

Norfolk County Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 27 June 2016

Present:		
	Mr A Adams	Mr B Long
	Mr S Askew	Mr I Mackie
	Mr R Bearman	Mr I Monson
	Mr R Bird	Mr J Mooney
	Mr B Borrett	Ms E Morgan
	Dr A Boswell	Mr S Morphew
	Mrs J Brociek-Coulton	Mr G Nobbs
	Mr M Castle	Mr W Northam
	Mr J Childs	Mr R Parkinson-Hare
	Mr S Clancy	Mr J Perkins
	Mr T Coke	Mr G Plant
	Mr D Collis	Mr A Proctor
	Mrs H Cox	Mr D Ramsbotham
	Mr D Crawford	Mr W Richmond
	Mr A Dearnley	Mr D Roper
	Mrs M Dewsbury	Mr M Sands
	Mr T East	Mr N Shaw
	Mr C Foulger	Mr R Smith
	Mr P Gilmour	Mr P Smyth
	Mr A Grey	Mr B Spratt
	Mrs S Gurney	Mr B Stone
	Mr B Hannah	Mrs M Stone
	Mr D Harrison	Mr M Storey
	M Chenery of Horsbrugh	Dr M Strong
	Mr H Humphrey	Mr J Timewell
	Mr B Iles	Miss J Virgo
	Mr T Jermy	Mrs C Walker
	Mr C Jordan	Mr J Ward
	Mr J Joyce	Mr B Watkins
	Ms A Kemp	Ms S Whitaker
	Mr M Kiddle-Morris	Mr A White
	Mr J Law	Mr M Wilby
	Mrs J Leggett	Mrs M Wilkinson

Present: 66

Council stood in one minute's silence in memory of Jo Cox MP who recently lost her life in tragic circumstances.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr S Agnew; Mr C Aldred; Mr M Baker; Ms C Bowes; Mrs A Bradnock; Mr B Bremner; Mr A Byrne; Mr M Carttiss; Mrs J Chamberlin; Ms E Corlett; Mr N Dixon; Mr J Dobson; Mr T FitzPatrick; Mr T Garrod; Mr P Hacon; Ms C Rumsby; Mr E Seward and Mrs A Thomas.

1 To receive any announcements from the Chairman

- 1.1 Council **agreed** that the Chairman would write to the Mayor of Jiangsu Province, China on behalf of the County Council, expressing sympathy and words of encouragement following the disastrous weather conditions they had recently experienced, the full details of the impact of which were not yet known.

2 Declarations of Interest

- 2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

3 Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Proposal

- 3.1 Council received the report setting out Norfolk and Suffolk's ambition for and approach to devolution, based on the East Anglia Devolution Deal announced by the Chancellor in the Budget on 16 March 2016.
- 3.2 The report asked Council to endorse the Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Agreement, support the Governance Review and agree to publish a scheme of governance for public consultation.
- 3.3 The Managing Director, Assistant Director Economic Development and Strategy and Head of Law and Monitoring Officer answered questions from Council about the presentation, consultation process and procedural arrangements.

Council adjourned at 12.30pm and reconvened at 1.05pm.

- 3.4 Following debate, and upon being put to a recorded vote (Appendix A), with 34 votes in favour, 28 votes against and 2 abstentions, Council **RESOLVED** that:
- i) Council endorses the signing of the Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Agreement by the Leader.
 - ii) on the basis of the Governance Review, and having regard to any impact on equalities explored in the Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA), the Council concludes that the establishment of a Mayoral Combined Authority for Norfolk and Suffolk is the option which most fully permits the effective discharge of the functions that Government is prepared to devolve to this area.
 - iii) Council endorses and supports the publication of the draft Scheme for a Norfolk and Suffolk Mayoral Combined Authority, as attached to the report, for consultation purposes, subject to such final revisions as may be approved by the Managing Director in consultation with the Leader, and prior to the commencement of the formal consultation exercise. Such formal consultation on the Scheme to commence once all Norfolk and Suffolk Councils have considered the matters in this report and, in any event, no later than 4 July 2016. In the event that a Constituent Authority named in the attached Scheme

does not agree to endorse the Deal Agreement and/or the Scheme, the Council authorises, through the Managing Director, any necessary changes to be made to the Deal Agreement, the Scheme and the Governance Review, to reflect that Council's non-participation.

- iv) the outcome of the consultation exercise is submitted to the Secretary of the State by the Managing Director, in consultation with the Leader, by early September.
- v) Council meets no later than 28 October 2016 to consider giving consent to an Order establishing a Mayoral Combined Authority for Norfolk and Suffolk.
- vi) Insofar as any of the matters referred to in this report concern the discharge of functions related to the endorsing and signing of the Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Agreement and the publication of the Scheme, authority is delegated to the Managing Director, in consultation with the Leader, to take all necessary steps and actions to progress the recommendations detailed in this report.
- vii) In the event that any technical changes are required to reflect legislative requirements and the contents of the Deal Agreement, authority is delegated to the Managing Director, in agreement with the Chief Executives across Norfolk and Suffolk, to make the necessary changes to the Scheme.
- viii) Further reports are presented to the Council, as appropriate, as the devolution process develops.

The meeting concluded at 2.40pm.

Chairman



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Date – 27 June 2016

Recorded Vote – Item 3 – Norfolk & Suffolk Devolution Proposal

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

With 34 votes in favour, 28 votes against and 2 abstentions, Council **RESOVLED** to agree the recommendations as set out in the report.