WARD</b> John		x	
<b>JAMIESON</b> Andrew		x		<b>WATKINS</b> Brian	x		
<b>JERMY</b> Terry	Absent			<b>WEBB</b> Maxine	x		
<b>JONES</b> Brenda	x			<b>WHITE</b> Tony	Absent		
<b>KEMP</b> Alexandra	x			<b>WHYMARK</b> Fran	Absent		
<b>KIDDIE</b> Keith		x		<b>WILBY</b> Martin		x	

<b>For</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>1</b>

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**RECORDED VOTE (A say for Norfolk Residents on the County Deal)**  
**– ITEM NUMBER: 18.8 Substantive motion**

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
<b>ADAMS</b> Timothy	Absent			<b>KIDDLE-MORRIS</b> Mark	Absent		
<b>ADAMS</b> Tony	Absent			<b>KIRK</b> Julian	Absent		
<b>ANNISON</b> Carl		x		<b>LONG</b> Brian		x	
<b>AQUARONE</b> Steffan	Absent			<b>MACKIE</b> Ian	Absent		
<b>ASKEW</b> Stephen				<b>MASON BILLIG</b> Kay	Absent		
<b>BAMBRIDGE</b> Lesley		x		<b>MAXFIELD</b> Ed	Absent		
<b>BENSLY</b> James		x		<b>MORIARTY</b> Jim	Absent		
<b>BILLS</b> David		x		<b>MORPHEW</b> Steve			x
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b> Alison			x	<b>NEALE</b> Paul	x		
<b>BLUNDELL</b> Sharon	Absent			<b>OLIVER</b> Judy	Absent		
<b>BORRETT</b> Bill	Absent			<b>OLIVER</b> Rhodri	Absent		
<b>BOWES</b> Claire	Absent			<b>OSBORN</b> Jamie	x		
<b>BROCIEK-COULTON</b> Julie	Absent			<b>PECK</b> Greg		x	
<b>CARPENTER</b> Graham	Absent			<b>PENFOLD</b> Saul	x		
<b>CARPENTER</b> Penny		x		<b>PLANT</b> Graham		x	
<b>CLANCY</b> Stuart	Absent			<b>PRICE</b> Ben	x		
<b>COLMAN</b> Ed	Absent			<b>PRICE</b> Richard	Absent		
<b>COLWELL</b> Robert				<b>PROCTOR</b> Andrew		x	
<b>CONNOLLY</b> Ed	Absent			<b>RICHMOND</b> Will	Absent		
<b>CORLETT</b> Emma			x	<b>Reilly</b> Matthew			x
<b>DALBY</b> Michael	Absent			<b>RILEY</b> Steve	Absent		
<b>DARK</b> Stuart	Absent			<b>ROPER</b> Dan			x
<b>DAUBNEY</b> Nick	Absent			<b>Rumsby</b> Chrissie			x
<b>DAWSON</b> Christopher		x		<b>SANDS</b> Mike			x
<b>DEWSBURY</b> Margaret		x		<b>SAVAGE</b> Robert		x	
<b>DIXON</b> Nigel	Absent			<b>SAYERS</b> David			x
<b>DUFFIN</b> Barry		x		<b>SHIRES</b> Lucy	Absent		
<b>DUIGAN</b> Phillip		x		<b>SMITH</b> Carl	Absent		
<b>EAGLE</b> Fabian		x		<b>SMITH-CLARE</b> Mike			x
<b>ELMER</b> Daniel		x		<b>STONE</b> Barry	Absent		
<b>FISHER</b> John	Absent			<b>STOREY</b> Martin		x	
<b>FITZPATRICK</b> Tom		x		<b>THOMAS</b> Alison		x	
<b>GRANT</b> Andy	Absent			<b>THOMSON</b> Vic		x	
<b>GURNEY</b> Shelagh		x		<b>VARDY</b> Eric		x	
<b>HEMPSALL</b> Lana		x		<b>VINCENT</b> Karen			x
<b>HORSBRUGH</b> Michael Chenery of		x		<b>WALKER</b> Colleen			x
<b>JAMES</b> Jane		x		<b>WARD</b> John		x	
<b>JAMIESON</b> Andrew		x		<b>WATKINS</b> Brian			x
<b>JERMY</b> Terry	Absent			<b>WEBB</b> Maxine			x
<b>JONES</b> Brenda			x	<b>WHITE</b> Tony	Absent		
<b>KEMP</b> Alexandra			x	<b>WHYMARK</b> Fran	Absent		
<b>KIDDIE</b> Keith		x		<b>WILBY</b> Martin		x	

<b>For</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>15</b>



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**RECORDED VOTE (West Winch Bypass) – ITEM NUMBER: 18.8**

