

Norfolk County Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 27 July 2015

Present:

Mr A Adams	Mr J Joyce
Mr S Agnew	Ms A Kemp
Mr C Aldred	Mr M Kiddle-Morris
Mr S Askew	Mrs J Leggett
Mr M Baker	Mr B Long
Mr R Bearman	Mr I Mackie
Mr R Bird	Mr I Monson
Mr B Borrett	Ms E Morgan
Dr A Boswell	Mr S Morphew
Mr B Bremner	Mr G Nobbs
Ms J Brociek-Coulton	Mr W Northam
Mr A Byrne	Mr R Parkinson-Hare
Mr M Carttiss	Mr J Perkins
Mr M Castle	Mr G Plant
Mrs J Chamberlin	Mr A Proctor
Mr J Childs	Mr D Ramsbotham
Mr T Coke	Mr W Richmond
Mr D Collis	Mr D Roper
Ms E Corlett	Ms C Rumsby
Mrs H Cox	Mr M Sands
Mr D Crawford	Mr E Seward
Mr A Dearnley	Mr N Shaw
Mrs M Dewsbury	Mr R Smith
Mr N Dixon	Mr P Smyth
Mr T East	Mrs M Somerville
Mr T FitzPatrick	Mr B Spratt
Mr C Foulger	Dr M Strong
Mr T Garrod	Mrs A Thomas
Mr A Grey	Mr D Thomas
Mrs S Gurney	Mr J Timewell
Mr P Hacon	Miss J Virgo
Mr B Hannah	Mrs C Walker
Mr D Harrison	Mr J Ward
Mr M Chenery of Horsbrugh	Mr B Watkins
Mr H Humphrey	Ms S Whitaker
Mr B Iles	Mr M Wilby
Mr T Jermy	Mrs M Wilkinson
Mr C Jordan	

Present: 75

Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Mr S Clancy, Mr J Dobson, Mr P Gilmour, Mr S Hebborn, Mr J Law, Mr J Mooney, Mr M Storey and Mr A White.

1 Minutes

- 1.1 The minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 May 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendments:

Paragraph 16.1.4 – Lydia Reed Court to be amended to read Lydia Eva Court.

Paragraph 16.1.5 last sentence – Remove the word minimum. Sentence to read “The Chair added that she had asked whether providers could be asked to tender two prices – one with the ~~minimum~~ living wage included and one without, in the hope that improved terms and conditions could be offered to staff.

2 Chairman’s Announcements

- 2.1 The Chairman welcomed The Reverend Ian Fosten to his first Council meeting.
- 2.2 After the Chairman had announced the sad passing of Councillor Derek Blake, Conservative Member for Loddon and Mr Michael Langwade, former County Councillor for Gaywood South from 2009-2013, Members paid tribute to both men and stood in silence in their memory.
- 2.3 The Chairman welcomed Graham Plant, the new Conservative member for Gorleston St Andrews and Chrissie Rumsby, the new Labour Member for Mile Cross and said he hoped they would enjoy their time at Norfolk County Council.
- 2.4 The Chairman announced that Chief Fire Officer Nigel Williams, Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service had recently been awarded the Queens Fire Service Medal in the Queen’s Birthday Honours 2015. The Queen’s Fire Service Medal was awarded to members of the Fire and Rescue Service for distinguished service or gallantry.
- 2.5 The Chairman also announced that this would be the last meeting attended by Nigel Williams as he was due to retire in September 2015. Members wished him a long and happy retirement.

Presentation by Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust’s Youth Council

- 2.6 Council received a presentation by members of the Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust’s Youth Council on their role and work across the county. They would be presenting their work at the International Association of Youth Mental Health Conference in Montreal in October and briefed members about their plans for the trip, which included visiting youth projects in the area.

3 Declarations of Interest

- 3.1 The Head of Law and Monitoring Officer advised that all Councillors who were also members of District or Borough Councils had an “other” interest rather than a pecuniary interest and therefore could participate in the debate and would not need to

leave the room when agenda item 5 (Notice of Motion) was discussed. Members received the advice from the Head of Law and Monitoring Officer, and decided to declare whether they were Members of District or Borough Councils and therefore had an other interest in agenda item 5. The details of the declarations can be found at Appendix A.

