

Norfolk County Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 16 February 2015

Present:		
	Mr A ADAMS	Mr C JORDAN
	Mr S AGNEW	Mr J JOYCE
	Mr S ASKEW	Ms A KEMP
	Mr M BAKER	Mr M KIDDLE-MORRIS
	Mr R BEARMAN	Mr J LAW
	Mr R BIRD	Mrs J LEGGETT
	Mr B BORRETT	Mr B LONG
	Dr A BOSWELL	Mr I MACKIE
	Mr B BREMNER	Mr I MONSON
	Mrs J BROCIEK-COULTON	Mr J MOONEY
	Mr A BYRNE	Ms E MORGAN
	Mr M CARTTISS	Mr S MORPHEW
	Mr M CASTLE	Mr G NOBBS
	Mrs J CHAMBERLIN	Mr W NORTHAM
	Mr J CHILDS	Mr R PARKINSON-HARE
	Mr S CLANCY	Mr J PERKINS
	Mr T COKE	Mr A PROCTOR
	Mr D COLLIS	Mr D RAMSBOTHAM
	Ms E CORLETT	Mr W RICHMOND
	Mrs H COX	Mr D ROPER
	Mr D CRAWFORD	Mr M SANDS
	Mr A DEARNLEY	Mr E SEWARD
	Mrs M DEWSBURY	Mr N SHAW
	Mr N DIXON	Mr R SMITH
	Mr J DOBSON	Mr P SMYTH
	Mr T EAST	Mr B SPRATT
	Mr T FITZPATRICK	Mr M STOREY
	Mr C FOULGER	Dr M STRONG
	Mr T GARROD	Mrs A THOMAS
	Ms D GIHAWI	Mr D THOMAS
	Mr P GILMOUR	Mr J TIMEWELL
	Mr A GREY	Miss J VIRGO
	Mr P HACON	Mrs C WALKER
	Mr B HANNAH (In the Chair)	Mr J WARD
	Mr D HARRISON	Mr B WATKINS
	Mr S HEBBORN	Ms S WHITAKER
	Mr M Chenery of HORSBRUGH	Mr A WHITE
	Mr H HUMPHREY	Mr M WILBY
	Mr B ILES	Mrs M WILKINSON
	Mr T JERMY	

Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Mr C Aldred, Mr A Gunson, Mrs S Gurney, Mr M Smith and Mrs M Somerville.

1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- 1.1 The minutes of the Council meeting held on 15 December 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendment:
- Paragraph 3.1. Delete reference to Mr D Harrison from the declarations of interest relating to credit unions.
- 1.2 Mr R Smith had not received the written response to his question about how the Council managed to find the cash resources to make the large compensation payments to Cory Wheelabrator, as set out in paragraph 6.1.1. The Leader would ensure that a reply is sent to Mr Smith.

2 Chairman's Announcements

- 2.1 The Chairman announced the sad passing of The Reverend Jonathan Peel, a former Councillor. Reverend Peel had been a Conservative County Councillor, elected in 1973, subsequently becoming Chairman of Planning and Transportation and the Police Committee and he had been the first Chairman of the Broads Authority. He had also held, amongst others, the positions of Deputy Lieutenant, Vice-Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff. Members stood in silence in memory of Reverend Peel.
- 2.2 The Chairman said he would be sleeping rough in Norwich on 7 March to raise awareness and funds for homeless people in Norfolk. He asked Members to support him by pledging sponsorship and said he had nearly achieved his target of £700 which would support the work of YMCA Norfolk which provided accommodation and support for young people across the county and helped vulnerable young people to independent living.