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
<b>ADAMS</b> Timothy	Absent			<b>KIDDLE-MORRIS</b> Mark	Absent		
<b>ADAMS</b> Tony	Absent			<b>KIRK</b> Julian	Absent		
<b>ANNISON</b> Carl		x		<b>LONG</b> Brian		x	
<b>AQUARONE</b> Steffan	Absent			<b>MACKIE</b> Ian	Absent		
<b>ASKEW</b> Stephen	Absent			<b>MASON BILLIG</b> Kay	Absent		
<b>BAMBRIDGE</b> Lesley		x		<b>MAXFIELD</b> Ed	Absent		
<b>BENSLY</b> James		x		<b>MORIARTY</b> Jim	Absent		
<b>BILLS</b> David		x		<b>MORPHEW</b> Steve	x		
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b> Alison	x			<b>NEALE</b> Paul		x	
<b>BLUNDELL</b> Sharon	Absent			<b>OLIVER</b> Judy	Absent		
<b>BORRETT</b> Bill	Absent			<b>OLIVER</b> Rhodri	Absent		
<b>BOWES</b> Claire	Absent			<b>OSBORN</b> Jamie		x	
<b>BROCIEK-COULTON</b> Julie	Absent			<b>PECK</b> Greg		x	
<b>CARPENTER</b> Graham	Absent			<b>PENFOLD</b> Saul	x		
<b>CARPENTER</b> Penny		x		<b>PLANT</b> Graham		x	
<b>CLANCY</b> Stuart	Absent			<b>PRICE</b> Ben		x	
<b>COLMAN</b> Ed	Absent			<b>PRICE</b> Richard	Absent		
<b>COLWELL</b> Robert	Absent			<b>PROCTOR</b> Andrew		x	
<b>CONNOLLY</b> Ed	Absent			<b>RICHMOND</b> Will	Absent		
<b>CORLETT</b> Emma	x			<b>Reilly</b> Matthew	x		
<b>DALBY</b> Michael	Absent			<b>RILEY</b> Steve	Absent		
<b>DARK</b> Stuart	Absent			<b>ROPER</b> Dan	x		
<b>DAUBNEY</b> Nick	Absent			<b>Rumsby</b> Chrissie	x		
<b>DAWSON</b> Christopher			x	<b>SANDS</b> Mike	x		
<b>DEWSBURY</b> Margaret		x		<b>SAVAGE</b> Robert		x	
<b>DIXON</b> Nigel				<b>SAYERS</b> David	x		
<b>DUFFIN</b> Barry		x		<b>SHIRES</b> Lucy	Absent		
<b>DUIGAN</b> Phillip		x		<b>SMITH</b> Carl	Absent		
<b>EAGLE</b> Fabian		x		<b>SMITH-CLARE</b> Mike	x		
<b>ELMER</b> Daniel		x		<b>STONE</b> Barry	Absent		
<b>FISHER</b> John	Absent			<b>STOREY</b> Martin		x	
<b>FITZPATRICK</b> Tom		x		<b>THOMAS</b> Alison		x	
<b>GRANT</b> Andy	Absent			<b>THOMSON</b> Vic		x	
<b>GURNEY</b> Shelagh		x		<b>VARDY</b> Eric		x	
<b>HEMPSALL</b> Lana		x		<b>VINCENT</b> Karen			x
<b>HORSBRUGH</b> Michael Chenery of		x		<b>WALKER</b> Colleen	x		
<b>JAMES</b> Jane		x		<b>WARD</b> John		x	
<b>JAMIESON</b> Andrew		x		<b>WATKINS</b> Brian	x		
<b>JERMY</b> Terry	Absent			<b>WEBB</b> Maxine	x		
<b>JONES</b> Brenda	x			<b>WHITE</b> Tony	Absent		
<b>KEMP</b> Alexandra	x			<b>WHYMARK</b> Fran	Absent		
<b>KIDDIE</b> Keith		x		<b>WILBY</b> Martin		x	

<b>For</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>2</b>

### **Procedure for Leader's Question Time**

In order to give as many people as possible the opportunity to put a question to the Leader, questions should be asked succinctly and in a business-like manner. They should not be preceded by lengthy preambles. Similarly, answers should be given succinctly, to make sure there is sufficient time for a reasonable number of questions to be dealt with. The Chair will be prepared to intervene if they consider this principle is not being adhered to.

### **Agenda Item 7 – Questions to the Leader of the Council**

Questions to the Leader will be a 15-minute session for questions relating only to the role of Leader.

1. Questions to the Leader must be relevant to matters for which the Council has powers or duties. Members do not need to give prior notice of what they plan to ask and the Chair's ruling as to relevance of questions will be final. If the Leader cannot give an immediate answer or feels that a written answer would be more helpful or appropriate, then the questioner will receive a written reply and this will be published to all members and to the public via the minutes. The Leader may ask Cabinet Members to answer questions where appropriate.
2. The Chair will begin Leader's Question Time by inviting the Leader of the Labour Group to ask the first question. All Group Leaders may delegate the asking of their question to another member of their Group. There is no right to ask a supplementary question.
3. After the first question has been answered, the Chair will invite the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group to ask a question.
4. When the second question has been answered the Chair will invite the Leader of the Green Group to ask a question.
5. When the third question has been answered, the Chair will invite and select a member of the Independent Group to ask a question.
6. When the fourth question has been answered, the Chair will invite a Member of the Conservative Group to ask a question.
7. When the fifth question has been answered, the Chair will invite Cllr Alexandra Kemp (Non-aligned Member) to ask a question.
8. If the 15 minutes has not expired, the Chair will then invite questions from Group Members in the following order:

Labour Group  
Liberal Democrat Group  
Green Group  
Independent Group

Conservative Group

Following round:

Labour Group

Liberal Democrat Group

Green Group

Conservative Group

9. The session will be timed by Democratic Services officers. If a question is being asked at the point time is up, the Chair will allow the question to be completed and the answer to be given.