4 Questions to Leader of the Council

4.1 Question from Mr C Jordan

Mr Jordan said that given the Labour Group had run the country for 13 years, and the Alliance had run the County Council for over two years, why had the County Council had to wait for a Conservative Government to introduce the living wage?

The Leader replied that this was not his area of responsibility and took the opportunity to welcome Mr Plant and Ms Rumsby to the Council and to echo the words said previously about the two colleagues who had sadly died.

4.2 Question from Mr J Childs

Mr Childs asked if the Leader thought that Conservative colleagues should forego the remaining months of their spokespersons allowances for the civic year, given that they had refused to attend spokespersons meetings and undertake the duties of their role, noting that participating in these duties was a specific requirement of the roles laid out in the Constitution. He asked if the Leader would also agree that they should do the honourable thing and repay the money that they had been paid to date after neglecting these duties and could the Leader please check the legality of these actions and whether it was a dereliction of duty whilst in the public office? He also asked if those Members who wouldn't repay the money to the Council, would like to donate it to one of the charities that the Council supported?

The Leader thanked Mr Childs for his question. He said that a great deal of time had been spent debating the Committee system and also on reviewing it, with an outside person carrying out the review and who had made recommendations on a cross-party basis. He added that there were a lot of meetings about the role of Councillors and he had attended either 11 or 17 meetings about this with the recommendations being very clear. The system had been designed in such a way that there were group spokespersons and that they should attend relevant meetings. The Leader said he was not so much concerned about whether they were entitled to their allowances, but he was concerned about the fact that one group had withdrawn their attendance at spokespersons meetings. He added that this wasted time at Committee meetings, as spokespersons and agenda setting meetings were used to discuss and agree agenda items. The Leader said he was not concerned about special responsibility allowances, which was a matter of conscience, although he was concerned about the way arbitrary decisions were taken, forbidding members from turning up at spokespersons meetings which was a requirement of the Constitution, and that there were group spokespersons who were not happy with the situation.

4.3 Question from Dr M Strong

Dr Strong said that on 8 June, the Leader had written to the Secretary of State for Communities regarding the Right to Buy in relation to housing associations and that this continued to be of concern to people involved with these associations. She asked if the Leader had received the courtesy of a reply.

The Leader said that he had not yet received a reply. He added that he had written to

the Secretary of State at the request of the Policy & Resources Committee on some very specific cases and that it had not been the intention to gainsay the Government's right to introduce legislation having just won an election. The letter had been to point out that there were certain housing societies and associations in Norfolk which were totally different to the general associations where they had bought houses in villages for the express purpose of keeping the housing stock and stopping the houses being purchased by second home owners, meaning that villages would be empty most of the year, as many of them were already. He added that he was specifically talking about the Blakeney Housing Society, founded in 1946. Many people had left houses to this society so that they could be kept and let to local people. It had nothing to do with the general principle about whether or not housing associations should sell their housing stock. He added that he had also written to Brandon Lewis MP, the Housing Minister who had a coastal constituency in Norfolk, but he had not received a reply to either letter.

As a supplementary question, Dr Strong asked the Leader if he could pursue the answer, to which the Leader replied he would.

4.4 Question from Mr R Bearman

Mr Bearman asked what the Leader's views were on the proposed 40% cut for Local Government spending recently announced, given the Council was trying to reduce spending by 25% over the next three years.

The Leader replied that there were some Members who had questioned whether we were taking things too far by looking for a 25% reduction in spend rather than a 15% reduction to give ourselves additional headroom. He said it was known that the council needed to make a 15% reduction in spend over the next few years and there were certain areas where reductions were unlikely to be achieved. The Chancellor had recently announced that outside the four ring-fenced departments of education, health, the armed forces and overseas aid, a 40% reduction in spend was expected.

4.5 Question from Mr B Bremner

Mr Bremner asked how the Ofsted inspection of Children's Services was proceeding.

The Leader said Ofsted were now more than half way through their inspection of Looked after Children and asked Mr Joyce, Chairman of Children's Services Committee to provide a more detailed update.

Mr Joyce advised that the inspection of looked after children had commenced at the beginning of July and he would be attending a debriefing on Thursday 30 July. Children's Services was in a much better position than it had been two years ago and he hoped the inspection would show that Children's Services had made excellent progress since the last inspection had found the Looked after Children service to be totally inadequate. The Inspectors had asked some very searching questions, particularly in areas where performance differed across the county. Where this had been the case Children's Services had been able to provide an explanation for the differences in performance.