3 Declarations of Interest

- 3.1 Mrs A Thomas declared an Other Interest as she had recently become a Trustee of Border Hopper, a community run bus service.
- 3.2 Ms A Kemp declared an Other Interest, as one of her family members resided in a Norfolk Care Home.
- 3.3 Mr P Hacon declared an Other Interest as he had two family members working in the Fire Service.
- 3.4 Mr T FitzPatrick declared an Other Interest as a Director of NEWS Ltd.
- 3.5 Mr T Garrod declared an Other Interest as a Trustee of The Garage Trust and as a Trustee of SeaChange Arts

4 Norfolk County Council Revenue and Capital Budget 2015-18.

- 4.1 The report setting out the budget proposals was received.
- 4.2 The Leader of the Council, Mr G Nobbs, moved the budget recommendations as set out in the report. The Leader also referred to Recommendation 3 regarding the £227k additional funding, which had not yet been allocated to any service. He said that in moving the recommendations, after officer advice, he gave his word that if Council voted to support the budget, he would allocate this money to the Adult Social Services budget so it could be used where it was most needed. Specifically, £100k would be allocated so the proposed reductions in Adult Services transport costs could be taken off the table and the remainder would be placed in Adult Social Services reserves.
- 4.3 The Deputy Leader of the Council, Mr D Harrison, seconded the proposals.
- 4.4 The Leader of the Conservative Group, Mr T FitzPatrick, proposed an amendment to the Budget proposals as shown in Appendix A.
- 4.5 Mr A Proctor seconded the amendment.
- 4.6 Following debate, the amendment from Mr FitzPatrick was put to the vote; with a recorded vote (Appendix B) there were 35 votes in favour, 42 votes against and 0 abstentions and the motion was **LOST**.
- 4.7 The Leader of the Green Group, Mr R Bearman, proposed an amendment to the Budget proposals as shown in Appendix C.
- 4.8 Mr A Dearnley seconded the amendment.
- 4.9 Following discussion, the amendment from Mr Bearman was put to the vote; with a recorded vote (Appendix D) there were 5 votes in favour, 53 votes against and 21 abstentions and the motion was **LOST**.

The meeting adjourned at 1.05pm and reconvened at 1.45pm.

- 4.10 The substantive motion was then debated and, following a summing up by the Leader of the Council, the matter was put to a recorded vote (Appendix E). With 36 votes in favour, 40 votes against and 1 abstention, the motion was **LOST**.

The meeting adjourned at 3.20pm and reconvened at 4.15pm.

- 4.11 The Leader of the Conservative Group, Mr T Fitzpatrick, proposed the following amendment to the budget proposals for 2015/16:
- A fourth corporate priority be adopted by Council as follows: “To work to improve and safeguard the quality of life for all the people of Norfolk and particularly Norfolk’s most vulnerable people”.
 - That the £500k efficiency savings money should be put back into Adult Social Care
 - An undertaking that the reduced opening hours of recycling centres be referred

back to EDT Committee to be re-examined, together with the charging scheme that was proposed.

- 4.12 Mr A Proctor seconded the amendment.
- 4.13 The Leader of the Council confirmed that he accepted the amendment.
- 4.14 Upon being put to a recorded vote (Appendix F), with 36 votes in favour, 5 votes against and 37 abstentions the substantive motion as amended was **CARRIED** and was **RESOLVED** accordingly.

The meeting concluded at 4.20pm

Chairman



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Conservative Budget Amendment – 16th February 2015Additional Savings (Revenue):

	2015/16 (£m)	2016/17 (£m)	2017/18 (£m)
Improved Performance Management	0.500	0.000	0.000
Improved Digitalisation Rationalising Property Improved Ways of Working Better Procurement Cultural Change Reduced Waste Co-location / One Public Estate Improved Working with Partners	0.000	10.000	20.000

Additional Spend (Revenue):

	2015/16 (£m)	2016/17 (£m)	2017/18 (£m)
Adult Social Care: Invest to Save	0.500	5.000	0.000
Adult Social Care: Purchase of Care	0.000	0.000	5.000
Corporate Invest to Save	0.000	5.000	15.000

RECORDED VOTE

VOTING – Paragraph Number: 4.6 – Conservative Group Amendment.