**Report from the Cabinet  
meeting held on 11 January 2023**

**1. Update from the Chairman/Cabinet Members**

- 1.1 The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Prevention gave an update to Cabinet on staff efforts over the Christmas and new year bank holidays:
- The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Prevention thanked social care teams for the extraordinary efforts they had put in over Christmas and New Year.
  - Norfolk First Support had worked throughout this period including on Christmas day and Boxing Day making 1200 home visits over the two week period and with the Swifts team made 400 visits over this time.
  - Teams of social workers and occupational therapists worked throughout the holiday to get people home over the Christmas and new year period.
  - The teams handled a large number of discharges, helping 1000 people leave hospital in December and over Christmas and many hours of support had been put in place to help people stay at home.
  - Support put in place included setting up lunches for asylum seekers, sending out warm and well packages and food parcels for vulnerable people and helping families to avoid becoming homeless.
  - The Duty team worked out of hours supporting children and adults and took over 700 calls during the holidays.
  - The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Prevention thanked these staff on behalf of the Council for their commitment and paid tribute to their very hard work on behalf of residents.
- 1.2 The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Prevention gave an update to Cabinet on Government Funding for health and social care:
- Extra funding had been announced as part of the recently held Government meeting for the Health and Social Care system. This funding would be £250m across the country.
  - Since Covid-19 the system had been under increased pressure, impacting on residents and staff in Norfolk.
  - This extra funding would give the NHS the ability to put in place more step down and intermediate care outside of hospital. To be successful, wrap around care, community nursing, occupational support and community support to help people return home would be essential.

**2. Admission Arrangements for the School Year 2024/25**

- 2.1 Cabinet received the report setting out the admissions co-ordination scheme for all schools and the admissions policy for all Community and Voluntary Controlled schools, for which the Council was the admissions authority and Cabinet was therefore required to determine.

- 2.2 Cabinet **RESOLVED** to determine the Admissions arrangements for the school year 2024/25

### **3. Schools' Local Growth and Investment Plan**

- 3.1 Cabinet received the report setting out Norfolk County Council's statutory duty to provide sufficient school places and providing an annual snapshot of how these will be secured in the Schools' Local Growth and Investment Plan.
- 3.2 Cabinet **RESOLVED** to adopt the Schools Local Growth and Investment Plan 2023.

### **4 Homes for Ukraine Programme – update and next steps**

- 4.1 Cabinet received the report setting out support provided to date for Ukrainian refugees and Hosts, and proposals for a programme of activity to be developed in line with Government guidance using funding from existing Government funding and additional funding recently announced.
- 4.2 Cabinet **RESOLVED**
1. To acknowledge the fantastic work carried out across Norfolk to welcome nearly 1,300 Guests to Norfolk, in particular to thank Hosts who have opened their homes for Guests, and to recognise the work carried out across the public and voluntary sectors and in communities to successfully welcome Guests to our county.
  2. To agree that work to deliver the Homes for Ukraine programme continues and further work to develop a planned package of activity to support Guests and Hosts to settle into healthy and fulfilling lives is carried out, to be called the 'Move On' programme.
  3. To delegate authority to the Director for Community, Information and Learning, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to agree and implement the developed 'Move On' programme, including re-apportionment of ring-fenced funding provided by Government, as needed, to deliver requirements and responsibilities.
  4. To thank officers at Norfolk County Council for their work done to date and the work that will be done in the future.

### **5. Health, Safety and Well-being Mid-Year Report 2022-23**

- 5.1 Cabinet received the report providing data and analysis on the Health, Safety and Well-being (HSW) mid-year performance of Norfolk County Council as an employer so that members had the information necessary to satisfy themselves of the effectiveness of the Council's health and safety management system, or where necessary to identify actions for Executive Directors and others to improve the performance against the 3 key outcome goals set out in the report.
- 5.2 Cabinet **RESOLVED** to consider the performance report and endorse the proposed actions:
1. Thank the health and safety at work team for their work done to date and to support Executive Directors to deliver on their Health, Safety and Wellbeing

leadership commitments and duties including incident investigation and management, enabling employees to attend mandatory training including Mental Health First Champion training for managers and promoting utilisation of Health, Safety and Wellbeing services.

2. Agree HSW should close all open incidents that predate 2021

## **6. Risk management**

6.1 Cabinet received the report setting out the latest corporate risks for Cabinet to consider and agree following officer review of the Council's corporate level risks.

6.2 Cabinet **RESOLVED** to consider and agree:

1. The key messages detailing key changes to corporate risks following the corporate risk register review (paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 and Appendix A of the report)
2. The corporate risks as at January 2023 (Appendices B and C of the report)

## **7. Corporately Significant Vital Signs**

7.1 Cabinet received the report setting providing provide an update on the Council's performance against its Corporately Significant Vital Signs.

7.2 Cabinet **RESOLVED** to

1. Review and comment on the end of quarter two performance data.
2. Review the considerations and next steps.
3. Agree the planned actions as set out.

## **8. Organisational Performance Framework**

8.1 Cabinet received the report providing an overview on the Council's proposed Organisational Performance Framework.

8.2 Cabinet **RESOLVED**

1. To review the accompanying framework document and approve the implementation.
2. To bring a further report in 3 months' time on the progress and implementation of the Draft Performance Framework set out at the appendix of the report.

**Cllr Andrew Proctor**  
**Chairman, Cabinet**

**Procedure for Questions to Cabinet Members**

Questions to the Cabinet Members for:

- Strategy & Governance
- Growing the Economy
- Adult Social Care, Public Health and Prevention
- Children's Services
- Commercial Services & Asset Management
- Communities and Partnerships
- Environment & Waste
- Finance
- Highways, Infrastructure & Transportation
- Innovation, Transformation & Performance

A maximum overall period of 30 minutes shall be allowed for questions to Cabinet Members, with a maximum of 5 minutes for questions to an individual Cabinet Member, both periods to be extendable at the discretion of the Chair. Questions to Cabinet Members can relate to anything within the remit of the Cabinet Member's portfolio and are not limited to items in the Cabinet reports.

