

Norfolk County Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 27 May 2014

Present:	Mr T Adams	Mr T Jermy
	Mr S Agnew	Mr C Jordan
	Mr C Aldred	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	Mrs E Morgan
	Mr M Carttiss	Mr S Morphew
	Mr M Castle	Mr G Nobbs
	Mrs J Chamberlin	Mr W Northam
	M Chenery of Horsbrugh	Mr R Parkinson-Hare
	Mr J Childs	Mr J Perkins
	Mr S Clancy	Mr A Proctor
	Mr R Coke	Mr D Ramsbotham
	Mr D Collis	Mr W Richmond
	Ms E Corlett	Mr D Roper
	Mrs H Cox	Mr M Sands
	Mr D Crawford	Mr E Seward
	Mr A Dearnley	Mr N Shaw
	Mrs M Dewsbury	Mr M Smith
	Mr J Dobson	Mr R Smith
	Mr N Dixon	Mr P Smyth
	Mr T East	Mrs M Somerville
	Mr T FitzPatrick	Mr B Spratt
	Mr C Foulger	Mr M Storey
	Mr T Garrod	Dr M Strong
	Ms D Gihawi	Mrs A Thomas
	Mr P Gilmour	Mr D Thomas
	Mr A Grey	Mr J Timewell
	Mr A Gunson	Miss J Virgo
	Mrs S Gurney	Mrs C Walker
	Mr P Hacon	Mr J Ward
	Mr B Hannah	Mr B Watkins
	Mr D Harrison	Ms S Whitaker
	Mr S Hebborn	Mr M Wilby
	Mr H Humphrey	Mrs M Wilkinson
	Mr B Iles	Mr A White

PART 1

1 Election of Chairman

(Mrs Cox in the Chair)

1.1 Upon the motion of Mr Bremner , seconded by Mrs Gihawi, it was

1.2 RESOLVED (unanimously)

That Mr Hannah be elected Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year.

1.3 (Mr Hannah in the Chair)

1.4 Mr Hannah, having made the statutory declaration of office, thanked the Council for the honour and privilege conferred upon him and formally took the Chair. The Chairman began his year in office by saying that he was delighted to be the new Chairman as it was such a privileged position and that his theme for the year would be restorative approaches to justice and that he would use every opportunity to show his commitment to local issues and local values to more people in the county. He said it was a great honour to be Chairman of the County Council and he intended to fulfil the role with great enthusiasm.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 24 March 2014, 7 April 2014 and 28 April 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 Election of Vice-Chairman

3.1 Mr Nobbs moved, seconded by Mr Coke, that Mr Parkinson-Hare be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

3.2 It was then moved by Mr FitzPatrick, seconded by Mr Northam, that Mrs Thomas be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

3.3 There followed a recorded vote (which can be found at Appendix A to these minutes) and with 40 votes in favour of Mrs Thomas and 42 votes in favour of Mr Parkinson-Hare and 2 abstentions it was

3.4 RESOLVED

That Mr Parkinson-Hare be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

4 Vote of Thanks to the Outgoing Chairman

4.1 Mr Nobbs, as Leader of the Council, proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman and thanked her for her hard work and dedication and for all that she had

done for Norfolk County Council during her demanding year of office.

4.2 Mr FitzPatrick seconded the motion and Mr Coke, Dr Strong, Mr Bearman and Ms Kemp paid tribute to the hard work of Mrs Cox.

4.3 The motion having been carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED

That the Council place on record its grateful thanks to Mrs Cox, stating that she had performed her duties admirably and was a great ambassador for the County.

4.4 Mrs Cox addressed the Council saying that it had been an honour and a privilege to serve as Chairman of Norfolk County Council during what had been a particularly demanding year. She paid tribute to the support that she had received from Democratic Services, and in particular from the Chairman's Officer, Catherine Wilkinson, from ICT, from the Communications Team and also from her husband William and the Trails Team who had supported her in her walk across Norfolk to raise money for the Big C Appeal.

5 Chairman's Announcements

5.1 There were no Chairman's announcements.

6 Declarations of Interest

6.1 There were no declarations of interest.

7 Cabinet Recommendations

7.1 Mr Nobbs moved the first three recommendations from the Cabinet meetings held on 7 April 2014, 14 April 2014 and 12 May 2014.

7.2 Council **RESOLVED** to approve :

the Trading Standards Service Plan,
the Norfolk Youth Justice Plan 2014-15;
The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy, the direction of travel for that strategy and the plans for the implementation of the one off £10m high needs block funding.

Mr Nobbs then moved the recommendations contained in the Cabinet report concerning the replenishment of the General Reserve:

"That the Council:

Note the 2013-14 and 2014-15 savings agreed by Council of £11.26 m set out in Table 2;

Agree that the 2013-14 and 2014-15 budgets are reduced by £3.44m as set out at Table 2;

That, if savings options which have less direct impact on services emerge during 2014, substitution of these is an acceptable policy."

