

# **Norfolk County Council**

## Minutes of the Meeting Held on 12 February 2018

#### Present:

Mr T Adams Mr A Adams Mr S Aquarone Mr S Askew Ms J Barnard Mr D Bills Mr B Borrett Ms C Bowes Mr R Brame Mrs J Brociek-Coulton Ms S Butikofer Mr M Castle Mr S Clancy Ms K Clipsham Mr D Collis Mr E Colman Ms E Corlett Mrs M **Dewsbury** Mr D Douglas Mr P Duigan Mr J Fisher Mr T FitzPatrick Mr T Garrod Mr A Grant Mrs S Gurney Mr R Hanton Mr D Harrison M Chenery of Horsbrugh Mr H Humphrey Mr B **lles** Mr A Jamieson Mr T Jermy Mrs B Jones Dr C Jones Mr C Jordan Ms A Kemp Mr M Kiddle-Morris

Mr B Lona Mr I Mackie Dr E Maxfield Mr G Middleton Mr J Moonev Mr S Morphew Mr G Nobbs Mrs J Oliver Mr G Peck Mr R Price Mr A Proctor Mr W Richmond Ms C Rumsby Mr M Sands Mr E Seward Mr C Smith Mr T Smith Mr M Smith-Clare Mr B Spratt Ms S Squire Mr B Stone Mrs M Stone Mr M Storev Dr M Strong Mr H Thirtle Mrs A Thomas Mr V Thomson Mr J Timewell Mrs K Vincent Mrs C Walker Mr J Ward Mr B Watkins Mr A White Mr M Wilby Mrs S Young

Present: 72

## **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs P Carpenter; Mr S Dark; Mr N Dixon; Mr F Eagle; Mr S Eyre; Mr C Foulger; Mr K Kiddie; Mr R Oliver; Mr G Plant and Mr D Roper.

#### 1 Minutes

- 1.1 The minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 December 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the words "also" and "then" being deleted from paragraph 7.1.1.
- 1.2 The minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 8 January 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 2 Chairman's Announcements

- 2.1 Council stood in silence in memory of former County Councillor Bertie Collins who had passed away peacefully on 18 January 2018. Mr Collins had represented Gorleston ward as a County Councillor between 2001-2013 and as a Great Yarmouth Borough Councillor from 1988-2016.
- 2.2 Council also stood in silence in memory of Jack Sadler, who had passed away recently. Mr Sadler had represented Norfolk at a National level on the Executive of Norfolk Association of Local Councils and regularly attended Council meetings taking a close interest in the work of Norfolk County Council.
- 2.3 The Chairman outlined some of the many visits he had carried out since the last meeting, in particular highlighting the many carol services during December, culminating in a processional carol service at Norwich Cathedral on 21 December at which he did a reading. He had attended a mock trial at Norwich Crown Court put on by pupils from Springwood High School, King's Lynn, who had just won a medal in the world champion mock trials. Council joined the Chairman in congratulating the youngsters on this achievement. The Chairman had also been presented to HRH Princess Anne when she attended the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital to launch the new Motor Neurone Disease care and research network.
- 2.4 The Chairman thanked those Members who had taken up his volunteering invitation for the Chairman's Challenge and also to those Members who had volunteered for the Citizenship Ceremonies meet and greet rota.
- 2.5 The Chairman added that details of all the events he had attended would be available on the Norfolk County Council website in the near future.
- 2.6 As this was the last County Council meeting Victoria McNeill, Chief Legal Officer, would be attending before leaving Norfolk County Council, Council paid tribute to the work she had undertaken and wished her well in her new venture.

## 3 Declarations of Interest

3.1 Mr H Humphrey declared an interest in item 4 (Norfolk County Council Revenue and Capital Budget 2017-20) as he was a Governor of Emneth Nursery and

Children's Centre.

3.2 Ms S Squire declared an interest in Item 4 (Independent Group Budget Amendment) relating to Autism Specific School as she had two children with autism in a Norfolk School.