1. The Chair will begin Questions by inviting members to indicate if they wish to ask a question.
2. The Chair will select a member to ask their question and all other members wait until the Chair next invites questions. Questions will not be taken in a prescribed portfolio order and can be to any Cabinet Member.
3. For the first round, the Chair will follow the principle of selecting the first questioner from the Labour Group, followed by the Liberal Democrat Group, the Green Group, the Independent Group, the Conservative Group, then the Non-aligned Member. For the second round, the Chair will then revert to the Labour Group, the Liberal Democrat Group, the Green Group, the Independent Group and the Conservative Group. For the third round, the Chair will revert to the Labour Group, the Liberal Democrat Group, the Green Group and the Conservative Group, etc. For the fourth round, the Chair will revert to the Labour Group, the Liberal Democrat Group and then the Conservative Group.
4. The session will be timed by Democratic Services officers, who will notify the Chair if questions to an individual Cabinet Member has in total exceeded 5 minutes or that the overall time is up. If a question is being asked at the point at which time is up, the Chair will allow the question to be completed and the answer to be given.
5. Questions should be asked succinctly and in a business-like manner. They should not be preceded by lengthy preambles. Similarly, answers should be given succinctly, so that there is sufficient time for a reasonable number of questions to be dealt with. The Chair of the Council will be prepared to intervene if they consider this principle is not being adhered to.



## **Report of the Scrutiny Committee meeting Held on 14 December 2022**

### **1 Nutrient Neutrality**

1.1 The Scrutiny Committee received a report that summarised the immediate implications and the possible actions required going forward about Nutrient Neutrality, in the light of Natural England advice on the status of the Norfolk Broads and the River Wensum.

1.2 The current complex position of Norfolk County Council and the District Councils in relation to the issue of nutrient neutrality was discussed with Cllr Eric Vardy (Cabinet Member for Environment & Waste), Phil Courtier (the Director of Growth at Broadland and South Norfolk Council) and officers of the County Council.

### **1.3 It was RESOLVED**

**To note the implications of Nutrient Neutrality for the County Council and look to return to this issue when they meet with representatives of Anglian Water and the Environment Agency to discuss sewage and stormwater overflow issues in the Spring.**

### **2 East Anglia Green – Proposed New Over-head Power Line between Norwich and Tilbury**

2.1 The Scrutiny Committee received a report that provided a brief overview and update of the project (i.e. the proposal for a new 400 kv over-head power line between Norwich and Tilbury (Essex)). The report sets out the County Council's position to date following a non-statutory consultation undertaken by National Grid between April – June this year (2022). The Committee also received a slide presentation from National Grid. The presentation given to the Committee has subsequently been circulated to Members of the Committee.

### **2.1 It was RESOLVED**

**That the Committee**

- 1. Note the current status of the East Anglia Green project and the future opportunities for stakeholder engagement on this project through the NSIP consultation process, as set out in the report.**
- 2. Endorse Norfolk County Council's response to National Grid's non-statutory consultation (2022) on the above High Voltage Cable Route proposal, including the letter from the Leader of Norfolk County**

**Council to National Grid.**

**3 Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme**

**3.1 It was RESOLVED**

**That the Committee:**

**Note the current forward work programme as set out in the appendix to the report.**

**Steve Morphew  
Chair**

## **Report of the Pensions Committee meeting held on 6 December 2022**

### **1 Administration Report**

- 1.1 The Committee received a report by the Executive Director of Finance and Commercial Services and the Director of the Norfolk Pension Fund that was the quarterly update for the Pensions Committee on operational and administration matters relating to the Fund.

#### **1.2 It was RESOLVED**

**To note the content of the report.**

### **2 Update from the Pensions Oversight Board**

- 2.1 The Committee received an update on the work of the Board.

#### **2.2 It was RESOLVED**

**To note the report.**

### **3 Audit Results Report**

- 3.1 The Committee received a report by the Executive Director of Finance and Commercial Services and the Director of the Norfolk Pension Fund about the Audit Results Report (ISA 260).

#### **3.2 It was RESOLVED**

**That the Committee note this report including the provisional audit results report and make final recommendation to the Audit Committee that the 2021-22 Financial Statements be approved.**

### **4 Risk Register Report and Compliance with Breaches Policy**

- 4.1 The Committee received a report by the Executive Director of Finance and Commercial Services and the Director of the Norfolk Pension Fund on updates on the Norfolk Pension Fund's Risk Register and Breaches Policy.

#### **4.2 It was RESOLVED**

**That the Committee note the contents of the Risk Register and summary of breaches.**

### **5 ACCESS Update Unrestricted and Restricted items**

5.1 The Committee received reports by the Executive Director of Finance and Commercial Services and the Director of the Norfolk Pension Fund about the work of ACCESS (A Collaboration of Central, Eastern and Southern Shires) Pool. The ACCESS Funds are Cambridge, East Sussex, Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Norfolk, West Northamptonshire, Suffolk, and West Sussex.

5.2 **It was RESOLVED**

**That the Committee note the content of the public and exempt reports.**

## **6 Employer Operational Issues**

6.1 The Committee received a report (containing exempt information) by the Executive Director of Finance and Commercial Services and the Director of the Norfolk Pension Fund that set out how all employer organisations participating in the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) have a statutory responsibility for the accurate and timely deduction and monthly pay over of LGPS pension contributions from payrolls alongside the provision of supporting scheme member data.

6.2 **It was RESOLVED**

**That the Committee note the content of the report.**

## **7 2022 Triennial Valuation –Risk Management Review (Fund Cashflow and Ill-Health Policy)**

The Committee received a report (containing exempt information) by the Executive Director of Finance and Commercial Services and the Director of the Norfolk Pension Fund that covered two pieces of work completed by the Fund Actuary as part of the 2022 Valuation of the Fund.

