

Norfolk County Council & District Councils Norfolk Parking Partnership Joint Committee

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Thursday 18 February 2016 at 2pm

Present:

Cllr M Castle (Chairman)	Norfolk County Council
Cllr D Pope	Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk
Cllr G Plant	Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Cllr J Rest	North Norfolk District Council
Cllr J Oliver	North Norfolk District Council
Cllr W Kemp	South Norfolk District Council

Officers Present:

Martin Chisholm	Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk
Jo Day	Norwich City Council
Alison Dunn	Norwich City Council
Helen Martin	Norfolk County Council
Dave Stephens	Norfolk County Council
Robert Ginn	Norfolk County Council
Karl Reed	North Norfolk District Council
Duncan Ellis	North Norfolk District Council
Michele Earp	South Norfolk District Council
Lee Hornby	South Norfolk District Council
Miranda Lee	Great Yarmouth Borough Council

Also Present:

Cllr B Hannah	Local Member for Sheringham
Cllr R Bird	Local Member for North Coast

1. Apologies for absence

1.1 There were no apologies received.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2015

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2015 were agreed by the Joint Committee and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

3. Declarations of Interests

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. Items of Urgent Business

4.1 There were no items of urgent business to consider.

At this point in the meeting, the Chair afforded the Local Members for Sheringham and Hunstanton the opportunity to outline the challenges in relation to the Committee's proposals highlighted in item 6 on the agenda. The Chair assured them that officers would consult with individuals from the areas that would be greatly affected as soon as possible to ensure that a whole Norfolk viable business plan was created and was suitable for all.

5. Local Authority Parking Concessions (CMP19751)

5.1 The Committee received the report by the Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services which informed the Committee that a request had been made by MP Norman Lamb that Norfolk County Council trial a scheme in which patients recently discharged from hospital with a temporary but substantial impairment would benefit from a temporary dispensation to park in disabled persons parking bays and on single / double yellow lines.

5.2 Even though the sentiment behind the request was understood, it was felt that enough money was already being paid into the blue badge scheme. Sufferers of temporary impairments would normally make alternative arrangements for that limited time.

5.3 Operators of the private car parks would need to be consulted if they would allow the holders of the temporary blue badges to park without charge on their car parks as this would not be within NCC's limits to authorise.

5.4 RESOLVED

- That no action could be taken at this moment regarding the implementation of a trial temporary blue badge scheme.

6. 2016-17 Forward Programme and Budget Report

6.1 The Committee received the report by the Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services which reported that the financial sustainability of Civil Parking Enforcement in Norfolk (outside of Norwich City) was dependent on the additional revenues associated with planned new on-street charges, or alternative sources of new revenue income. Without these revenues the scheme would fail to cover costs and would put at risk the County Council's ability to manage the road network in accordance with Traffic Management Act duties. Partners were also seeking arrangements which would avoid the perceived unfairness of large transfers of revenue raised from some districts to offset the costs of enforcement in other parts of the County.

6.2 There was slight concern that there was no specific mention for a joint responsibility for the finances.

6.3 The meeting was then adjourned for 5 minutes to allow the voting Councillors to discuss matters after the Councillor representing North Norfolk declared that North Norfolk District Council would not accept any proposals and would not sign any agreement.

6.4 The meeting adjourned at 2.42pm and reconvened at 2.48pm.

- 6.5 On returning to the meeting, the Chair closed the meeting to allow negotiations with North Norfolk District Council to commence.

The meeting concluded at 2:50pm

CHAIRMAN



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