7.3 With regard to the recommendations from the Cabinet concerning the replenishment of the General Reserve, Mr R Smith moved, seconded by Mr J Dobson, an amendment which stated:

“Agree the first recommendation in the Cabinet report;
amend the second recommendation in the Cabinet report so that it is subject to the deletion from item 4 of Table 2 of the words “Services, reductions from Directorates-Libraries £0.14m, Road Maintenance £0.86m”; the amount of £1m to come from reserves until other options have been explored and
agree to the third recommendation in the Cabinet report.”

7.4 On being put to the vote, with 39 votes in favour 42 votes against and 2 abstentions the motion was declared **LOST**.

7.5 The recommendations from the Cabinet concerning the replenishment of the General Reserve were then put to the vote. On a show of hands there were 42 in favour 40 against and 2 abstentions whereupon

7.6 Council **RESOLVED**

To note the 2013-14 and 2014-15 savings agreed by Council of £11.26 m set out in Table 2;

Agree that the 2013-14 and 2014-15 budgets are reduced by £3.44m as set out at Table 2;

That if savings options which have less direct impact on services emerge during 2014, substitution of these is an acceptable policy.

8 Leader's Report

8.1 In commending his report to the Council the Leader placed on record his congratulations to Mr FitzPatrick on becoming Leader of the Conservative Group; he also pointed out that during the last year of the Cabinet system of governance the Council had put in place a 3 year rolling budget, resolved the land at the Willows issue, turned around Children's Services and reached an outline agreement with Suffolk County Council for the future joint running of services.

8.2 Mrs Chamberlin asked if the report could include details of where the pictures contained in it were taken. In reply the Leader said that he would ensure that Mrs Chamberlin received this information.

8.3 Mr Long asked how much the report had cost to produce. In reply the Leader said that the report had been produced and distributed mostly in electronic form, and in house at minimum cost, with support from those outside of the Council being given free of charge, and that he would let Mr Long know the total cost after the meeting.

9 Reports

9.1 **Questions to Cabinet Members**

9.2 **Questions to the Cabinet Member for Public Protection**

9.3 Question from Ms A Kemp

Had a reply been received from Mr Matthew Hancock MP about the issue of home insurance for those living in South Lynn that was raised with him when he recently visited Norfolk and, if not, could this be followed up?

The Cabinet Member said that he would follow up this matter and ensure that any reply was shared with Ms Kemp and other Members of the Council.

9.4 Question from Mr T East

Could an update be given on the Fakenham fire?

The Cabinet Member invited the local County Councillor Mr FitzPatrick to give an answer to this question.

Mr FitzPatrick praised the Fire and Rescue Service. He said that the Chief Fire Officer had kept him and others apprised of the situation throughout the work to tackle the fire. A huge amount of work had been done to prevent the spread of the fire to neighbouring buildings and no lives were lost. Fourteen appliances had attended the scene of the fire and the Council owed a huge debt of gratitude to all the fire officers who were involved in tackling the fire.

The Cabinet Member also placed on record his thanks to the Fire and Rescue Service.

9.5 **Questions to the Cabinet Member for Safeguarding**

There were no questions

9.6 **Questions to the Cabinet Member for Schools**

9.7 Question from Mr S Askew

9.8 Could the Cabinet Member give an assurance to the people of Eccles and the surrounding areas that the local primary school should remain open following a recent consultation which had seemed to some local people to be a "fait accompli?" The proposed building programme for new houses in the area meant that the school was vital for those living in the area.

The Cabinet Member said that he was not in a position to give an undertaking regarding the future of the school but that he felt sure that any comments from Mr Askew would be taken in consideration as part of the consultation process.

9.9 Question from Mrs J Leggett

9.10 What particular aspects of the Chinese education system would teachers visiting China this year be studying?

The Cabinet Member said that he had not spoken to anyone from the delegation that had returned from China and was therefore unable to give a direct answer to this question. In the past year Children's Services had shown itself to be willing to receive help from a range of external educational sources, including those in China.

9.11 Question from Mr R Smith

9.12 The Cabinet Member was asked to comment on how he saw the strategy for early years' services developing in the future, and the role that Children's Centres would have in achieving this.

The Cabinet Member said that refreshing the early years' strategy was very important for Norfolk and that he had recently visited a new early years' facility in an area of Great Yarmouth where the early years' strategy was particularly crucial and central to what the Council was trying to achieve.

9.13 **Questions to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services**

9.14 Question from Mrs S Gurney

Could the Cabinet Member provide an update on the position regarding personal budgets?

The Cabinet Member said that the additional money that the Council had provided for personal budget reviews would be used to bring them up to date. An update on the latest position regarding personal budgets would be provided after the meeting.

9.15 **Questions to the Cabinet Member for Communities**

There were no Cabinet Member questions about Communities

9.16 **Questions to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development**

9.17 Question from Mr M Wilby

Would the County Council have its stand at the Royal Norfolk Show this year and if not who took the decision not to have it and for what reason?

The Cabinet Member said that there would not be a County Council stand this year, and as yet she was unable to say who had reached this decision, but that she would provide an answer as soon as possible.