## 4 Norfolk County Council Revenue and Capital Budget 2017-20.

- 4.1 The report setting out the budget proposals was received.
- 4.2 The Leader of the Council, Mr C Jordan, moved the budget recommendations as set out below:-

# From the Strategic and Financial Planning 2018-19 to 2021-22 and Revenue Budget 2018-19 report (Annexe 1):

- 1) Agree:
  - An overall County Council Net Revenue Budget of £388.799m for 2018-19, including budget increases of £137.995m and budget decreases of £108.007m as set out in Table 8 of this report, and the actions required to deliver the proposed savings.
  - b. The budget proposals set out for 2019-20 to 2021-22, including authorising Chief Officers to take the action required to deliver budget savings for 2019-20 to 2021-22 as appropriate.
  - c. With regard to the future years, that further plans to meet the remaining budget shortfalls in the period 2019-20 to 2021-22 are developed and brought back to Members during 2018-19.
  - d. To note the advice of the Section 151 Officer, at paragraph 6.1, on the financial impact of an increase in council tax, as set out in section 8, and confirm, or otherwise, the assumptions that:
    - i. the Council's 2018-19 budget will include a general council tax increase of 2.99% and a precept of 3.00% for Adult Social Care, an overall increase of 5.99% (shown at Appendix D) as recommended by the Executive Director of Finance and Commercial Services.
    - ii. the Council's budget planning in future years will include council tax increases reflecting forecast levels of CPI, as set out in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS Table 5). These council tax assumptions have regard to the level of referendum threshold expected to be set for the year, and take into account the Government's assumptions in the Local Government Finance Settlement that Local Authorities will raise the maximum council tax available to them. The final level of council tax for future years is subject to Member decisions annually.
    - iii. there will be no increase in the Adult Social Care precept in 2019-20, based on the current discretions offered by Government.
  - e. That the Executive Director of Finance and Commercial Services be authorised to transfer from the County Fund to the Salaries and General

Accounts all sums necessary in respect of revenue and capital expenditure provided in the 2018-19 Budget, to make payments, to raise and repay loans, and to invest funds.

- f. To agree the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018-22 as set out in Appendix I, including the two policy objectives to be achieved:
  - i. Revenue: To identify further funding or savings for 2019-20 and 2021-22 to produce a balanced budget in all years 2018-22 in accordance with the timetable set out in the Revenue Budget report (Appendix E).
  - ii. Capital: To provide a framework for identifying and prioritising capital requirements and proposals to ensure that all capital investment is targeted at meeting the Council's priorities, and to consider options available to maximise funding for capital expenditure whilst minimising the impact on future revenue budgets.
- g. The mitigating actions proposed in the equality and rural impact assessments (Appendix H(i).

# From the County Council Budget 2018-19 to 2021-22: Statement on the Adequacy of Provisions and Reserves 2018-22 report (Annexe 2):

- 2) Agree to:
  - a) Note the planned reduction in non-schools earmarked and general reserves of 36.5% over four years, from £74.169m (March 2017) to £47.112m (March 2022) (paragraph 5.2);
  - b) Note the policy on reserves and provisions in Appendix C;
  - c) Agree, based on current planning assumptions and risk forecasts set out in Appendix B:
    - i. for 2018-19, a minimum level of General Balances of £19.301m, and ii. a forecast minimum level for planning purposes of
      - 2019-20, £22.738m; and
      - 2020-21, £23.578m; and
        - 2021-22, £23.791m.

as part of the consideration of the budget plans for 2018-22, reflecting the transfer of risk from Central to Local Government, and supporting recommendations;

d) Agree the use of non-school Earmarked Reserves, as set out in appendix E.

# From the County Council Budget 2018-19 to 2021-22: Robustness of Estimates Report (Annexe 3):

3) Agree the level of risk and set of assumptions set out in this report, which underpin the revenue and capital budget decisions and planning for 2018-

22.