FOR	AGAINST.	ABST.		FOR	AGAINST	ABST	
x			ADAMS Tony		x		JOYCE James
	x		AGNEW Stephen		X		KEMP Alexandra
Absent			ALDRED Colin	X			KIDDLE-MORRIS Mark
x			ASKEW Stephen	X			LAW Jason
	x		BAKER Michael	X			LEGGETT Judy
	x		BEARMAN Richard	X			LONG Brian
	X		BIRD Richard	X			MACKIE Ian
X			BORRETT Bill	X			MONSON Ian
	X		BOSWELL Andrew	X			MOONEY Joe
	X		BREMNER Bert		X		MORGAN Elizabeth
	X		BROCIEK-COULTON Julie		X		MORPHEW Steve
X			BYRNE Alec		X		NOBBS George
X			CARTTISS Michael	X			NORTHAM Wyndham
	X		CASTLE Mick		X		PARKINSON-HARE Rex
x			CHAMBERLIN Jenny		X		PERKINS Jim
	X		CHILDS Jonathon	X			PROCTOR Andrew
X			CLANCY Stuart		X		RAMSBOTHAM David
	X		COKE Toby	X			RICHMOND William
	X		COLLIS David		X		ROPER Daniel
	X		CORLETT Emma		X		SANDS Mike
X			COX Hilary		X		SEWARD Eric
	X		CRAWFORD Denis	X			SHAW Nigel
	x		DEARNLEY Adrian	Absent			SMITH Matthew
X			DEWSBURY Margaret	X			SMITH Roger
			DIXON Nigel		X		SMYTH Paul
X			DOBSON John	Absent			SOMERVILLE Margaret
	X		EAST Tim	X			SPRATT Bev
X			FITZPATRICK Tom	X			STOREY Martin
X			FOULGER Colin		X		STRONG Marie
X			GARROD Tom	X			THOMAS Alison
	X		GIHAWI Deborah		X		THOMAS David
	X		GILMOUR Paul		X		TIMEWELL John
	X		GREY Alan	X			VIRGO Judith
Absent			GUNSON Adrian		X		WALKER Colleen
Absent			GURNEY Shelagh	X			WARD John
	X		HACON Pat		X		WATKINS Brian
	X		HANNAH Brian		X		WHITAKER Sue
	X		HARRISON David	X			WHITE Tony
	X		HEBBORN Stan	X			WILBY Martin
X			HORSBRUGH Michael Chenery of		X		WILKINSON Margaret
X			HUMPHREY Harry				
			ILES Brian				
	X		JERMY Terry				
X			JORDAN Cliff				

With 35 votes in favour, 42 votes against and 0 abstentions, the amend motion was **LOST**.

Green Amendment, County Council Budget 2015/16 – 16th February 2015

Adult Social Care Committee

1. Adult Social Care Committee (Council agenda papers page 89, Con Ref 5a saving ref 4a), transport subsidy for personal budgets.

Following our previous discussions we remain concerned about proposals to save money of the Transport costs of Adult Social Care service users by £0.1m in 2015/16 and £0.9m and £0.8m for 2016/17 and 2017/18 respectively.

Thus we wish to remove the whole of the saving for 2015/16 of £0.1m and removing the future savings for subsequent years.

2. We propose an Increase in Council tax by 1.99% resulting in gross £6.193m income.
- LESS Council Tax Freeze Grant of £3.542m, net gain of £2.651m. £0.1m to go to savings reference 4a.

The remaining sum of £2.551m to be allocated to Adult Social Care Committee (savings), (Council agenda papers page 89, Con Ref 31 saving ref 4b) - funding for well-being activities through a personal budget.

3. EDT Committee Capital budget

Under Item 8 Option 2 - ETD papers 16/1/15, (Council agenda papers page 164, Community and Environmental Services, Structural Maintenance, £30.428m), £0.25m of the additional £1.797m was re- allocated to Local Safety Schemes (LSS) to help address accident problems, taking the LSS budget to £0.5m.

We wish to propose increasing the LSS Budget by a further £0.5m to a total £1m by taking this amount from the additional £1.797m for Structural Maintenance. As this would be a re-allocation of funds this proposal would not increase pressure on the Budget.

The original DfT allocation for Structural maintenance is £28.537m. Integrated transport was £4.141m, of which £2m was transferred to Structural maintenance by EDT committee in October. Following the ETD meetings of 16 October and January 2015 additional funding of £1.797m was identified from the Structural maintenance allocation of July 2014.

RECORDED VOTE

VOTING – Paragraph Number: 4.9 – Green Group Amendment.