9.18 Question from Mr Borrett

Why had he not been informed as the appointee to the Royal Agricultural Association that there would not be a County Council stand at the show this year and why had this decision not been reached by a Member?

The Cabinet Member said that she had been informed that the decision was reached for budgetary reasons and that she would provide a detailed answer as soon as possible.

9.19 **Questions to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Development and Waste**

9.20 Question from Mrs S Gurney

When was something going to be done about the poor state of maintenance of some of

the grass verges in Hellesdon?

The Cabinet Member said that this matter was being followed up with officers and that action should be taken shortly.

9.21 Question from Mr M Wilby

Could the Cabinet Member confirm the start date for the NDR was 1 April 2015?

The Cabinet Member said that the NDR was running according to schedule and building work should commence next summer.

9.22 Question from Mr P Smyth

Would the Cabinet Member ask the Chairman of the Economic Development Sub Committee to be careful in discussions with others not to commit the County Council to an unachievable economic growth strategy for Norfolk?

The Cabinet Member said that Mr Smyth was free to raise this issue with the Chairman of the Sub-Committee directly in any form that he chooses.

9.23 Question from Ms A Kemp

Would officers of the County Council discuss the issue of flooding in West Winch with officers of the Borough Council?

There being insufficient time remaining to provide an answer to this question the Chairman said that this would be provided in writing after the meeting.

9.24 **Finance Corporate & Personnel**

9.25 There were no questions to the Cabinet Member for Finance Corporate & Personnel.

9.27 **Reports of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 18 March 2014, 29 April 2014 and 20 May 2014**

Council **RESOLVED**: to note the reports

9.28 **Report of the Audit Committee meeting held on 24 April 2014**

Council **RESOLVED** to note the report

9.29 **Report of the Standards Committee meeting held on 19 March 2014**

Council **RESOLVED** to note the report

9.30 **Report of the Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 17 April 2014**

Council **RESOLVED** to note the report

9.31 **Reports of the Planning (Regulatory) Committee meetings held on 21 March 2014 and 25 April 2014**

Council **RESOLVED** to note the reports

9.32 **Report of the Norwich Highways Agency Joint Committee meeting of 20 March 2014**

Council **RESOLVED** to note the report

9.33 **Report of the Joint Museums Committee meeting of 25 April 2014**

Council **RESOLVED** to note the report

9.34 **Report of the Records Committee meeting of 1 May 2014**

Council **RESOLVED** to note the report

9.35 **Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels**

Council **RESOLVED** to note the report

9.36 At this point in the proceedings all outstanding business relating to the Cabinet system of governance had been dealt with and the new Committee system of governance formally took effect as approved by Full Council on 28 April 2014. There then followed a short break in the proceedings before the Council reconvened to consider Part 2 of the agenda.

9.37 When the Council reconvened, Mr FitzPatrick placed on record a tribute to Mr Nobbs for the way in which Mr Nobbs had handled the difficult job of Leader of the Council during the final year of the Cabinet system of governance.

PART 2

10 Review of Special Responsibility Allowance

10.1 The Council received a report about special responsibility allowances that presented the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for consideration and approval.

10.2 The Chairman moved, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, the recommendations set out in paragraphs 4.3, 5.1 and 6.1 of the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel and to revoke the existing scheme of members' allowances and adopt the revised Scheme of Member Allowances as attached at Appendix 1 of the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel with effect from 27 May 2014.

10.3 Dr Strong moved as an amendment, duly seconded:

"That the Council accept the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel but ask the Independent Remuneration Panel to meet with all Group Leaders at the earliest opportunity to reconsider the report in relation to all its aspects and in particular

regarding the new Committee system.”

10.4 On being put to the vote, and on a show of hands, the amendment was **carried** and became the substantive motion.

10.5 Mr Bearman then moved, seconded by Mr Dearnley, the following amendment:

“To accept the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel subject to the removal of the qualifying threshold of 9 members for a group leader or deputy leader to receive a SRA. Regardless of the size of the political group extra work is required by the leader in attending additional meetings and responding to requests from the Senior officers of the Council. Thus it should attract an additional allowance over the basic and the table should be amended to include groups with fewer than 9 members at the same rate as 9-20 members.”

10.6 On being put to the vote (and on a show of hands) the amendment was declared **LOST**

10.7 The substantive motion that was on the table was then put to the vote and on a show of hands (with 2 votes against and 2 abstentions) it was carried.

10.8 **RESOLVED**

That the Council accept the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel but ask the Independent Remuneration Panel to meet with all Group Leaders at the earliest opportunity to reconsider the report in relation to all its aspects and in particular regarding the new Committee system.

11 **Election of Leader of the Council**

11.1 Mr Sands moved, seconded by Mr Joyce, that Mr Nobbs be elected Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

11.2 Mr Borrett moved, seconded by Mr Proctor, that Mr FitzPatrick be elected Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

11.3 There then followed a recorded vote (which can be found at Appendix B to these minutes) and with 43 votes in favour of Mr Nobbs and 40 votes in favour of Mr FitzPatrick it was **RESOLVED**

11.4 That Mr Nobbs be elected Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

12 **Election of Deputy Leader of the Council**

12.1 Mr Nobbs moved, seconded by Mr Castle, that Mr Harrison be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

12.2 On being put to the vote, (on a show of hands) there were 43 votes in favour of Mr Harrison and 40 votes against and it was

RESOLVED

12.3 That Mr Harrison be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

13 **Proportional Allocation of Seats on Committees**

The Council received on the table a report from the Head of Democratic Services on the proportional allocation of seats on Committees.

