

**Norfolk County Council****Minutes of the Meeting Held on 14 December 2015****Present:**

Mr A <b>Adams</b>	Mr J <b>Joyce</b>
Mr S <b>Agnew</b>	Ms A <b>Kemp</b>
Mr C <b>Aldred</b>	Mr M <b>Kiddle-Morris</b>
Mr S <b>Askew</b>	Mrs J <b>Leggett</b>
Mr M <b>Baker</b>	Mr B <b>Long</b>
Mr R <b>Bearman</b>	Mr I <b>Mackie</b>
Mr R <b>Bird</b>	Mr I <b>Monson</b>
Mr B <b>Borrett</b>	Mr J <b>Mooney</b>
Ms C <b>Bowes</b>	Ms E <b>Morgan</b>
Ms A <b>Bradnock</b>	Mr S <b>Morphew</b>
Mr B <b>Bremner</b>	Mr G <b>Nobbs</b>
Mrs J <b>Brociek-Coulton</b>	Mr W <b>Northam</b>
Mr A <b>Byrne</b>	Mr R <b>Parkinson-Hare</b>
Mr M <b>Carttiss</b>	Mr J <b>Perkins</b>
Mr M <b>Castle</b>	Mr G <b>Plant</b>
Mrs J <b>Chamberlin</b>	Mr A <b>Proctor</b>
Mr J <b>Childs</b>	Mr A <b>Ramsbotham</b>
Mr S <b>Clancy</b>	Mr W <b>Richmond</b>
Mr T <b>Coke</b>	Mr D <b>Roper</b>
Mr D <b>Collis</b>	Ms C <b>Rumsby</b>
Mrs H <b>Cox</b>	Mr M <b>Sands</b>
Mr D <b>Crawford</b>	Mr E <b>Seward</b>
Mr A <b>Dearnley</b>	Mr N <b>Shaw</b>
Mrs M <b>Dewsbury</b>	Mr R <b>Smith</b>
Mr N <b>Dixon</b>	Mr P <b>Smyth</b>
Mr J <b>Dobson</b>	Mr B <b>Spratt</b>
Mr T <b>East</b>	Mr B <b>Stone</b>
Mr T <b>FitzPatrick</b>	Mrs M <b>Stone</b>
Mr C <b>Foulger</b>	Mr M <b>Storey</b>
Mr T <b>Garrod</b>	Dr M <b>Strong</b>
Mr P <b>Gilmour</b>	Mrs A <b>Thomas</b>
Mr A <b>Grey</b>	Mr J <b>Timewell</b>
Mrs S <b>Gurney</b>	Miss J <b>Virgo</b>
Mr P <b>Hacon</b>	Mrs C <b>Walker</b>
Mr B <b>Hannah</b>	Mr J <b>Ward</b>
Mr D <b>Harrison</b>	Mr B <b>Watkins</b>
Mr M <b>Chenery of Horsbrugh</b>	Ms S <b>Whitaker</b>
Mr H <b>Humphrey</b>	Mr A <b>White</b>
Mr B <b>Iles</b>	Mr M <b>Wilby</b>
Mr T <b>Jermy</b>	Mrs M <b>Wilkinson</b>
Mr C <b>Jordan</b>	

**Present: 81**

**Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from Dr A Boswell, Ms E Corlett and Mr J Law.

**1 Minutes**

1.1 The minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 October 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

1.2 The minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 October 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to the following amendments:

Paragraph 6.2.1. Replace the words "Mental Health Trust" with "Age Concern Norfolk".  
Paragraph 6.2.3. Replace the words "in care inefficiency" with "in social care efficiency".

1.3 The minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 November 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**2 Chairman's Announcements**

2.1 The Chairman welcomed Claire Bowes, Conservative Member for Watton and Allison Bradnock, Liberal Democrat Member for South Smallburgh, to their first Council meeting.

**3 Declarations of Interest**

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

**4 Questions to Leader of the Council**

**4.1 Question from Ms A Kemp**

Ms Kemp asked when the Council would be getting its priorities right and allocating money for building crossings in Norfolk as this was a most important issue and needed action.

The Leader replied that he had some sympathy and that he had a particular crossing in his division which would not be provided as it was too far down the list of priorities. He asked the Chair of Environment, Development and Transport (EDT) Committee to comment on the list of priorities.

The Chair of EDT said that the list was compiled according to priority, for example black spots were dealt with first. The Chair added that the crossing referred to by Ms Kemp was approximately 56<sup>th</sup> on the list and although this was not an ideal situation, in the present climate of austerity there was little that could be done other than to prioritise the list according to the areas considered black spots.

#### 4.2 **Question from Mr C Jordan**

Mr Jordan asked if the Leader could explain what the future was for Norfolk County Council and the District Councils under the devolution deal.