FOR	AGAINST.	ABST.		FOR	AGAINST	ABST	
	X		ADAMS Tony			X	JERMY , Terry
	X		AGNEW Stephen		X		JORDAN , Cliff
Absent			ALDRED Colin			X	JOYCE , James
	X		ASKEW Stephen	X			KEMP Alexandra
	X		BAKER Michael		X		KIDDLE-MORRIS Mark
X			BEARMAN Richard		X		LAW Jason
	X		BIRD Richard		X		LEGGETT Judy
	X		BORRETT Bill		X		LONG Brian
X			BOSWELL Andrew		X		MACKIE Ian
		X	BREMNER Bert		X		MONSON Ian
		X	BROCIEK-COULTON Julie		X		MOONEY Joe
	X		BYRNE Alec	X			MORGAN Elizabeth
	X		CARTTISS Michael			X	MORPHEW Steve
		X	CASTLE Mick			X	NOBBS George
	X		CHAMBERLIN Jenny		X		NORTHAM Wyndham
	X		CHILDS Jonathon		X		PARKINSON-HARE Rex
	X		CLANCY Stuart		X		PERKINS Jim
	X		COKE Toby		X		PROCTOR Andrew
		X	COLLIS David		X		RAMSBOTHAM David
		X	CORLETT Emma		X		RICHMOND William
	X		COX Hilary			X	ROPER Daniel
	X		CRAWFORD Denis			X	SANDS Mike
X			DEARNLEY Adrian			X	SEWARD Eric
	X		DEWSBURY Margaret		X		SHAW Nigel
	X		DIXON Nigel	Absent			SMITH Matthew
	X		DOBSON John		X		SMITH Roger
		X	EAST Tim		X		SMYTH Paul
	X		FITZPATRICK Tom	Absent			SOMERVILLE Margaret
	X		FOULGER Colin		X		SPRATT Bev
	X		GARROD Tom		X		STOREY Martin
		X	GIHAWI Deborah			X	STRONG Marie
	X		GILMOUR Paul		X		THOMAS Alison
	X		GREY Alan			X	THOMAS David
Absent			GUNSON Adrian		X		TIMEWELL John
Absent			GURNEY Shelagh		X		VIRGO Judith
		X	HACON Pat			X	WALKER Colleen
	X		HANNAH Brian		X		WARD John
	X		HARRISON David			X	WATKINS Brian
	X		HEBBORN Stan			X	WHITAKER Sue
	X		HORSBRUGH Michael Chenery of		X		WHITE Tony
	X		HUMPHREY Harry		X		WILBY Martin
	X		ILES Brian			X	WILKINSON Margaret

With 5 votes in favour, 53 votes against and 21 abstentions, the amendment was **LOST**.

RECORDED VOTE

VOTING – Paragraph Number: 4.10 – Substantive Motion.

FOR	AGAINST.	ABST.		FOR	AGAINST	ABST	
	X		ADAMS Tony	x			JERMY Terry
X			AGNEW Stephen		X		JORDAN Cliff
Absent			ALDRED Colin	X			JOYCE James
	X		ASKEW Stephen		X		KEMP Alexandra
X			BAKER Michael		X		KIDDLE-MORRIS Mark
	X		BEARMAN Richard		X		LAW Jason
X			BIRD Richard		X		LEGGETT Judy
	x		BORRETT Bill		X		LONG Brian
	X		BOSWELL Andrew		X		MACKIE Ian
X			BREMNER Bert		X		MONSON Ian
X			BROCIEK-COULTON Julie		X		MOONEY Joe
			BYRNE Alec		X		MORGAN Elizabeth
			CARTTISS Michael	X			MORPHEW Steve
X			CASTLE Mick	X			NOBBS George
	X		CHAMBERLIN Jenny		X		NORTHAM Wyndham
x			CHILDS Jonathon	X			PARKINSON-HARE Rex
	X		CLANCY Stuart	X			PERKINS Jim
X			COKE Toby		X		PROCTOR Andrew
X			COLLIS David	X			RAMSBOTHAM David
X			CORLETT Emma		X		RICHMOND William
	X		COX Hilary	X			ROPER Daniel
X			CRAWFORD Denis	X			SANDS Mike
	X		DEARNLEY Adrian			X	SEWARD Eric
	X		DEWSBURY Margaret		X		SHAW Nigel
	X		DIXON Nigel	Absent			SMITH Matthew
	X		DOBSON John		X		SMITH Roger
X			EAST Tim	X			SMYTH Paul
	X		FITZPATRICK Tom	Absent			SOMERVILLE Margaret
	X		FOULGER Colin		X		SPRATT Bev
	X		GARROD Tom		X		STOREY Martin
X			GIHAWI Deborah	X			STRONG Marie
X			GILMOUR Paul		X		THOMAS Alison
X			GREY Alan	X			THOMAS David
Absent			GUNSON Adrian	X			TIMEWELL John
Absent			GURNEY Shelagh		X		VIRGO Judith
X			HACON Pat	x			WALKER Colleen
X			HANNAH Brian		X		WARD John
X			HARRISON David	X			WATKINS Brian
X			HEBBORN Stan	X			WHITAKER Sue
	X		HORSBRUGH Michael Chenery of		X		WHITE Tony
	X		HUMPHREY Harry		X		WILBY Martin
	X		ILES Brian	X			WILKINSON Margaret