The Leader moved the proposed allocation of seats that were set out in the report.

13.1 Council **RESOLVED (unanimously)**

That with reference to the table in paragraph 1.2 of the report to Council, the following adjustments be made in order to achieve the required overall political balance:-

- (i) Conservative Group to receive 1 additional place on each of the Emergency Committee and the General Purposes (Regulatory) Committee
- (ii) Liberal Democrat Group to lose 1 place on each of the Emergency Committee and the General Purposes (Regulatory) Committee
- (iii) The Labour Group to lose 1 place on the Economic Development Sub-Committee
- (iv) The UKIP Group to lose 1 place on each of the EDT Committee and the Adult Social Care Committee
- (v) The Green Group to lose 1 place on the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- (vi) The Independent Group to receive 1 additional place on each of, the Adult Social Care Committee, the EDT Committee, the Economic Development Sub-Committee and the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

14 **Appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees and Joint Committees for 2014/15**

14.1 Having received nominations from the political group leaders for places on Committees Sub-Committees and Joint Committees for 2014/15, the Council **RESOLVED (unanimously)** to make the appointments for 2014/15 that are set out in Appendix C to these minutes.

15 **Appointment of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairman of Service Committees**

15.1 The Leader put forward the following names for Chairman/Vice Chairman of Committees:

Adult Social Care

Chairman: Sue Whitaker

Vice-Chairman: Elizabeth Morgan

Children's Services

Chairman: James Joyce

Vice-Chairman: Richard Bearman

Communities

Chairman: Paul Smyth

Vice-Chairman: Margaret Wilkinson

Environment, Development and Transport

Chairman: Toby Coke

Vice-Chairman: John Timewell

- 15.2 Mr FitzPatrick, seconded by Mr Garrod, put forward the following names for Chairman/Vice Chairman of Committees:

Adult Social Care

Chairman: Shelagh Gurney

Vice-Chairman: Margaret Somerville

Children's Services

Chairman: Judy Leggett

Vice-Chairman: Roger Smith

Communities

Chairman: Harry Humphrey

Vice-Chairman: Margaret Dewsbury

Environment, Development and Transport

Chairman: Martin Wilby

Vice-Chairman: Brian Iles

- 15.3 On being put to the vote, on a show of hands, the proposal put forward by Mr Nobbs was agreed, there being 43 votes in favour and 40 votes against.

- 15.4 Council then **RESOLVED** accordingly.

16 **Questions to the Leader of the Council**

16.1 **Question from Mr R Smith**

- 16.2 What is your vision for the coming year?

The Leader responded that his vision was for all Members of the Council being united in working together on the new Committees in the best interests of Norfolk.

16.3 **Question from Mr Boswell**

When would Members receive a report about the additional £1m allocated to adult social services at the budget meeting in February 2014 and how that money was going to be spent on services in this financial year?

The Leader asked the Chairman of Adult Social Care to answer this question. She said that an answer on this issue had in part been given earlier in the meeting to the question from Mrs Gurney and that part of the money would be used to employ temporary additional staff to bring personal budgets and their reviews up to date and to review the transport element of personal budgets.

16.4 **Question from Dr Strong**

Would the Leader remind Mr FitzPatrick that the Liberal Democrat Group did not apply a party whip to its Members?

The Leader said that he hoped that Mr FitzPatrick would take into consideration all that Dr Strong said.

16.5 Question from Mr Bearman

What was the Leader intending to do this year to achieve the aspiration that he had outlined last year of introducing a Living Wage Policy for all Council staff and would he support the Unison proposal that all members of staff should be on at least the minimum living wage and make an arrangement for this to be brought in swiftly?

The Leader said that he thought this to be an excellent question. This was an aspiration that could probably not happen until there was a change in the approach that central government took on the issue and hoped that all the Groups would work together to press for this aim.

16.6 Question from Ms Kemp

What was being done to prevent the placement of people with mental health issues outside of the county and could the benefits of care farming that had been successfully introduced in Waveney be extended to other areas of the county such as west Norfolk?

The Leader asked Ms Whitaker to answer the question. She said that the Mental Health Trust was responsible for most of the work associated with these placements and that the Council had entered into discussions with Suffolk County Council on the benefits of care farms; she added that together with the Director of Social Services she would continue to raise the issue of care farms during forthcoming discussions with Members and officers of Suffolk County Council.

17 Notice of Motion Proposed by Mr J Dobson

17.1 In accordance with the Council's procedural rule 11.7 (a), the Council signified its acceptance, without discussion, of the following alteration to the motion set out on the agenda that was moved by Mr Dobson and seconded by Mr Boswell.