The Leader replied that the future for the County and District Councils under devolution was strong. He added that, although there was not a universal view among District Councils in the two counties as to the advantages of devolution, most were of the opinion that this was a good deal. The Leader added that he wanted to make it very clear that a combined authority did not mean the merging of a district council with a county council, or two district councils merging, it was about district and county councils working together and agreeing a set of priorities. He continued by saying that work was progressing with Suffolk and that in the new year, Cambridgeshire councils would be approached to see if there was sufficient interest in the authorities in Cambridgeshire joining the Norfolk and Suffolk bid.

#### 4.3 **Question from Dr M Strong**

Dr Strong asked if the Leader could assure Council that Suffolk's collective councils were fully on board and that each Norfolk Council was focusing on what was best for Norfolk as a whole, rather than individual aspirations.

The Leader responded that Suffolk District Councils were represented by Cllr Jenny Jenkins, from Babergh Council who was extremely enthusiastic about the proposals and had also attended the meeting with Lord Heseltine. He added that it was no secret that some districts in the west of Suffolk, who happened to be in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) as well as Norfolk and Suffolk LEP, had some anxieties about which LEP would serve them best. The Government's wish was that those devolved authorities should follow the footprint of the existing LEPs, which meant that those authorities would need to make a choice between Norfolk and Suffolk or Cambridge and Peterborough. That situation also applied to west Norfolk. The Leader continued that if Cambridge and Peterborough joined with Norfolk and Suffolk, there would be two combined LEPs and could become a very powerful area.

The Leader added that, although he could not speak for all the Councils, he hoped that a position where every member was fully engaged would be achieved.

#### 4.4 **Question from Mr R Bearman**

Mr Bearman said that he understood from a recent enquiry from a resident to Norfolk County Council, that the Council had not yet received the report commissioned in April 2014 from Mr Stephen Revell regarding the Willows contract. He asked if the Leader could find out when this report would be made available to Council and to the general public.

The Leader replied that he had made repeated requests to Mr Revell, via officers, about when the report would be received. He said he would ask the Managing Director to contact Mr Revell to find out when the report would be made available.

#### 4.5 **Question from Mr M Sands**

Mr Sands asked if the Leader could comment on the proposal, in concept, to create a property development company to first develop and add value to the assets marked for disposal by the County Council.

The Leader replied that Officers had been asked to make some recommendations about how to move the proposal forward. He added that one possibility could be to form a wholly owned part of Norse, or have a semi-independent company. He added that in the past, property had been disposed of and then put up for auction which meant that the best price had not necessarily been achieved. He continued that Norfolk County Council held a very exciting portfolio and other properties could be disposed of in the future. Therefore, instead of the presumption being for disposal, the presumption would be for development and unless there was a very good reason why the Council could not develop a site, it would be developed, unless it was considered too small. Consideration could also be given to donating some land for community use, but the general principle would be to develop, which would be carried out by a commercial organisation.

#### **4.6 Question from Mr H Humphrey**

Mr Humphrey stated that the minutes of Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 26 October had resolved that all departments were undertaking the equivalent of a zero-based review of service budgets. He asked if the Leader could let Council know how that work was progressing and when results would be seen.

The Leader referred the question to the Deputy Leader who replied that each department was looking closely at their budget and undertaking the equivalent of a zero-based review. He added that results should start filtering through in budget monitoring reports as the year progressed and that in the last budget monitoring reports presented to Committees, a significant decrease in the projected overspend had been shown. The Deputy Leader said that the figures for period 7, which had not yet been presented to Committees, showed another forecast decrease in overspend, therefore he was sure a balanced budget would be achieved for 2015-16.

#### **4.7 Question from Mr B Watkins**

Mr Watkins asked if the Leader could advise on the effect the decision made at the September Council meeting, not to revise the minimum reserve policy, would have on the 2015-16 budget.

The Leader referred the question to the Deputy Leader who responded that he was confident a balanced budget would be achieved in 2015-16. The Deputy Leader continued that a report on the Minimum Reserve Policy would be considered by Treasury Management Panel in more detail, with a view of including it in the budget in February. He added that one of the effects if a revised policy was passed in February was that it would not only impact on the budget for next year, it could also release some revenue for the current financial year. He continued by saying that his personal view was that he would be hoping to present a paper to Policy & Resources Committee in March 2016 that any revenue accrued be used in reserves for Adult Social Care to assist transformation in that area.

### **5 Statement by the Leader regarding Children's Services**

The Leader advised Council about the recent Government appointment of a Commissioner for Children's Services. Mr Dave Hill, from Essex County Council had been appointed to carry out an assessment of Children's Services social care to identify where improvements could be made, reporting back to Government.

The Chair of Children's Services informed Council that Dave Hill had an excellent track record in Children's Services and had advised and helped Norfolk previously. The Chair added that Mr Hill had been tasked to look at the situation within children's social care over the next three months and then to advise the Department for Education if Norfolk was on the right track for improving. If, at the end of the twelve month period, Norfolk was not able to show adequate improvement, the Looked After Children aspect of Children's Services would be placed under the leadership of the Government.