7.2 **It was RESOLVED**

**That the Committee note the content of the report and agree the recommendation.**

## **8 2022 Triennial Valuation – Funding Strategy Statement**

8.1 The Committee received a report (containing exempt information) by the Executive Director of Finance and Commercial Services and the Director of the Norfolk Pension Fund that presents the draft Funding Strategy Statement (FSS) for the Norfolk Pension Fund. The updated FSS has been prepared as part of the 2022 Triennial Valuation.

8.2 **It was RESOLVED**

**That the Committee note the content of this report and pass their comments on the draft FSS for inclusion in the consultation exercise.**

**9 Hymans Quarterly Performance Report**

9.1 The Committee received a detailed booklet and presentation on investment performance (containing exempt information) by Hymans Robertson.

**9.2 It was RESOLVED**

**That the Committee note the detailed booklet and the work undertaken by Hymans.**

**10 Enhanced Yield Portfolio Review (Interim Update)**

10.1 The Committee received a report (containing exempt information) by the Executive Director of Finance and Commercial Services and the Director of the Norfolk Pension Fund that provided the context and background of the Enhanced Yield Portfolio Review updates on the work done to date. The report was accompanied by a presentation from Hymans.

**10.2 It was RESOLVED**

**That the Committee note the content of this report.**

**11 Investment Strategy Update**

11.1 The Committee received a report (containing exempt information) by the Executive Director of Finance and Commercial Services and the Director of the Norfolk Pension Fund that dealt with items relating to the investment strategy and assets of the Fund.

**11.2 RESOLVED**

**That the Committee note the content of the report.**

**12 Investment Manager presentation**

12.1 The Committee received an investment manager presentation (containing exempt information).

**12.2 It was RESOLVED**

**To note the presentation by the Fund Manager.**

**Judy Oliver  
Chair**

## Notice of Motions

In accordance with the Council's Procedure Rules, to fairly use the time available, the motions that have been received for this meeting are listed below in the order of one per political group and non-aligned member (starting with the largest group). Groups have identified when submitting their motions the order in which they are to be taken.

**1. Conservative motion: Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance**  
**Proposer – Cllr Alison Thomas**  
**Seconder – Cllr Brian Long**

The Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance (NSFA) was founded in February 2021. It was founded after significant surface water flooding issues in December 2020, led to:

- Over 350 properties being flooded in Norfolk
- 120 settlements being affected

The NSFA, chaired by General Lord Richard Dannatt, has brought together all agencies and partners involved in planning for and responding to flooding in Norfolk.

The NSFA's vision, objectives, approach and structure, are detailed in the NSFA strategy, which are designed to enable countywide responses to flooding across all agencies involved.

This has ensured that Norfolk residents can have confidence that flood risks are as low as reasonably practicable and will be well managed. This is important as Norfolk has suffered from repeated flood events as well as being prone to drought.

The strategy has been accompanied by an action plan, which has identified steps for the NSFA and its members to take to address the risk of flooding. This includes:

- Work on individual sites across Norfolk
- Looking at working out costed solutions to address flood risk and identifying potential funding for each site

This Council recognises the excellent work of Lord Dannatt and the significant progress that this body has made in progressing schemes to prevent flooding in communities across Norfolk.

This Council resolves to:

- Write to Lord Dannatt to thank him for Chairing the Alliance.
- Welcome the role of the NFSA in embedding the strategies to reduce flooding across Norfolk.
- Continue to promote the NFSA and to continue to work with partners to ensure its legacy is maintained.

## **2. Labour motion: Norfolk; A County of Sanctuary**

**Proposer: Cllr Maxine Webb**

**Seconded: tbc**

This council upholds the principles of dignity and respect for all by encouraging and promoting Norfolk's compassionate and welcoming response to people seeking asylum, refugees and all migrants. We want Norfolk to be a County of Sanctuary; a safe and welcoming place for all.

We recognise the excellent work to welcome and support new arrivals by Norfolk's voluntary, community and religious organisations, foster carers and the Council's own People from Abroad team. We thank individual Norfolk residents who have offered their own homes as a place of safety, made donations or shown small acts of kindness that shows Norfolk at its best.

This Council commits to:

1. Appoint a Councillor to join the Migrant Champions Network, to attend regular meetings of the Network and report back to People & Communities committee, in order to assist the Council with best practice in safeguarding migrants' rights and improving their lived experience and integration
2. Ensure all councillors have up to date information so they can confidently and accurately signpost residents approaching them for help to the appropriate service for support to ensure their rights are upheld eg. the excellent voluntary & community organisations that support people seeking asylum, refugees and migrants and the People from Abroad Team
3. Listen to people seeking asylum, refugees and migrants via existing community networks and use what they tell us to improve our services
4. Use our influence to encourage all Norfolk MPs to sign up to the "MPs not border guards" "place of safety" pledge, to ensure everyone is able to seek confidential advice and representation without fear
5. Encourage all councillors to sign the open letter to Government demanding adequate funding and resources for accommodation and support for people seeking asylum, refugees and migrants
6. Continue to lobby government for resources so that all residents can access voluntary and statutory services to meet their needs, and to ensure that we are able to fulfil our duties under the Equality Act
7. Reaffirm commitments made in the July 2020 Black Lives Matter motion to continue work to address disadvantage, promote equality and eradicate racism; to tackle discrimination and prejudice in all of its forms and recognise our collective responsibility to lead by example.
8. Regrets the drift and delay in implementation of several aspects of the Black Lives Matter motion, in particular a training package on unconscious/structural bias for elected members and learning and development on white privilege and racism as part of engaging all staff and elected members

9. Commit that none of the Council's own services will directly or indirectly participate in maintaining the Hostile Environment, and will not provide data that we hold, unless legally compelled, to the Home Office for detention and deportation purposes. We will use our influence to encourage our partners to do the same, and note the positive and principled stance taken by many of our voluntary sector advice and support organisations already.