17.2 "We have the opportunity, rather than proceeding piecemeal in the way in which we arrange for the disposal in the medium and long term future of Norfolk's domestic waste arising's, to fashion a proper policy (Municipal Waste Strategy), together with Waste Partnership colleagues, and to bring it to full Council for approval. The formulation of such a policy should allow advantage to be taken of the much cheaper methodologies now available or shortly to become available, and for the clear financial net benefit of the recommended new arrangements to be demonstrated in order to counter the negative publicity of whatever penalties we may have to pay in the short term for the collapse of the Willows scheme. The Council now directs the management to set this process in train, with the aim of bringing a draft policy to full Council within six months and thus making good a vital policy deficiency. Until this policy is agreed by Council, disposal of the land at The Willows, including being part of a settlement with Cory Wheelabrator, will not be permitted without the approval of Full Council. The policy development should consider all options including alternatives to a single industrial-scale solutions and find ways to bring benefits to the local economy."

17.3 On being put to the vote, it was **RESOLVED** (by a show of hands, with 2 votes against

and 9 recorded abstentions)

That Council approve the motion set out in minute 17.2 above.

18 **To answer questions under Rule 8.3 of the Council Procedure Rules**

18.1 There were none.

The meeting concluded at 1.15 pm



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Norfolk County Council
27 May 2014
Recorded Vote – Minute 3.4
Election of Vice-Chairman of the Council

Name	Mrs Thomas	Mr Parkinson-Hare	Abstain	Name	Mrs Thomas	Mr Parkinson-Hare	Abstain
Adams Tony	X			Jermy Terry		X	
Agnew Stephen		X		Jordan Cliff	X		
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		
Bremmer Bert		X		Monson Ian	X		
Brociek-Coulton Julie		X		Mooney Joe	X		
Byrne Alec	X			Morgan Elizabeth		X	
Cartiss Michael	X			Morphew Steve		X	
Castle Mick		X		Nobbs George		X	
Chamberlin Jenny	X			Northam Wyndham	X		
Chenery of Horsbrugh Michael	X			Parkinson-Hare Rex		X	
Childs Jonathon		X		Perkins Jim		X	
Clancy Stuart	X			Proctor Andrew	X		
Coke Toby		X		Ramsbotham David		X	
Collis David		X		Richmond William	X		
Corlett Emma		X		Roper Daniel		X	
Cox Hilary	X			Sands Mike		X	
Crawford Denis		X		Seward Eric		X	
Dearnley Adrian		X		Shaw Nigel	X		
Dewsbury Margaret	X			Smith Matthew		X	
Dixon Nigel	X			Smith Roger	X		
Dobson John	X			Smyth Paul		X	
East Tim		X		Somerville Margaret	X		
FitzPatrick Tom	X			Spratt Bev	X		
Foulger Colin	X			Storey Martin	X		
Garrod Tom	X			Strong Marie		X	
Gihawi Deborah		X		Thomas Alison	X		
Gilmour Paul		X		Thomas David		X	
Grey Alan		X		Timewell John		X	
Gunson Adrian			X	Virgo Judith	X		
Gurney Shalagh	X			Walker Colleen		X	
Hacon Pat		X		Ward John	X		
Hannah Brian		X		Watkins Brian		X	
Harrison David		X		Whitaker Sue		X	
Hebborn Stan		X		White Tony	X		
Humphrey Harry	X			Wilby Martin	X		
Iles Brian	X			Wilkinson Margaret		X	

40 For Mrs Thomas
42 For Mr Parkinson-Hare
2 Abstentions

Norfolk County Council
27 May 2014
Recorded Vote – Minute 3.4
Election of Leader of the Council

Name	Mr Nobbs	Mr FitzPatrick	Abstain	Name	Mr Nobbs	Mr FitzPatrick	Abstain
Adams Tony		X		Jermy Terry	X		
Agnew Stephen	X			Jordan Cliff		X	
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	
Bremmer 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	
Chenery of Horsbrugh Michael		X		Parkinson-Hare Rex	X		
Childs Jonathon	X			Perkins Jim	X		
Clancy Stuart		X		Proctor Andrew		X	
Coke Toby	X			Ramsbotham David	X		
Collis David	X			Richmond William		X	
Corlett Emma	X			Roper Daniel	X		
Cox Hilary		X		Sands Mike	X		
Crawford Denis	X			Seward Eric	X		
Dearnley Adrian	X			Shaw Nigel		X	
Dewsbury Margaret		X		Smith Matthew	X		
Dixon Nigel		X		Smith Roger		X	
Dobson John		X		Smyth Paul	X		
East Tim	X			Somerville Margaret		X	
FitzPatrick Tom		X		Spratt Bev		X	
Foulger Colin		X		Storey Martin		X	
Garrod Tom		X		Strong Marie	X		
Gihawi Deborah	X			Thomas Alison		X	
Gilmour Paul	X			Thomas David	X		
Grey Alan	X			Timewell John	X		
Gunson Adrian		X		Virgo Judith		X	
Gurney Shalagh		X		Walker Colleen	X		
Hacon Pat			X	Ward John		X	
Hannah Brian	X			Watkins Brian	X		
Harrison David	X			Whitaker Sue	X		
Hebborn Stan	X			White Tony		X	
Humphrey Harry		X		Wilby Martin		X	
Iles Brian		X		Wilkinson Margaret	X		

