

**Joint Committee for Transport for Norwich
Minutes of the Meeting Held on 29 September 2022
at 2pm in the Council Chamber**

Present:

Cllr Martin Wilby (Chair)
Cllr Barry Stone (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Emma Corlett
Cllr Brian Watkins
Cllr Fran Whymark
Cllr Mike Stonard
Cllr Karen Davis
Cllr Kay Mason Billig

Representing:

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

Officers Present:

Graham Bygrave
Kat Hulatt
Jonathan Hall
Jeremy Wiggin

Title:

Director of Highways, Transport and Waste, NCC
Assistant Director of Governance (Legal Services), NCC
Democratic Support and Scrutiny Manager, NCC
Transport for Norwich Manager, NCC

1. Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 Apologies were received from: Peter Joyner (New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership), and Cllr Ian Stutely (Cllr Karen Davis substituted).

2. Minutes

- 2.1 The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2022 as an accurate record.

3. Declarations of Interest

- 3.1 No interests were declared.

4. Items received as urgent business

- 4.1 There were no items of urgent business.

5. Terms of Reference of Committee

- 5.1 The Committee received the report, which provided an update of the proposed amended terms of reference and the reasoning behind the amended terms.
- 5.2 Following an introduction and explanation of the terms from Kat Hulatt, Assistant Director of Governance, the following points were discussed and noted:

- The Leader of Norfolk County Council was not minded to delegate any decision making powers to the committee.
- Norwich City councillors were disappointed to learn that the committee was not acting as a Joint Committee as the City Council's understanding at the outset that this was to be the case.
- The issues concerning the governance arrangements had been reported to Audit, however they were yet to respond.
- The Department for Transport (DfT) had been advised of the governance issues and had been updated as matters developed. The DfT confirmed that governance issues were for the Highway Authority to determine.
- Members agreed that the schemes undertaken so far had provided numerous benefits to all and that outcomes would have been the same irrespective of what governance arrangements had operated.

5.4 The Director of Highways, Transport and Waste highlighted bullet point four of the Terms regarding providing advice to the Cabinet Member. i.e. the committee's role would include overseeing development and delivery of significant work identified in the Transport for Norwich strategy action plans.

5.3 The Chair undertook an indicative vote on the Terms of Reference which was equally split amongst the committee members and using his casting vote he indicated he was minded to accept the recommendation that the Terms of Reference **be adopted by the Committee and recommended to Cabinet for endorsement.**

The Meeting ended at 2.22pm

Next meeting: Thursday 24 November 2022 at 2pm

**Cllr Martin Wilby, Chair,
Joint Committee for Transport
for Norwich**



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