4.6 Question from Mr B Borrett

Mr Borrett said that given the importance of Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) in allocating funds to the County Council, specifically for infrastructure projects, he asked the Leader how many Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) meetings he had actually attended in the last 12 months and how many of these meetings he should have

attended and had asked a colleague to substitute for him.

The Leader said that he would provide a written response to the question.

4.7 Question from Mr B Hannah

Mr Hannah asked what was happening to the chaplaincy role. He had been advised by the Managing Director that all Members would be involved in any decision regarding the important, but mostly unseen role. He asked if a decision had already been made.

The Leader deferred the question to the Chairman who confirmed that no decision about the chaplaincy role had yet been made.

4.8 Question from Mr A Dearnley

Mr Dearnley asked if the Leader and senior officers had yet discussed the implications of the Local Authorities Devolution Bill for Norfolk with Leaders and senior officers from all the other District and Borough Councils.

The Leader replied that devolution had been discussed at a Norfolk Leaders Meeting and added that the Managing Director was having talks with the Chief Executives of the District and Borough Councils to discuss the options. He added that there were also some bi-lateral talks taking place and the Managing Director had also been holding talks with other county councils and Government bodies about the devolvement of power.

5 Notice of Motions

- 5.1 The Leader of the UKIP Group, Mr R Coke, seconded by Mr P Smyth proposed the following motion, including the additional wording which was accepted by the Chairman.

“That this Council reviews the governance options set out under the Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill, at both county and district levels, with a view to identifying significant savings, **improving efficiency, democracy and accountability**”.

- 5.2 Mr C Jordan, seconded by Mr A Proctor proposed the following amendment:

“That this council, in conjunction with other councils, voluntary and public sector bodies in Norfolk, reviews the governance options under the Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill, with a view to identifying significant savings.

Such options will exclude proposals for a unitary form of governance.”

- 5.3 Following debate and upon being put to a recorded vote (Appendix B), with 35 votes in favour, 39 votes against and 1 abstention, the amended motion was **LOST**.
- 5.4 Following debate and upon being put to a recorded vote (Appendix C), with 40 votes in favour, 35 votes against and 0 abstentions, the substantive motion was **CARRIED**.

6 Residential and Non-Residential Charge Policy Associated with War Veterans.

- 6.1 Council received the report by the Executive Director of Finance providing it with a review of the charging policy for Residential and Non-Residential care that was associated with War Veterans. The report highlighted the representations made by the

Royal British Legion as part of the national campaign and identified funding options as directed by the Policy and Resources Committee.

6.2 RESOLVED to:

1. Authorise officers to make the necessary policy changes to be able to fully disregard pre-1 April 2015 War Disablement Pensions when determining how much an individual must pay towards their residential and non-residential care costs, (save for the additional attendance allowance paid to some War Veterans to cover some of the costs of their care).
2. Note that the policy change was estimated to affect 104 individuals (as at March 2015) and cost approximately £400k annually to implement.
3. Approve that any 2015/16 cost relating to this policy change be funded from the additional £1.7m transferred to the Adults Reserve at the end of the 2014/15 financial year (as approved by Policy & Resources Committee).
4. Note that the change will be effective from 6 April 2015 (the start of the current tax year) and that further work will be required to review the arrears and apply them to each individual affected.
5. Note that the full year budget pressure from this policy change will be addressed as part of the budget setting process for 2016/17.

7 Statutory Officers – Changes to Standing Orders

7.1 Council received the report from the Head of Law and Monitoring Officer informing members of a mandatory change in standing orders relating to the statutory officers and report on their implementation within the Council's Constitution.

7.2 RESOLVED to:

1. Note the report and to instruct the Head of Law and Monitoring Officer to implement the necessary changes to the Council's Constitution so as to comply with the Regulations.
2. Instruct the Acting Head of HR to establish a procedure for the appointment of, and the process to be followed by, the Panel in accordance with the Regulations.

8 Recommendations from Service Committees

8.1 Policy and Resources Committee – 1 June 2015

Mr G Nobbs, Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee moved the recommendation that County Council approve the Annual Treasury Management Report 2014/15.