With 36 votes in favour, 40 votes against and 1 abstention, the substantive motion was **LOST**.

Appendix F

RECORDED VOTE

VOTING – Paragraph Number: 4.13 – Substantive Amended Motion.

FOR	AGAINST.	ABST.		FOR	AGAINST	ABST	
		X	ADAMS Tony	X			JERMY Terry
X			AGNEW Stephen			X	JORDAN Cliff
Absent			ALDRED Colin	X			JOYCE James
		x	ASKEW Stephen		X		KEMP Alexandra
X			BAKER Michael			X	KIDDLE-MORRIS Mark
	X		BEARMAN Richard			X	LAW Jason
x			BIRD Richard			X	LEGGETT Judy
		X	BORRETT Bill			X	LONG Brian
	X		BOSWELL Andrew			X	MACKIE Ian
X			BREMNER Bert			X	MONSON Ian
X			BROCIK-COULTON Julie			X	MOONEY Joe
			BYRNE Alec		x		MORGAN Elizabeth
		X	CARTTISS Michael	X			MORPHEW Steve
x			CASTLE Mick	X			NOBBS George
		X	CHAMBERLIN Jenny			X	NORTHAM Wyndham
x			CHILDS Jonathon	X			PARKINSON-HARE Rex
		X	CLANCY Stuart	x			PERKINS Jim
X			COKE Toby			X	PROCTOR Andrew
X			COLLIS David	X			RAMSBOTHAM David
X			CORLETT Emma			X	RICHMOND William
		X	COX Hilary	X			ROPER Daniel
X			CRAWFORD Denis	X			SANDS Mike
	x		DEARNLEY Adrian	X			SEWARD Eric
		X	DEWSBURY Margaret			X	SHAW Nigel
		X	DIXON Nigel	Absent			SMITH Matthew
		X	DOBSON John			X	SMITH Roger
X			EAST Tim			X	SMYTH Paul
		X	FITZPATRICK Tom	Absent			SOMERVILLE Margaret
		X	FOULGER Colin			X	SPRATT Bev
		X	GARROD Tom			X	STOREY Martin
X			GIHAWI Deborah	X			STRONG Marie
X			GILMOUR Paul			X	THOMAS Alison
X			GREY Alan	X			THOMAS David
Absent			GUNSON Adrian	X			TIMEWELL John
Absent			GURNEY Shelagh			X	VIRGO Judith
X			HACON Pat	X			WALKER Colleen
X			HANNAH Brian			X	WARD John
X			HARRISON David	X			WATKINS Brian
X			HEBBORN Stan	X			WHITAKER Sue
		X	HORSBRUGH Michael Chenery of			X	WHITE Tony
		X	HUMPHREY Harry			X	WILBY Martin
		X	ILES Brian	x			WILKINSON Margaret

With 36 votes in favour, 5 votes against and 37 abstentions, the substantive amended motion was **CARRIED** and was **RESOLVED** accordingly.