# From the Capital Strategy and Programme 2018-19 report (Annexe 4):

- 4) Agree:
  - a) The proposed 2018-22 capital programme of £428.910m, including the new and extended capital schemes outlined in Appendix B;
  - Agree the Capital Strategy at Appendix D as a framework for the prioritisation and continued development of the Council's capital programme;
  - c) Note capital grant settlements summarised in Section 4;
  - d) Note the estimated capital receipts to be generated, subject to market conditions, over the next three years to support schemes not funded from other sources, as set out in Table 5;
  - e) Recommend to full Council adoption and publication of the Council's Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy for 2018-19 to 2022-23 as set out in Section 5.

# From the Annual Investment and Treasury Strategy 2018-19 report (Annexe 5):

- 5) Agree:
  - a) the Annual Investment and Treasury Strategy for 2018-19 at Appendix 1, including:
    - i. The capital prudential indicators included in the body of the report,
    - ii. The treasury management prudential indicators detailed in Annex 4 and
    - iii. The Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2018-19 at section 5.

#### From the Supplementary Briefing:

- 6) Note the additional funding arising from the Final Local Government Finance Settlement 2018-19 and agree that this be transferred into reserves as follows:
  - £2.612m Adults Business Risk Reserve.
  - £0.786m Business Risk Reserve.

These reserves to be available to support budgets in 2018-19 if required, or alternatively to mitigate the level of savings to be found in 2019-20.

- 4.3 The Deputy Leader of the Council, Mrs A Thomas, seconded the motion.
- 4.4 The Leader of the Labour Group, proposed an amendment to the Budget recommendations as set out in Appendix A, which was not accepted by the Leader of the Council. Ms E Corlett seconded the amendment.

- 4.4.1 Following debate, the amendment from the Labour Group was put to a recorded vote (Appendix B). With 26 votes in favour, 45 votes against and 1 abstention, the motion was **LOST**.
- 4.5 The Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, proposed an amendment to the Budget recommendations as set out in Appendix C, seconded by Mr E Seward. The amendment was not accepted by the Leader of the Council.
- 4.5.1 Dr M Strong presented the Chairman with a Petition to Protect Wells Library.
- 4.5.2 Following debate, the amendment from the Liberal Democrat Group was put to a recorded vote (Appendix D). With 25 votes in favour, 46 votes against and 0 abstentions, the motion was **LOST**.
- 4.6 The Leader of the Independent Group proposed an amendment to the Budget proposals as set out in Appendix E, which was seconded by Ms S Squire. Following debate, the Leader of the Independent Group **WITHDREW** the amendment.
- 4.7 Ms A Kemp proposed an amendment to the Budget proposals (Appendix F), which was seconded by Mr S Aquarone. The Leader of the Council did not accept the amendment.
- 4.7.1 Following debate and upon being put to a recorded vote (Appendix G), with 23 votes in favour, 47 votes against and 0 abstentions the motion was **LOST**.
- 4.8 The substantive motion was then debated and, following a summing up by the Leader of the Council, the matter was put to a recorded vote (Appendix H). With 47 votes in favour, 23 votes against and 0 abstentions, the motion was **CARRIED** and Council **RESOLVED** to:

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The meeting concluded at 12.30 p.m.

# Chairman



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# Labour Group Amendment: County Council Budget 2018/19:

#### Children Services Committee budget

1. Council agree to remove CHL041 2018/19 £2 million cut to Children's Centres (County Council agenda papers page 110). We propose to allocate £0.5 million from Norfolk Futures transformation budget (County Council agenda papers page 122), £0.714 million from Children's £12m investment (2018-19 element) (County Council agenda papers page 122) and use the additional £0.786 million Rural Services Delivery Grant announced in the Final Local Government Finance Settlement 2018/19 to enable the removal of CHL041 2018/19.

#### Community and Environmental Services budget

2. Council agree to add £1 million to Capital Projects for 2018/9 to speed up the replacement of street lighting with LED lights (County Council agenda papers page 339, CES - Highways) in order to save revenue costs on electricity and to restore night-time lighting to the areas that want it restored.