8.1.1 The Council **RESOLVED** to endorse the Annual Treasury Management Report 2014-15.

8.2 **Children's Services Committee – 7 July 2015**

8.2.1 Mr J Joyce, Chairman of Children's Services Committee, moved the recommendation that County Council approve the Norfolk Youth Justice Plan 2015-16.

8.2.2 Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Norfolk Youth Justice Plan 2015-16.

8.3 **Environment, Development & Transport Committee – 10 July 2015**

8.3.1 Mr R Coke, Chairman of Environment, Development and Transport Committee moved the recommendation that Council adopt the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment, Habitats Regulation Assessment and Equality Impact Assessment be adopted.

8.3.2 Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment, Habitats Regulation Assessment and Equality Impact Assessment.

9 **Reports from Service Committees (Questions to Chairs)**

9.1 **Report of the Policy and Resources Committee meetings held on 1 June and 20 July 2015.**

Mr G Nobbs, Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee, moved the report.

9.1.1 **Question from Mrs J Leggett**

Mrs Leggett said that the Public Services Network was the government's high-performance network that allowed public authorities to work together and, in the case of our district and borough council colleagues, administer benefit payments on behalf of the DWP. Breckland District Council had only received its accreditation two and a half hours before the deadline because of issues around information security. Mrs Leggett asked the Chairman if he could please explain where we were with our own accreditation and what work this might be hampering.

The Chairman responded that the DNA (Digital Norfolk Ambition) Working Party had dealt with this issue and asked Cllr Roper to respond to the question. Mr Roper said he would provide a written response and copy the reply to all Members.

9.1.2 **Question from Dr A Boswell**

Mr Boswell referred to the outage of Good for Enterprise which had appeared to be a Vodafone server problem, and the disrespect shown to Councillors and other users with the 8 day delay before Vodafone had admitted there was a problem. He asked if the Council had undertaken an analysis of the impacts of the outage to the Council and also if the Chairman would join with the other councils and bodies who were affected by the outage to lobby Vodafone for a much stronger service level agreement.

The Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee said that he would lobby for a stronger service level agreement and added that the Managing Director had already written to Vodafone about the outage and would ask her to let Members have a copy of the letter.

9.1.3 **Question from Mr B Borrett**

Mr Borrett said he had been disappointed to see there was no mention in the reports of Council's inadequate response to Members losing access to their emails and that there had been no plan in place to contact Members by other means, to inform them of the problem and to get them the agenda and minutes of meetings, bearing in mind they knew the system was down and had been for ten days. He added that whilst there was a finger to be pointed at Vodafone the Council's response had not been adequate. He asked if the Chairman would support him in agreeing that the response from the Council was not adequate and that a proper plan, which had been requested at Policy & Resources, that should a similar failure take place in the future, Members would have the support from the County Council so they were not left high and dry as they had been before.

The Chairman replied that the reports that were presented to County Council were not the minutes of the meeting and he was sure the points made would be recorded in the full minutes of the Policy & Resources meeting. With regard to the other issue raised he asked the Chairman of Communities Committee, Mr Smyth to reply. Mr Smyth confirmed he had already contacted the Chief Fire Officer and the resilience team about the problem.

9.1.4 **Question from Mr M Wilby**

Mr Wilby referred to the proposals to charge staff for parking at County Hall. He asked if the Chairman could say if he was in support of that policy and if he was not, could he put an end to such a proposal?

The Chairman responded that the issue about staff car parking was not primarily about the need to raise revenue, although that was important. He added that due to the successful refurbishment of county hall, more staff needed to be accommodated at county hall from satellite offices, which would save money. A consequence of moving more staff into County Hall was there would not be enough room on the car park to accommodate all staff. The Chairman said that he had not closed his mind to the final way of dealing with this but that something would have to be done as not all staff could be accommodated on the car park. He said this was as far as he was able to go at the moment as the situation was still being reviewed.

9.1.5 **Question from Ms A Kemp**

Ms Kemp asked if penalties were incorporated in the service level agreement with IT if those service providers failed to provide the required service and if not, why had they not been included?

The Chairman replied that the issue of whether the County Council could seek compensation was being taken up by the Managing Director with Vodafone. The Head of Law and Monitoring Officer would be able to provide details of the service level agreement with Vodafone.