43 For Mr Nobbs
40 For Mr FitzPatrick

APPENDIX C

Appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees and Joint Committees for 2014/15

SECTION 1

SERVICE COMMITTEES AND POLICY AND RESOURCES

Policy and Resources Committee - 17

Conservative (8)

Tom FitzPatrick
Andrew Proctor
Tom Garrod
John Dobson
Tony Adams
Shelagh Gurney
Judy Leggett
Alison Thomas

Labour (3)

Mick Castle
Steve Morpew
George Nobbs (Chairman)

Liberal Democrat (2)

Marie Strong
David Harrison (Vice-Chairman)

UKIP (3)

Fred Agnew
Michael Baker
David Ramsbotham

Green(1)

Adrian Dearnley

Adult Social Care

Conservative (8)

Margaret Somerville
Shelagh Gurney
Nigel Shaw
Michael Chenery
Cliff Jordan
Andrew Proctor
Alison Thomas
Bill Borrett

Labour (3)

Julie Brociek-Coulton
Deborah Gihawi
Sue Whitaker (Chairman)

Liberal Democrat (2)

Brian Watkins
Tim East

UKIP (2)

Denis Crawford

Green(1)

Elizabeth Morgan (Vice-Chairman) Rex Parkinson-Hare

Independent (1)

Alexandra Kemp

Children's Services - 17 plus 2 Church representatives (voting)

Conservative (8)

Judith Virgo
Jenny Chamberlin
Roger Smith
Judy Leggett
Tom Garrod
Margaret Dewsbury
Mark Kiddle-Morris
Colin Foulger

UKIP (3)

Denis Crawford
Paul Gilmour
Jim Perkins

Labour (3)

David Collis
Emma Corlett
Deborah Gihawi

Liberal Democrat (2)

James Joyce (Chairman)
Eric Seward

Green(1)

Richard Bearman (Vice-Chairman)

Communities - 17**Conservative (8)**

Harry Humphrey
Hilary Cox
Margaret Dewsbury
John Ward
Nigel Shaw
Nigel Dixon
Wyndham Northam
Jason Law

UKIP (3)

Colin Aldred
Jonathon Childs
Paul Smyth (Chairman)

Labour (3)

Emma Corlett
Mike Sands
Margaret Wilkinson (Vice-Chairman)

Liberal Democrat (2)

Daniel Roper
David Thomas

Green(1)

Adrian Dearnley

Environment, Development & Transport - 17**Conservative (8)**

Joe Mooney
Stuart Clancy
Tony White
Brian Iles
William Richmond
Martin Wilby
Bev Spratt
Ian Mackie

UKIP (2)

Toby Coke (Chairman)
Stan Hebborn

Independent (1)

Richard Bird

Labour (3)

Bert Bremner
Terry Jermy
Colleen Walker

Liberal Democrat (2)

Tim East
John Timewell (Vice-Chairman)

Green(1)

Andrew Boswell

SUB-COMMITTEES

Economic Development Sub-Committee – 9

Conservative (4)

Martin Wilby
Stuart Clancy
Ian Mackie
Bev Spratt

Labour (1)

Collen Walker

Liberal Democrat (1)

John Timewell

UKIP (1)

Stan Hebborn

Green (1)

Andrew Boswell

Independent (1)

Richard Bird

OTHER COMMITTEES

Planning (Regulatory) Committee - 17

Conservative (8)

John Ward
Tony White
Jason Law
Stephen Askew
Wyndham Northam
Brian Long
Martin Storey
Colin Foulger

Labour (3)

Bert Bremner
David Collis
Mike Sands

Liberal Democrat (2)

Eric Seward
Brian Watkins

UKIP (3)

Fred Agnew
Michael Baker
Alan Grey

Green (1)

Adrian Dearnley

Panel of Substitutes for Regulatory Committees - 17

Conservative (8)

Brian Iles
Jenny Chamberlin
Adrian Gunson
Ian Monson
Alec Byrne
William Richmond
Margaret Somerville
Nigel Dixon

Labour (3)

Awaiting confirmation

Liberal Democrat (2)

Tim East
John Timewell

UKIP (3)

Green (1)

Colin Aldred
Rex Parkinson-Hare
David Ramsbotham

Richard Bearman

Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee 8

Conservative (4)

Michael Cartiss
Margaret Somerville
Jenny Chamberlin
Michael Chenery
Judith Virgo (named substitute)
Nigel Dixon (named substitute)

Labour (1)

Deborah Gihawi
Plus a Named Substitute (awaiting confirmation)

Liberal Democrat (1)

David Harrison
Tim East (named substitute)

UKIP (1)

Colin Aldred
Named Substitute – Paul Gilmour

Independent (1)