#### Advice from Section 151 Officer:

The £1.0m capital expenditure in 2018/19 would not incur any Minimum Revenue Provision charge and will be unlikely to incur any borrowing costs due to the Council's current cash holdings

(Lost interest would be circa £0.010m which can be accommodated within the existing Treasury budget). As such no additional revenue expenditure needs to be budgeted for in 2018/19.

For 2019/20 the additional interest charge would be circa £0.027m and for 2020/21 the MRP and interest charge would be approximately £0.055m. If the amendment is approved the cost will be added to the Medium Term Financial Strategy and form part of the 2019/20 budget.

The use of the additional one-off Rural Services Delivery Grant and increased borrowing cost would have the effect of increasing the savings gap in 2019/20 from £34.165m to £34.978m.

# Item No: 4 – Norfolk County Council Revenue and Capital Budget 2018-2022. Amendment proposed by the Labour Group.

For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain	
Х			ADAMS Timothy	Х			KEMP Alexandra
	Х		ADAMS Tony		ABSEN	Γ	<b>KIDDIE</b> Keith
Х			AQUARONE Steffan		Х		KIDDLE-MORRIS Mark
	Х		ASKEW Stephen	-	Х		LONG Brian
Х			BARNARD Jess		Х		MACKIE lan
	Х		BILLS David	Х			MAXFIELD Edward
	Х		BORRETT Bill		Х		MIDDLETON Graham
	Х		BOWES Claire		Х		MOONEY Joe
	Х		BRAME Roy	Х			MORPHEW Steve
Х			<b>BROCIEK-COULTON</b>	Х			NOBBS George
			Julie				
Х			BUTIKOFER Sarah		Х		OLIVER Judy
	ABSENT		CARPENTER Penny		ABSEN	Γ	OLIVER Rhodri
Х			CASTLE Mick		X		PECK Greg
.,	Х		CLANCY Stuart		ABSEN		PLANT Graham
X			CLIPSHAM Kim		X		PRICE Richard
Х			COLLIS David		X		PROCTOR Andrew
V	Х		COLMAN Ed		X	r	RICHMOND William
Х	ABSENT		CORLETT Emma		ABSEN ABSEN		ROPER Dan
			DARK Stuart	X	ABSEN		ROWNTREE David
	^		DEWSBURY	^			RUMSBY Chrissie
	ABSENT		Margaret	x			
Х	ABSENT		DIXON Nigel	X			SANDS Mike
Λ	x		DOUGLAS Danny		X		SEWARD Eric
	ABSENT	-	DUIGAN Phillip EAGLE Fabian		X		SMITH Carl
	ABSENT		EAGLE Fabian EAST Tim	Х	~		SMITH Thomas SMITH-CLARE Mike
	ABSENT		EYRE Simon		Х		SPRATT Bev
	Х		FISHER John			Х	SQUIRE Sandra
	Х		FITZPATRICK Tom		Х		STONE Barry
	ABSENT		FOULGER Colin		Х		STONE Margaret
	Х		GARROD Tom		Х		STOREY Martin
	Х		GRANT Andy	Х			STRONG Marie
	Х		GURNEY Shelagh		Х		THIRTLE Haydn
	Х		HANTON Ron	-	Х		THOMAS Alison
Х			HARRISON David		Х		THOMSON Victor
	Х		HORSBRUGH	Х			TIMEWELL John
			Michael Chenery of				
	Х		HUMPHREY Harry		Х		VINCENT Karen
	Х		ILES Brian	Х			WALKER Colleen
	Х		JAMIESON Andrew		Х		WARD John
Х			JERMY Terry	Х			WATKINS Brian
Х			JONES Brenda		Х		WHITE Tony
Х			JONES Chris		Х		WILBY Martin
	Х		JORDAN Cliff		Х		YOUNG Sheila

With 26 votes in favour, 45 votes against and 1 abstention, the Labour Group Amendment was **LOST.** 