9.1.6 Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

9.2 **Report of the Adult Social Care Committee meetings held on 11 May, 8 and 29 June 2015.**

Ms S Whitaker, Chair of Adult Social Care Committee moved the report.

9.2.1 **Question from Mr B Bremner**

Mr Bremner asked how the more integrated working with the NHS was progressing.

The Chair replied that there were a number of initiatives already in place, for example:

- Joint management with Norfolk Community Health and Care who provided community services.
- The mental health social workers had now been brought back to work for the county council, although we were still working closely with the Mental Health Trust.
- This was the first year of the Better Care Fund which was five separate agreements with the five Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's).

The Chair added that there was further work to be carried out as it was recognised that there were savings that needed to be made with less money and more demand for services. There was scope for more joint working and opportunities were being identified and worked through to provide a service for all the residents of Norfolk more efficiently with less money.

9.2.2 Question from Mr B Watkins

Mr Watkins asked the Chair to comment on the recently announced government changes to the implementation timetable for the Care Act and the implications that this would have on the Council going forward.

The Chair replied that Part 2 of the Care Act was due to be implemented from 1 April 2016 which was the part which would have brought about the cap on the amount that people would have to pay for care over their lifetime. The implementation had now been put back from 1 April 2016 to 1 April 2020, with the general view being 2020 equalled sometime never. She added that we had originally been told that £570m would be forthcoming to social services authorities and that we would get approximately 1% of that. What was not clear was whether that money would still go to the relevant local authorities.

9.2.3 Question from Mr A Dearnley

Mr Dearnley said that with promoting independence, the strategy for delivering adult social care services in Norfolk appeared to rely heavily on communities and the voluntary sector in caring for Norfolk's vulnerable citizens. He asked the Chair if, in her opinion, communities and the third sector had sufficient resilience to respond to the strategy and if not, what the Council could do to ensure that both capacity and resilience was in place.

The Chair replied that her answer would be yes, but there needed to be more partnership working, not only the County Council and other councils, but also involving communities and voluntary sectors. She added that at a recent meeting of the Older People's Strategic Partnership Board, the Chief Executive of Voluntary Norfolk had said there needed to be more cooperation so providers did not compete with each other. The Chair suggested that an audit should be carried out on what services were available, what could be provided, by whom, how and in a way that was beneficial to everyone.

9.2.4 Question from Mr B Borrett

Mr Borrett referred to paragraph 6.2 of the report from Adult Social Care Committee to Council that the Committee had resolved to note with concern that the draft revenue outturn position showed an overspend of over £3m. The Committee had decided that

just noting the position was insufficient as they were extremely concerned, when coupled with the risk register, that the budget savings targets over the next three years could lead to a significant overspend in a number of areas, leading to significant financial pressures across the council and would not achieve the expected improvement in services. The risk was currently rated red which meant officers did not think the target would meet the deadline of 1 April 2017. He asked the Chair of Adult Social Services Committee to share with Council what she proposed to do about the situation.

The Chair replied that the red rating was there to remind Members that radical action needed to be taken to change the way services were provided. She had said previously that there were too many customers requiring services and there were insufficient funds. She continued by saying that social care was not one of the areas exempt from departmental cuts at government level so there was a need to radically rethink how adult social care services were provided. She added that it was likely that Children's Services would have identified very similar issues with regard to the provision of social care.

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

9.3 **Report of the Children's Services Committee meetings held on 12 May and 7 July 2015**

Mr J Joyce, Chairman of Children's Services Committee moved the report.

9.3.1 **Question from Mrs J Leggett**

Mrs Leggett said that at previous Children's Services Committee meetings, there had been discussions about holding a Joint Safeguarding Forum between Children's and Adult Services. There had been a meeting on 22 May led by David Ashcroft, Chair of Norfolk Safeguarding Children's Board (NSCB) but nothing since. She asked what was happening with regard to the Joint Safeguarding Forum.

The Chairman responded that the next meeting of the Joint Safeguarding Forum would be held on Wednesday 2 September at 2pm at County Hall which would be convened by Adult Social Services.