Alexandra Kemp
Richard Bird (Named Substitute)

Audit Committee 7

Conservative (4)

Ian Mackie
Roger Smith
John Dobson
Adrian Gunson

Labour (1)

Bert Bremner

UKIP (1)

Rex Parkinson-Hare

Liberal Democrat (1)

James Joyce

Standards Committee - 7

Conservative (4)

Alec Byrne
Ian Monson
Mark Kiddle-Morris
William Richmond

Labour (1)

Patrick Hacon

UKIP (1)

Rex Parkinson-Hare

Liberal Democrat (1)

John Timewell

Emergency Committee - 5 (Must include the Leader of the Council)

Conservative (3)

Tom FitzPatrick
Wyndham Northam

Labour (1)

George Nobbs

Stephen Askew

UKIP (1)

Paul Smyth

General Purposes (Regulatory) Committee – 5

Conservative (3)

Tom FitzPatrick

Ian Monson

Alec Byrne

Labour (1)

Mick Castle

UKIP (1)

Stan Hebborn

Pensions Committee 5

Conservative (2)

Judith Virgo

Martin Storey

Labour (1)

Steve Morphew

UKIP (1)

David Ramsbotham

Liberal Democrat (1)

James Joyce

Personnel Committee - 5 (Must include the Leader of the Council)

Conservative (2)

Tom FitzPatrick

Andrew Proctor

Labour (1)

George Nobbs

UKIP (1)

Toby Coke

Liberal Democrat (1)

Marie Strong

SECTION 2

Employment Appeals Panel – 11 (5 Conservative, 2 Labour, 2 UKIP, 1 Liberal Democrat, 1 Green)

When the Panel meets, it has a membership of 3 appointed by the Head of Human Resources and drawn from the wider Panel of 11

Conservative (5)

Cliff Jordan
Andrew Proctor
Bill Borrett
Tony White
Judy Leggett

Labour (2)

Awaiting confirmation (2)

Liberal Democrat (1)

Marie Strong

UKIP (2)

Stan Hebborn
David Ramsbotham

Green (1)

Richard Bearman

Health and Wellbeing Board (3 Prescribed Members of the Council)

- **The Leader of the Council**
 - **Chairman of the Children's Services Committee**
 - **Chairman of the Adult Social Care Committee**
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SECTION 3

JOINT COMMITTEES

Norfolk Joint Museums & Archaeology Committee – 9

Conservative (4)

Harry Humphrey
John Ward
Mark Kiddle-Morris
Martin Storey
Jason Law (named substitute)

Labour (2)

Awaiting confirmation (2)
Plus a named Substitute (awaiting)

Liberal Democrat (1)

James Joyce
Tim East (named substitute)

UKIP (1)

Rex Parkinson-Hare
Alan Grey (named substitute)

Green (1)

Adrian Dearnley
Elizabeth Morgan (named Substitute)

Norfolk Records Committee – 3

Conservative (1)

Michael Chenery
Brian Iles (named Substitute)

Labour (1)

Awaiting confirmation (1)
Plus a named Substitute (awaiting)

UKIP (1)

Paul Smyth
Fred Agnew (named substitute)

Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority – 3

Conservative (1)

Hilary Cox

Labour (1)

Awaiting confirmation (1)

UKIP (1)

Michael Baker

Norfolk Police & Crime Panel – 3

The Police & Crime Panel is a joint committee with the district councils, with the County having 3 places and each District having 1. The composition must be balanced to reflect the overall political group representation across the County Council and the 7 District Councils. The Panel's approved arrangements require that the County Council uses its 3 places to ensure that the correct overall political balance is achieved. The Panel composition has been reviewed after the district council elections on 22 May and the overall balance is now:-

Conservative – 6
Labour – 2
Liberal Democrat – 1
UKIP – 1

Once the District Councils have made their appointments, the 3 County Council places will need to be used to achieve the overall balance. The Managing Director (Acting) has been given delegated authority to approve the allocation and to appoint the representatives in consultation with the relevant group leaders after the District Councils' appointments are known

SECTION 4

Norwich Highways Agency Joint Committee – 2

Conservative – Nigel Shaw
Labour – Bert Bremner

Non-Voting Advisors (3)

Conservative (1) - Tony Adams
Labour (1) - Mike Sands
UKIP (1) - Stan Hebborn

Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation Joint Committee- 2

Conservative – Ian Monson
Labour – Bert Bremner

Norfolk Parking Partnership Joint Committee (1 Member of the Council)

No Nominations received yet

Planning and Traffic Regulation Outside London Joint Committee (1 Member of the Council)

No Nominations received yet

Appendix to minutes

Mr Long asked how much the Leader's report had cost to produce.

Response by the Leader, I promised to let Councillor Long know the costs of the annual report. We did not commission any new photographs and incurred no extra cost for their usage. The design costs were £800 but this has come from the corporate communication budget and does not represent an additional external cost to the Council. We have not printed any copies - we photocopied only a few in colour for my use. Any staff input for editing or liaising with graphics was part of the operational costs of the service associated with any council publication (no additional costs) I hope that this answers your question.