# Liberal Democrat Group Amendment: County Council Budget 2018

## 1. In the 2018/19 budget that:

- (A) £0.750m be removed from the saving for CHL041 Remodel the children's centre service offer (County Council agenda papers page 110) to be funded by:
  - £0.500m from the Norfolk Futures transformation budget (Policy and Resources Committee on County Council agenda papers page 122) and
  - £0.250m from Treasury Management (£0.895m) (County Council agenda papers pages 54 and 121).
- (B) £1.000m be removed from the saving for Review of Day Care Services ASC 013 (County Council agenda papers page 106).
  £0.500m of this is to be funded from Treasury Management (£0.895m) and the other £0.500m to be deferred to 2019/20 to be funded from the additional Adult Social Care Support Grant announced in the Final Local Government Finance Settlement.
- (C) £0.145m be removed from the saving for CM022 (County Council agenda papers page 114). This to be funded from Treasury Management (£0.895m).
- (D) A reduction of £0.100m from savings to EDT 054 non safety critical highway maintenance (County Council agenda papers page 112) to be funded from a 10% reduction in the basic members allowance and special responsibility allowances.
- (E) ASC 16-19 Building Resilient Lives. The proposed saving for 2018/9 to be phased over two years. The saving for 2018/9 to be reduced to £1.788m with the remaining £1.612m to be deferred to 2019/20. This change will be funded directly by the additional Adult Social Care Support Grant.
- (F) £0.500m of the money for Adult Social Care Support Grant announced in the Final Local Government Finance Settlement be put into the Adult Social Care Committee reserves for the Committee to mitigate any issues implementing that Committee's savings in the 2018/19 budget.

(G) £0.786 of the money for the additional Rural Services Delivery Grant announced in the Final Local Government Finance Settlement be put into a Business Risk Reserve to mitigate any issues implementing the 2018/19 budget.

## 2. In the 2019/20 budget:

• £0.200m be removed from CM022 for the re-profile the rural service delivery (mobile libraries) to be funded from the increase in Council Tax base.

## 3. Across the 2019/20 to 2021/22 budget

• The £23m savings across Adult Social Care allocated to 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 to be redistributed over a three period to include 2021/22. Officers to make a recommendation to Adult Social Care Committee on how the phasing of these savings should be delivered.

Advice from Section 151 Officer:

Treasury Management Budget:

Removing funding from the Treasury Management Budget in 2018-19 reduces the opportunity to borrow at historically low interest rates and increases the risk that the County Council will have to borrow in the future at a higher rate.

As highlighted in the Annual Investment and Treasury Strategy 2018-19 report, the Council's cash balances are reducing and in the short to medium term the Council will need to start borrowing.

The use of the additional one-off Adult Social Care Support Grant to defer £2.112m of savings from 2018/19 to 2019/20 would have the effect of increasing the savings gap in 2019/20 from £34.165m to £36.277m.

# Item No: 4 – Norfolk County Council Revenue and Capital Budget 2018-2022. Amendment proposed by the Liberal Democrat Group.