9.3.2 **Question from Mr B Watkins**

Mr Watkins said one of the priorities for the Health and Wellbeing Board was promoting the social and emotional wellbeing of children under the age of five. This priority emphasised the crucial importance of addressing overarching mental health issues and Members had received an excellent presentation by the Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust's Youth Council. He asked if the Chairman could suggest ways in which the Health and Wellbeing Board could work more effectively with Children's services to achieve this important objective.

The Chairman replied that one way of achieving this objective was for both Chairs to get together to discuss the issues and to identify ways in which the Health and Wellbeing Board could achieve its objective. He invited any Member to speak to him at any time and said that early intervention was vital and key to how Children's Services was moving forward.

9.3.3 **Question from Mr M Sands**

Mr Sands asked the Chairman of Children's Services Committee to comment on the

recent press report by the Regional Schools Commissioner about the Hewett School?

The Chairman responded that the question referred to an interview with Tim Coulson in the EDP and said that the Government had the right to propose academisation at schools that were deemed not to be performing satisfactorily. He said that the decision the County Council was currently waiting for was about the land and how it could be transferred across in the event of the school becoming an academy. He added that he hoped the decision by the Department for Education would be received soon and would let all Members know the outcome.

9.3.4 Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

9.4 **Report of the Communities Committee meetings held on 13 May and 1 July 2015**

Mr P Smyth, Chairman of Communities Committee, moved the report.

9.4.1 **Question from Mr R Smith**

Mr Smith stated that at the Council meeting on 18 May it was agreed that Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Service Committees would agree and publish their respective areas of responsibility on an annual basis. Mr Smith asked whether the Chair and Vice-Chair of Communities Committee had published this information. He also mentioned that Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the other Service Committees may also like to take note.

The Chair replied that areas of responsibility had been discussed and agreed and once the information had been agreed by the Committee at its meeting on 9 September, the information would be published.

9.4.2 **Question from Mr H Humphrey**

Mr Humphrey referred to the report of the Adult Education Steering Group where it was noted that the Further Education Commission was going to visit to consider what action had been taken since the Ofsted report. The lack of facilities for 16-18 year olds did need to be looked at and it had been mentioned that we should work in partnership with the further education colleges which was something that had been considered previously. He asked if the Chairman thought this was something that the Adult Education Working Group should tackle quite promptly.

The Chair asked the Vice-Chair to respond. The Vice-Chair said the courses that had been affected was a result of the Council's inadequate status which had meant the withdrawal of some funding. The Acting Head of Service had been working with City College Norwich to see if they could take over the specific courses, although the Vice-Chair did not know the final outcome. There had also been some difficulties with staff transferring, although he was hopeful this would be resolved by September and the courses could run. He hoped the outcome from the Inspection on 9 June where the monitoring visit from Ofsted had given us the highest grade of progress we could receive, would continue and when the inspectors returned in September we could move forward with the service so that these essential courses for 16-18 year olds courses could once again be offered.

9.4.3 **Question from Ms A Kemp**

Ms Kemp said that she had been informed that the car park at the back of the new fire station in south Lynn was inaccessible and could not be used and that firemen, including those that worked there, were required to clock on and park at the north

Lynn fire station and were then being ferried to the south Lynn fire station. She asked if the Chair could enlighten her as to whether this was true and if it was, why was this happening because it was a waste of personnel time.

The Chairman said neither himself nor the Chief Fire Officer were aware of the situation at South Lynn and said that an investigation would be carried out and a response provided to Ms Kemp.

9.4.4 Question by Mr M Carttiss

Mr Carttiss asked for more information and clarification about the report providing an update on key service issues and activities.

The Chair responded that officers, on a fortnightly basis, provided a bullet point summary of items they considered Members of the Committee should be made aware of and this was referred to as a situation report. These reports were then collated and included on the agenda of Communities Committee meetings so Members had an opportunity to ask questions about the activities included. As Communities Committee had about 13 service delivery areas, the fortnightly report kept members aware of the work each of the areas were doing and offered an opportunity for members to ask questions. The reports did run into a significant number of pages and were also available to members on the website.

9.4.5 Council RESOLVED to note the report.

9.5 Report of the Environment, Development and Transport Committee meetings held on 15 May and 10 July 2015.

Mr R Coke, Chairman of EDT Committee moved the report.