### **3. Liberal Democrat motion: Ambulance Waiting Times**

**Proposer: Cllr David Sayers**

**Seconded: tbc**

1. Council notes with concern the increase in average Ambulance Response times in East of England – which in the last quarter of 2022 consistently failed to meet target response times.

2. Council would like to record its gratitude to local ambulance staff – who work flat out to keep our community safe every day of the year. However, Council believes the Government has failed to act on warnings that ambulance services are struggling to maintain a safe and timely service.

3. The target response time for a 'Category 1' incident (immediately life threatening) is 7 minutes and within 15 minutes at least nine out of ten times. However, the latest figures from November 2022 showed the average response time in East of England for Category 1 callouts is 10 minutes 29 minutes and missed the nine out of ten times target with 19 minutes 26 Seconds.

4. The target response time for a 'Category 2' incident (major incidents such as strokes or potential heart attacks) is 18 minutes and within 40 minutes at least nine out of ten times, but in November 2022 the average response time in East of England for a Category 2 callout was 1 hour 2 minutes and missed the nine out of ten times target with 2 hours 18 minutes.

5. Compounding this are ambulance handover delays. The NHS standard contract requires handovers should take place within 60 minutes, with 95% taking place within 30 minutes and 65% taking place within 15 minutes. These targets, having been relaxed in March 22. However, the latest figures from December 2022 showed the handover delays in East of England; 36% of handovers failed to meet the 60-minute target and just 43% took place within 30 minutes.

6. Council believes the response times for Category 2 callouts are particularly concerning. Those who suffer serious emergencies such as strokes, severe chest pains and severe burns need to be treated urgently.

7. Council also believes the failure to meet handover targets are particularly concerning. Those who are urgently conveyed to hospital should expect the required care and treatment within a reasonable period.

8. Council instructs the Leader to write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to commission the CQC, under powers laid out in Section 48 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008, to conduct an urgent investigation into the causes and impacts of ambulance service delays.

9. Council further agrees for a report to be brought to the next Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting to provide further analysis of :-



- Ambulance response times in Norfolk,
- Causes of response targets not being met,
- Causes of handover targets not being met,
- What support the Council can give local NHS services to improve local ambulance response rates and handover delays.

#### **4. Green motion: Eating disorders in Norfolk**

**Proposer: Cllr Jamie Osborn**

**Seconder: Cllr Alison Thomas**

Eating disorders affect people from all backgrounds, of all genders, and at all ages. In the UK, approximately 1.25 million people have an eating disorder.

The covid pandemic has had a severe impact on people vulnerable to eating disorders in Norfolk. The number of referrals for children and young people with eating disorders doubled during the pandemic, and the number of acute referrals quadrupled. The number of adults with eating disorders in Norfolk is not reported.

Research by the eating disorder charity Beat shows that on average it takes 3½ years for someone to get treatment for an eating disorder. That time is significantly longer for adults, and for males (who make up 25% of those affected). The sooner someone gets treatment for an eating disorder, the more likely they are to make a full recovery, so early intervention is vital.

While clinical guidelines for eating disorder treatment are set nationally, commissioning decisions made by local bodies including the Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board can have huge impacts on capacity of NHS services and therefore the quality and effectiveness of treatment. The Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has carried out some excellent work on scrutinising eating disorder treatment pathways; however delay and drift remains in the system and improvements are therefore needed.

Council resolves to:

1. Support Eating Disorders Awareness Week, including providing information to council employees and supporting public awareness campaigns and sharing information from the NHS and eating disorder charities like Beat. This would include less well-known presentations including binge eating disorder.
2. Investigate options for training of county council employees, eg: social care workers, to spot the signs of eating disorders, what support is available, and where to make appropriate referrals.
3. Continue to work with schools and education providers to ensure that staff in educational settings can spot the signs of eating disorders, what support is available, and make referrals as appropriate.
4. Ask HOSC to scrutinise and challenge the Integrated Care Board and NHS commissioners to:
  - a. Review the transition between CAMHS (child and adolescent mental health services) or CYP (children and young people) and adult services for eating disorder patients as this can be a key risk time for patients.

- b. Identify investment needed to reduce the number of out-of-area placements that can cause significant distress for eating disorder sufferers and their families.
  - c. Review the responsiveness of the referral process from primary care to specialist services, and access to direct referral (including self-referral and referral via the voluntary sector).
  - d. Review the appropriateness of pathways for all presentations of eating disorder, including bulimia, binge eating disorder, OSFED, ARFID, and other presentations.
5. Write to the Government and NHS leaders to call for:
- a. The introduction of waiting times targets for adults in England to ensure that waiting times are monitored and can be improved.
  - b. The scrapping of BMI thresholds for access to eating disorder treatment, which can lead to sufferers not getting treatment or making themselves more ill.
  - c. Measures to improve early intervention, including more in-depth and specialist training for primary care services and GPs; ensuring that services have the capacity to utilise funding to its fullest extent through national workforce planning; investing in CAMHS and adult mental health services to reduce pressure and ensure that patients do not reach crisis care services and GPs; ensuring that services have the capacity to utilise funding to its fullest extent through national workforce planning; investing in CAMHS and adult mental health services to reduce pressure and ensure that patients do not reach crisis point.