For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain	
Х			ADAMS Timothy	Х			KEMP Alexandra
	Х		ADAMS Tony		ABSENT	1	KIDDIE Keith
Х	X		AQUARONE Steffan		Х		KIDDLE-MORRIS Mark
	Х		ASKEW Stephen		Х		LONG Brian
Х			BARNARD Jess		Х		MACKIE lan
	Х		BILLS David	Х			MAXFIELD Edward
	Х		BORRETT Bill		Х		MIDDLETON Graham
	Х		BOWES Claire		Х		MOONEY Joe
	Х		BRAME Roy	Х			MORPHEW Steve
Х			<b>BROCIEK-COULTON</b>	Х			NOBBS George
			Julie				
Х			BUTIKOFER Sarah		Х		OLIVER Judy
	ABSENT	<u>.</u>	CARPENTER Penny		ABSENT		OLIVER Rhodri
	Х		CASTLE Mick		Х		PECK Greg
	Х		CLANCY Stuart		ABSENT		PLANT Graham
Х			<b>CLIPSHAM</b> Kim		Х		PRICE Richard
Х			COLLIS David		Х		<b>PROCTOR</b> Andrew
	Х		COLMAN Ed		Х		RICHMOND William
Х			CORLETT Emma		ABSENT		ROPER Dan
	ABSENT	-	DARK Stuart		ABSENT	-	ROWNTREE David
			DEWSBURY	Х			RUMSBY Chrissie
			Margaret				
	ABSENT		DIXON Nigel	X			SANDS Mike
Х			DOUGLAS Danny	Х			SEWARD Eric
	X		DUIGAN Phillip		X		SMITH Carl
	ABSENT		EAGLE Fabian		Х		SMITH Thomas
	ABSENT		EAST Tim	Х			SMITH-CLARE Mike
	ABSENT	1	EYRE Simon		Х		SPRATT Bev
	X		FISHER John		X		SQUIRE Sandra
	X		FITZPATRICK Tom		X		STONE Barry
	ABSENT	1	FOULGER Colin		X		STONE Margaret
	X X		GARROD Tom	X	Х		STOREY Martin
			GRANT Andy	×	X		STRONG Marie
	X X		GURNEY Shelagh	_	X		THIRTLE Haydn
Х	^		HANTON Ron		X X		THOMAS Alison
^	X		HARRISON David	X	^		THOMSON Victor
	^		HORSBRUGH	^			TIMEWELL John
	X		Michael Chenery of		x		
	X		HUMPHREY Harry	x	^		VINCENT Karen
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Λ	x		JONES Chris		X		WILBY Martin
	^		JORDAN Cliff		^		YOUNG Sheila

With 25 votes in favour, 46 votes against and 0 abstentions, the Liberal Democrat Group Amendment was **LOST**.

# Appendix E Independent Group amendment: County Council Budget 2018/19:

1. Policy and Resources Committee

# 1.1 **REGENERATION of YARMOUTH RIVERSIDE and TOWN CENTRE**

We propose that £250,000 be taken from the £500,000 Norfolk Futures transformation budget (Ref Policy and Resources Committee NCC Policy on County Council agenda papers page 122) to fund a dedicated officer team to engage with the Borough Council and partner agencies to pursue strategic land assembly, master planning and all viability assurance aspects to facilitate development of 1000 plus homes and ancillary retailing/leisure uses in these key brownfield sites of the town which are so important to its future prosperity. The over-riding aim is to enhance the chances of early development of Yarmouth's Riverside and Town Centre sites by delivering certainty and clarity for developers. It will also represent an important element in Norfolk County Council's new Housing Strategy which deploys NCC resources – financial, human, partnership building, strategic planning, influence, leadership – in order to positively influence the quantity and quality of new homes built in Norfolk.

2. Children's Services Capital budget

### 2.1 CONSTRUCTION of a NEW SEN Autism specific SCHOOL for WEST NORFOLK

We propose that £10 million is added to the 2018/19 Capital Programme (County Council agenda papers page 339, Children's Services Committee) for the construction of a new Special School in West Norfolk.

- 2.2 The creation of a new school of this type is crucial in the West of the County to meet acknowledged demand for pupils with autism and complex needs. In particular for those who cannot be adequately catered for in a mainstream school and for whom placement in a complex needs school such as Churchill Park is unsuitable and for whom temporary or part-time placements in a Special resource Base are not suitable as they are only a temporary measure or are unsettling for the child. The Fen Rivers School in Kings Lynn does not take children with Autism and only has placements until Year 3. The creation of this school would also help alleviate some of the transport cost issues sending children from the West to the Wherry School in Norwich.
- 2.3 It is estimated that £100,000 preliminary work/studies would be incurred in 2018/19 with the main construction costs taking place in 2019/20. An additional £10,000 would be taken from the Norfolk Futures transformation budget in 2018/19 to engage with a suitable Academy Trust to run the school.

Advice from Section 151 Officer:

Capital Expenditure (Item 2):

The £0.1M capital expenditure in 2018/19 would not incur any Minimum Revenue Provision charge and will be unlikely to incur any borrowing costs due to the Council's current cash holdings

(Lost interest would be circa £0.001M which can be accommodated within the existing Treasury budget). As such no additional revenue expenditure needs to be budgeted for in 2018/19.

