

**Transport for Norwich Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting Held on 31 May 2023 at 2pm
in the Council Chamber**

Present:

Cllr Lana Hemsall (Chair)
Cllr John Ward (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Natasha Harpley
Cllr Brian Watkins
Cllr Alison Birmingham (sub)
Cllr Mike Sands (sub)
Cllr Ian Stutley

Representing:

Norfolk County Council
Norfolk County Council
Broadland District Council
Norfolk County Council
Norfolk County Council
Norwich City Council
Norwich City Council

Officers Present:

Alex Cliff
Joanne Deverick
Kat Hulatt
Tim Shaw

Title:

Highway Network and Innovation Manager
Transforming Cities Manager
Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer
Committee Officer, NCC

1. Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 Apologies were received from: Daniel Elmer, Emma Hampton (Cllr Mike Sands substituted), Peter Joyner (New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership), and Cllr Emma Corlett (Cllr Alison Birmingham substituted).

2. Opening Remarks

- 2.1 After Cllr Lana Hemsall had opened the meeting, Cllr Ian Stutley said that, while he understood that substitutes were permitted, it did not appear from the agenda that Cllr Hemsall was attending as a substitute, but as a permanent appointment to the position of Chair. The ToR stated that one member would be the cabinet member which in his opinion required the Cabinet Member to be present. Given the importance of decisions that would be taken by the Cabinet Member and the wider and ongoing implications for the City and County's residents, it was not in his opinion appropriate to allow the proposed arrangement whereby Cllr Hemsall chaired the Advisory Committee's meetings. Cllr Stutley added that he was not content for the Cabinet Member to make decisions on vital Transport schemes in the city without hearing and participating in the debate and discussion. These comments were shared by Cllr Mike Sands.
- 2.2 In reply, the Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer said that this Advisory Committee was a working group and subs were allowed; it was permissible for this meeting to be held if members were happy for it to proceed. There was no legal reason why Cllr Lana Hemsall could not chair the meeting. This was not a decision taking body and Cllr Hemsall was able to report back to the Cabinet Member about the issues that were on the agenda.

- 2.3 At this point in the proceedings, Cllr Natasha Harpley, Cllr Alison Birmingham, Cllr Mike Sands and Cllr Ian Stutley left the meeting, the meeting was declared inquorate and came to an end.

The Meeting ended at 2..08 pm

**Chair,
Transport for Norwich Advisory
Committee**



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