## **5. Conservative motion: VAT support for Norfolk Business**

**Proposer – Cllr Carl Annison**

**Seconder – Cllr Chris Dawson**

For the last six years the VAT threshold for businesses has been £85,000 p.a, during which time the level of inflation has been around the Bank of England's target of 2% p.a. However, as a consequence of the illegal invasion of Ukraine and other global economic factors, the current levels of inflation seen across the world has meant that this threshold will be surpassed by many local businesses in the forthcoming year.

As Norfolk is home to numerous smaller businesses in the leisure, tourism and hospitality sector, this threshold must be modified to address these changes. This Council welcomes the £35bn of support given to these sectors in grants, loans and tax breaks during the pandemic and the recognition of their value to their local communities and the nation as a whole, but now the situation has changed.

This Council resolves to:

- Support Duncan Baker MP after he raised this in Parliament and write a letter to Government outlining the current situation and seeking support, either through increasing the VAT threshold and/or reducing the VAT rate for the leisure, tourism and hospitality sectors.

## **6. Liberal Democrat motion: Support for small businesses**

**Proposer – Cllr Rob Colwell**

**Seconder - TBC**

This Council acknowledges that small businesses are the lifeblood of many rural economies, and this is particularly so in Norfolk where 90% of businesses fall into this category. Their success matters not just to them but to the Norfolk economy as a whole.

This Council recognises that businesses are aware that they must adjust and reset to market conditions. However, the energy and supply side inflation issues of the last year have been truly exceptional, and businesses have also had to endure two years of operating within a pandemic environment which has drained them of all important cash reserves.

This Council notes that we are currently experiencing one of the harshest winters for some time, and the Government's intention to pull the plug on support comes at the worst possible time. No business would have planned for the huge increases in energy costs that we have seen in the past year.

This Council notes the recent survey by the Federation of Small Businesses which shows that up to a third of businesses plan to scale back, reduce hours or close for good in the coming months. A reduction in energy support by the Government at the end of March means local businesses face another cliff-edge situation, when real, meaningful and lasting support is clearly needed.

This Council notes that wholesale energy prices are now falling, which will reduce the impact on the cost to Government. However, continued help for businesses beyond the end of March will provide them with the certainty that they need, as they will almost inevitably need to pass on the increased energy costs to customers.

This Council resolves to request the Leader of the Council to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer asking for a reconsideration of changes to the Energy Bill Relief Scheme and its continuation at the current level for a further six months.

**7 Green motion: Norwich Western Link**  
**Proposer: Cllr Jamie Osborn**  
**Seconder: Cllr Ben Price**

The Norwich Western Link is opposed by over a dozen organisations as they say it would cause an increase in carbon emissions, damage irreplaceable natural habitats, and would be a reckless expenditure at a time of budgetary strain for the county council.

The project costs have soared by nearly £100m already, and recent questions to Cabinet Members have revealed that cost could continue to rise, with no guarantee of an upper ceiling on costs.

As costs continue to rise due to inflation, project delays, and the infrastructural challenges of the proposed route, the value for money of the project will need to be reassessed. The Cabinet Member for Finance has publicly stated that the project would need to be reconsidered if the DfT does not provide the funding that the county council has applied for.

The risk to the council is heightened by the fact that any capital funds committed to the project will revert to revenue if the project is cancelled. This could entirely wipe out the council's revenue reserves.

In December 2022, Norfolk County Council unanimously voted to support a motion on 20 minute neighbourhoods. This motion recognises that in order to provide sustainable

travel, total car journeys need to be reduced and driving needs to be less of a direct option than walking, cycling, wheeling or public transport. The motion states that “Reduced traffic levels will create safer environments for all users of the transport network” and “highlights how a 20 minute neighbourhood approach can also support sustainable tourism and help to boost the visitor economy.” The Norwich Western Link, if built, would violate the proposals of this motion as it would result in increased traffic levels and would facilitate car-dependent development instead of sustainable, healthy and economically thriving 20-minute neighbourhoods.

**Council resolves to:**

1. Halt all work on the Norwich Western Link as soon as possible and rededicate officer time to developing 20-minute neighbourhood proposals and improving sustainable transport.
2. Issue a public apology on behalf of councillors for wasting taxpayers’ money on the Norwich Western Link when resources could have been focused on dealing with the climate emergency.
3. Ask the leaders of all political groups to write to the Secretary of State for Transport and to the Climate Change Minister to call for the Government’s £25bn funding for new roads to be reallocated to sustainable transport.
4. Establish a Citizens Assembly as a form of participatory democracy to decide on the future of transport policy for Norfolk.

**8 Liberal Democrat motion: Carer’s Leave Bill**

**Proposer: Cllr Brian Watkins (tbc)**

**Seconder: tbc**

1. This Council notes:-

a) The growing care crisis in our country. There are over 2 million employees (Family Resources Survey 2019-20) providing unpaid care to friends and families, such as providing personal care, arranging medical and social support, and attending appointments. As the population ages and with more people staying in work longer, these numbers will only increase.

b) The pressure on people as they balance their work with caring for loved ones or friends. Carers are often required to use their own annual leave allowances to meet their caring responsibilities, risking burn-out.

2. This Council believes that more action is needed to support people in work with caring responsibilities.

3. Council therefore proposes to support the Carer’s Leave Bill being brought through Parliament by Liberal Democrat MP Wendy Chamberlain who will, for the first time, create a statutory entitlement to offer unpaid leave for employees with caring responsibilities.

a) The objective of the Bill will be to support carers to juggle work and care and for employers to maximise retention and wellbeing.

b) It is expected to provide for up to one week’s unpaid leave per year and would provide flexibility for carers to take smaller amounts of leave from half days up to one week, making things more flexible for employees and employers. The right would be intended to apply to all employees, effectively starting from day one of employment.

c) Eligibility for the leave would be clearly defined in the Bill, taking a broad approach to reflect the wide range of caring relationships and responsibilities.