Ms Kemp asked had a reply been received from Mr Matthew Hancock MP about the issue of home insurance for those living in South Lynn that was raised with him when he recently visited Norfolk and, if not, could this be followed up?

We have been advised that the Minister would be feeding back his observations and information from his visits to the Prime Minister. We have had an acknowledgment from the Minister following his visit - but no specific response to this question.

Could Members be provided with an update on the position regarding personal budgets?

Answer: As part of the budget setting £3m of the savings for refocusing personal budgets was moved from 2014-15 to 2015-16. The Council also agreed to give an additional £1m to Adult Social Care to allow a phasing in of the saving around COM33 (Personal Budgets) and COM40 (Transport), and to fund face to face annual reviews in 2014-15 for all existing service users who will be affected by the COM33 saving. The budgeted savings for the three years from COM33 (Personal Budgets) are: 2014-15 £2m (£3m less £1m); 2015-16 £6m; and 2016-17 £3m. The Resource Allocation System which calculates a person's personal budget allocation was changed on 1 April 2014 for new service services to reduce the amount of funding allocated for the community activities/well being question and the transport element in the Personal Budget Questionnaire. Existing service users who have a personal budget will have a face to face review in 2014/15 and will be told if there will be a reduction in the transport element from 2014/15 and any community activity for 2015/16 onwards. Existing service users unlikely to be affected (eg Housing with Care) will be reviewed in the normal way.

Would the County Council have its stand at the Royal Norfolk Show this year and if not who took the decision not to have it and for what reason?

Why had Mr Borrett not been informed as the appointee to the Royal Agricultural Association that there would not be a County Council stand at the show this year and why had this decision not been reached by a Member?

Response by Mrs Wilkinson, at yesterday's County Council Meeting, during my temporary absence from the chamber, Councillor Wilby asked about plans for this year's Royal Norfolk Show and directed his enquiry to Colleen Walker as former Cabinet Member for Economic Development. It should have been directed to me as part of my former portfolio and I am happy to answer it.

You may recall that consultation proposals for 2014/17 were considered by all members. They included the proposals to cut £28K from the Royal Norfolk Show budget and scale back the County Council's presence. This proposal was part of the Resources proposals considered by CROSP in November and January again by Cabinet in January and then by full council. When we set the Budget in February, no member concerns were raised at any of those meetings. The remaining very limited budget is insufficient to fund a marquee and a presence as in previous year's, however in terms of the County Council's presence, I am pleased to confirm that it will still be considerable.

Staff from the communications team have been working closely and very constructively with the Show Association, who recognise the funding issues we face. They have agreed with us a plan which will see the following.

- * A strong NCC presence (clearly branded) in the Skills and Education stand and area with no rental charge. This will also include an opportunity for our Chairman to be presented to visiting dignitaries as part of shows own programme.
- * NCC sponsorship of a special skills and education trail and a countryside trail.
- * Continuing NCC presence, In the countryside section (free of charge as normal).
- * All Looked After Children receiving free entry.
- * A detailed briefing to all members about this year's Show plans is scheduled to go out via Members Insight shortly and arrangements are included in Your Norfolk.

Councillor Borrett asked which Cabinet Member had approved the arrangements, I can confirm that the 2014 show proposals were approved by me as Cabinet Member for Customer Services and Communication and by George as Leader of the Council.

When was something going to be done about the poor state of maintenance of some of the grass verges in Hellesdon?

Response by Mr David Harrison, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Development and Waste

We cut the urban highways verges up to five times per year. The first cut of the year in the Broadland area was instructed on 13 May with completion by 15 June. Cutting in Hellesdon started in week commencing 27 May. Unfortunately the vegetation growth has been vigorous and so the quality of the first cut has, in places, been poor. Staff have been monitoring progress carefully and it is the intention for the second urban cut to follow on immediately from the first cut. This should greatly improve the appearance of the verges in Hellesdon

Would officers of the County Council discuss the issue of flooding in West Winch with officers of the Borough Council?

Response by Mr David Harrison, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Development and Waste

Norfolk County Councils Flood and Water Management Team have undertaken a Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA) for the whole county to identify those areas where the greatest number of people and properties are threatened by local flood risk. The information from the PFRA has since been refined to develop a Surface Water management Plan (SWMP) for King's Lynn and West Norfolk area. This included an assessment of the flood risk in West Winch and North Runcton parishes but these particular areas are outside of the scope of the SWMP as they were not identified as priority areas. However, we would be more than happy to discuss the data we hold with regards to the Surface Water Management Plan for the King's Lynn and West Norfolk area.

NCC have been liaising with KLWNBC (Peter Jermany) and the Parish Council with regards to the West Winch and North Runcton Neighbourhood Plan. Graeme Taylor (NCC Flood Risk Engineer) has attended 2 Neighbourhood Planning meetings.

Graeme Taylor has offered to attend future meetings as required.

NCC are aware that the drainage for the proposed development site in West Winch drains into the Internal Drainage Board area and as such they have also been party to the discussion of the Neighbourhood Plan.