For 2019/20 the additional interest charge would be circa £0.270M and for 2020/21 the MRP and interest charge would be approximately £0.550m. If the amendment is approved the cost will be added to the Medium Term Financial Strategy and form part of the 2019/20 budget.

This would have the effect of increasing the savings gap in 2019/20 from £34.165m to £34.435m.

# Councillor Kemp, County Council Budget amendment 2018/19

1. Adult Social Care Committee

Council agree to allocate the £3.398 million additional funding announced in the Final Local Government Finance Settlement into the Resilient Lives Programme and reduce budget saving ASC016-019 by £3.398 million (County Council agenda papers page 106), from which this Council cut the budget by £2.1 million from £10 million last year.

Advice from Section 151 Officer:

The use of the additional one-off funding announced in the Final Local Government Finance Settlement to remove budget savings would have the effect of increasing the savings gap in 2019/20 from £34.165m to £37.563m.

# Item No: 4 – Norfolk County Council Revenue and Capital Budget 2018-2022. Amendment proposed by Cllr A Kemp.

For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain	
Х			ADAMS Timothy	Х	-		KEMP Alexandra
	Х		ADAMS Tony		ABSENT		KIDDIE Keith
Х			AQUARONE Steffan		Х		KIDDLE-MORRIS Mark
	Х		ASKEW Stephen		Х		LONG Brian
Х			BARNARD Jess		Х		MACKIE lan
	Х		BILLS David	Х			MAXFIELD Edward
	Х		BORRETT Bill		Х		MIDDLETON Graham
	Х		BOWES Claire		Х		MOONEY Joe
	Х		BRAME Roy				MORPHEW Steve
Х			BROCIEK-COULTON				NOBBS George
			Julie				
Х			BUTIKOFER Sarah		Х		OLIVER Judy
	ABSENT	-	CARPENTER Penny		ABSENT		OLIVER Rhodri
	Х		CASTLE Mick		Х		PECK Greg
	Х		CLANCY Stuart		ABSENT		PLANT Graham
Х			CLIPSHAM Kim		Х		PRICE Richard
Х			COLLIS David		Х		<b>PROCTOR</b> Andrew
	Х		COLMAN Ed		Х		RICHMOND William
Х			CORLETT Emma		ABSENT		ROPER Dan
	ABSENT	-	DARK Stuart		ABSENT	T	ROWNTREE David
	Х		DEWSBURY	Х			RUMSBY Chrissie
		-	Margaret	X			
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Х	x		DOUGLAS Danny	Х	N N		SEWARD Eric
		-	DUIGAN Phillip		X		SMITH Carl
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	X		FISHER John	_	X		SQUIRE Sandra
	ABSENT	-	FITZPATRICK Tom		X		STONE Barry
	X		FOULGER Colin		X		STONE Margaret
	X		GARROD Tom	X	^		STOREY Martin
	X		GRANT Andy		X		STRONG Marie
	X		GURNEY Shelagh		X		THIRTLE Haydn
Х	^		HANTON Ron		X		THOMAS Alison
~	X		HARRISON David	X	^		THOMSON Victor
			HORSBRUGH				TIMEWELL John
	X		Michael Chenery of HUMPHREY Harry		X		VINCENT Karen
	x		<b>ILES</b> Brian	x			WALKER Colleen
	x		JAMIESON Andrew		х		WARD John
Х			JERMY Terry	X			WATKINS Brian
X			JONES Brenda		х		WHITE Tony
X			JONES Brenda JONES Chris		x		WILBY Martin
	Х		JORDAN Cliff	<u> </u>	x		YOUNG Sheila
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With 23 votes in favour, 47 votes against and 0 abstentions, the amendment moved by Ms A Kemp was **LOST.** 

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Х			JORDAN Cliff	Х			YOUNG Sheila

With 47 votes in favour, 23 votes against and 0 abstentions, the Recommendations in the report were **CARRIED** and Council **RESOLVED** accordingly.