4. Council therefore:-

- a) resolves for the Leader/Chief Executive to write to our local MP(s) asking them if they will support the Carer's Leave Bill.
- b) resolves to review its own communications and support for local advice services for carers, to see if there is any support that can be given locally.

**9. Green motion: Plant-based food**  
**Proposer: Cllr Jamie Osborn**  
**Seconder Cllr Ben Price**

It is increasingly recognised that meat and dairy production is a significant contributor to climate breakdown, with the livestock sector accounting for at least 14% of global greenhouse gas emissions, as well as being a major contributor to global deforestation. The catastrophic effects of climate breakdown mean climate and risk experts predict a world with systemic cascading risks related to food insecurity including food shortages, societal tensions, hunger and malnutrition, unrest and conflict (according to a Chatham house report from 2021), which furthermore predicts a 50% chance of synchronous crop failure in the decade of the 2040s. Producing a kilo of beef creates, on average, 12 times more CO<sub>2</sub> than a kilo of tofu or other soya based proteins. Meanwhile, producing a litre of dairy milk uses, on average, at least four times as much land as producing a litre of plant milk. Growing numbers of people are adopting plant-based diets, which do not include meat or dairy.

As well as a smaller carbon footprint, eating more plant-based foods also reduces the land footprint of our diets and would improve UK food security and self-sufficiency, thereby making our diets more local. As a country, we currently import much more food than we export. In 2021 we had a trade deficit for all dairy products of £1.04 billion and a trade deficit for just beef, pork and lamb of £1.7 billion. Only 55% of the world's crop calories feed people directly with 36% going to feed livestock; only a fraction of the calories in feed given to livestock make their way into the meat and milk that we consume which is a huge food waste issue on top of making our food production much more carbon intensive.

While some people criticise people who follow a plant-based diet for eating imported soy, the vast majority of soy - 77% - goes to feeding livestock, which research has shown is an inefficient use of resources. East Anglia has predominantly arable farming and there are many local predominantly plant-based food businesses we could support.

Henry Dimbleby, in the Government-commissioned National Food Strategy concluded that a 30% reduction in meat consumption is necessary for future food security. The National Food Strategy also states that obesity alone accounts for 8% of annual health spend in the UK, or £18bn. Savings to the NHS will come from healthier, plant-based diets. Sustain estimates that meat over-consumption costs the NHS directly £1.2 billion, and is responsible for 45,000 deaths annually. Over 40% of Britons are trying to reduce their meat consumption and 14% already follow a flexitarian diet, but plant-based food options are not consistently available at all events or food venues. Other countries have taken a stance; for example, in Portugal it is a legal requirement for all public catering – including local authority facilities – to provide plant-based food options, and other local authorities such as Oxfordshire County Council and Cambridge City Council have decided to promote plant-based food via serving a fully plant-based menu at Council meetings and events, where cost-effective. The University of Cambridge Catering Service reduced food-related greenhouse gas emissions by a third via replacing beef and lamb with plant-based products.

In 2021, Norfolk County Council agreed to consider the Glasgow Declaration on Food and Climate which would commit the council to try to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with food. There is an opportunity for Norfolk County Council to lead by example to promote and normalise consumption of plant-based food, recognising that plant-based meals are frequently nutritious and low-cost food options. This is in line with the county council's aims, set out in the Environmental Policy, to achieve net zero emissions for Norfolk County Council by 2030 and work towards carbon neutrality for the area by the same date.

Council therefore resolves to:

1. Follow the lead of many other councils around the country in ensuring that food and drink provided at all meetings and events hosted by the county council, including those hosted by the Chair, be plant-based, and where possible, provided by a local caterer.
2. After engaging with a wide variety of catering options (including consideration of social enterprises), use Norfolk County Council civic events to promote and showcase environmentally friendly plant-based food and drink options, alongside displayed information about the climate and health benefits and relative cost of different protein/food sources and educating people about how to achieve a balanced plant-based diet.
3. When events occur in County Council-owned spaces, and where catering is provided, ensure that environmentally friendly plant-based options are available (i.e. minimum from at least one caterer), secured through the use of terms and conditions of hire (where reasonably possible).
4. Continue to ensure, through a contract specification when re-tendering for suppliers for council-run cafes and other facilities, that plant-based food and drink are available at council facilities, and that they should be locally sourced where possible.
5. Via future contract specification when re-tendering for suppliers for council-run cafes or other facilities, specify that vegetable/legume rich plant-based options are listed prominently on menus, above non plant-based options.
6. Continue to use council communications channels to promote sustainable (and affordable) food and drink practices throughout the city, including details of the climate and health benefits of plant-based food and drinks and educating people on the best ways to achieve a balanced plant-based diet.
7. Working with Norfolk farmers, assess the carbon impact of meat and dairy industries on the county and ask what steps are being taken to reduce this in line with the target to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030.
8. Implement a policy for encouraging plant-based sustainable farming on Norfolk's County Farms, as part of a strategy for reducing and drawing down greenhouse gases from the county farms.
9. Celebrate the Norfolk businesses leading the way in the provision of plant-based foods and drinks.
10. Engage with Norfolk Chambers of Commerce, the New Anglia LEP, and other business-oriented partners to investigate the opportunities to promote the benefits of plant-based foods, educate people on the best ways to achieve a balanced plant-based diet and improve the availability of plant-based options via Norfolk businesses.
11. Write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs supporting UK endorsement of the Plant Based Treaty and invite all Party Group Leaders to sign the letter.