9.5.1 Question from Mr M Wilby

Mr Wilby said that George Freeman MP had written to the Chairman of EDT on 23 June about the provision of school transport for children at Carbrooke Primary School and that Mr Freeman had not yet received a response. He added that it had been reported in the Watton and Swaffham Times that Norfolk Constabulary had said the route Norfolk County Council was asking the children to walk to the school was considered unsafe. He asked when the chairman was going to do something about the problem.

The Chairman responded that the letter from George Freeman about the school run was with officers at present and a reply would be sent in due course.

Mr J Joyce, Chairman of Children's Services Committee added that it was his intention to walk the school route to see for himself the problems and issues, although he wanted to do this during late November/December when the mornings and evenings were darker. He also advised that transport for eligible pupils attending Carbrooke Primary School would be in place until January 2016.

9.5.2 Question from Mr B Spratt

Mr Spratt said that with all the roadworks going on in the city centre at the present time, was Norwich closing to businesses, visitors and tourists? He added that we needed to encourage more visitors to the cathedral and castle and that we must support visitors and people who wanted to visit Norwich

The Chairman said that he did have a certain amount of sympathy with trying to negotiate roadworks and deferred the question to Mr Morphew, the Chairman of the Norwich Joint Highways Agency Committee.

Mr Morphew said that much of the work currently taking place was as a result of funding having only just been received. The plans currently being implemented were the Norwich Area Transport Strategy (NATS) plan and the Transport for Norwich Implementation Plan which had been drawn up and approved in 2010. He added that the Strategy and Plans had been widely consulted upon and there had been tens of thousands of responses to the consultation which had received public approval. There had been no evidence that the disruption caused by the roadworks had impacted on businesses and regular dialogue was held with businesses to ensure this remained the case. Mr Morphew added that once the improvements had been completed, cars would have much easier access to car parks, and although cars would not be able to drive around the city centre, access into and out of car parks would be improved.

9.5.3 Question from Mr B Long

Mr Long referred to the hazardous waste amnesty held in 2014 which had been a shambles with people in West Norfolk turned away and asked to return, only to be turned away again. He asked the Chair what was going to be different when amnesties happened again in September.

The Chairman said that a report would be presented to the EDT Committee in September 2015 about waste recycling centres, which would include an update on the hazardous waste amnesty. He added that amnesties would be repeated this year and arrangements had been discussed at the recent Waste Advisory Group meeting and that the situation was under control.

9.5.4 Council RESOLVED to note the report.

9.6 Report of the Economic Development Sub-Committee meetings held on 20 May and 13 July 2015

9.6.1 Council RESOLVED to note the report.

Other Committees

9.7 Report of the Audit Committee meeting held on 18 June 2015

Mr I Mackie, Chairman, moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

9.8 Reports of the Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 28 May and 16 July 2015.

Mr M Carttiss moved the reports. Council **RESOLVED** to note the reports.

9.9 Report of the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting held on 15 July 2015.

Mr B Watkins moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

9.10 Report of the Planning (Regulatory) Committee meeting held on 19 June 2015

Mr B Long moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

9.11 **Report of the Standards Committee meeting held on 26 June 2015.**

Mr I Monson moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

9.12 **Report of the Records Committee meeting held on 19 June 2015**

Mr M Chenery of Horsbrugh moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

9.13 **Report of the Joint Museums Committee meeting held on 19 June 2015**

Mr J Ward moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

9.14 **Report of the Norfolk Highway Agency Committee meeting held on 4 June 2015.**

Mr S Morpew moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

10 Appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees and Joint Committees (Standard Item).

10.1 There were none.

11 To answer questions under Rule 8.3 of the Council Procedure Rules

There were none.

The meeting concluded at 1.20pm.

Chairman



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Date – 27 July 2015

Item 3 – Declarations of Other Interest in Agenda Item 5 (Notice of Motion)

Y – Member of County Council and District /Borough Council

N – Not a Member of another authority

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

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VOTING – ITEM NUMBER: 5 – Amended Motion proposed by Mr C Jordan, seconded by Mr A Proctor.

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

With 35 votes in favour, 39 votes against and 1 abstention the amended motion was LOST.

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VOTING – ITEM NUMBER: 5 – Substantive Motion proposed by Mr T Coke, seconded by Mr P Smyth.

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

With 40 votes in favour, 35 votes against and 0 abstentions the motion was CARRIED.