## **6 Notice of Motion**

6.1 The following motion was proposed by Mr R Bearman and seconded by Mr A Dearnley:

This Council RESOLVES to:

- a) Commend the work of dedicated volunteers in Norfolk who feed hundreds of people each week.
- b) Raise awareness of the work of food redistribution organisations and the challenges they face through our website and Your Norfolk magazine.
- c) Work in partnership with local organisations who have joined forces under the umbrella organisation Norwich Food Hub to tackle the joint problems of increased food poverty and the wasting of surplus food across the city, in order to understand the many challenges they face and help them best achieve their objectives.
- d) Help to build dialogue between large retailers and the new food hub, to ensure the most effective redistribution of surplus food.
- e) Work with Norwich City Council, the Clinical Commissioning Group and other public bodies to find suitable premises and funding to help local people who want to redistribute surplus food to those in need.
- f) Encourage all food retailers to sign up to a redistribution scheme in their area.
- g) Write to DEFRA asking them to introduce penalties for national retailers deliberately spoiling or wasting surplus food and to end the retail practice of rejecting food on purely cosmetic grounds.

6.2 Mr T Jermy proposed the following amendment, seconded by Mrs Wilkinson, which was accepted by Mr Bearman and Mr Dearnley as proposer and seconder of the original motion.

This Council RESOLVES to:

- a) Commend the work of dedicated volunteers in Norfolk who feed hundreds of people each week, and commend the good work in the Reducing Inequalities Action Plan, which is tackling the root causes of food poverty and social exclusion in Norwich.
- b) Raise awareness of the work of food redistribution organisations and the challenges they face through our website and Your Norfolk magazine.

- c) Work in partnership with local organisations who have joined forces under the umbrella organisation Norwich Food Hub to tackle the joint problems of increased food poverty and the wasting of surplus food across the city, in order to understand the many challenges they face and help them best achieve their objectives.
- d) Help to build dialogue between large retailers and the new food hub, to ensure the most effective redistribution of surplus food.
- e) Work with ~~Norwich City Council~~ District Councils, the Clinical Commissioning Groups and other public bodies to find suitable premises and funding to help local people who want to redistribute surplus food to those in need. Encourage the development of food hubs in every district of the county.
- f) Encourage all food retailers to sign up to a redistribution scheme in their area.
- g) Write to DEFRA asking them to introduce penalties for national retailers deliberately spoiling or wasting surplus food and to end the retail practice of rejecting food on purely cosmetic grounds.

6.3 Mr J Timewell proposed the following amendment, seconded by Mr T Coke which was accepted by Mr Bearman and Mr Dearnley as proposer and seconder of the original motion.

This Council RESOLVES to:

- a) Commend the work of dedicated volunteers in Norfolk who feed hundreds of people each week.
- b) Raise awareness of the work of food redistribution organisations and the challenges they face through our website and Your Norfolk magazine.
- c) Work in partnership with local organisations who have joined forces under the umbrella organisation Norwich Food Hub to tackle the joint problems of increased food poverty and the wasting of surplus food across the city, in order to understand the many challenges they face and help them best achieve their objectives.
- d) Help to build dialogue between large retailers and the new food hub, to ensure the most effective redistribution of surplus food.
- e) Work with Norwich City Council, the Clinical Commissioning Group and other public bodies to find suitable premises and ~~funding~~ support to help local people who want to redistribute surplus food to those in need.
- f) Encourage all food retailers to sign up to a redistribution scheme in their area.
- g) Write to DEFRA asking them what they are doing to prevent national retailers deliberately spoiling or wasting surplus food and stop the practice of rejecting to ~~introduce penalties for national retailers deliberately spoiling or wasting surplus~~

~~food and to end the food~~ on purely cosmetic grounds.

- 6.4 Upon being put to the vote, with 39 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 38 abstentions, the motion was **CARRIED**.

## **7 Recommendations from Service Committees**

### **7.1 Policy & Resources – 30 November 2015.**

Mr G Nobbs, Chair of Policy & Resources Committee moved the report and the following recommendations:

- 7.1.1 Recommend to County Council the mid-year Treasury Management Monitoring Report 2015-16, including revisions to the 2015-16 Investment Strategy, as detailed in Section 5 of the annex of the report.

Council **RESOLVED** to agree the recommendation.

7.1.2 Recommend that County Council:

1. Approve revisions to eligibility for workplace parking permits at County Hall with effect from 1 April 2016 as follows:
  - a. Employees living within 1 mile of County Hall would no longer be eligible for parking permits
  - b. New employees living within 3 miles of County Hall would not be eligible to receive workplace parking permit.
  - c. Employees whose main work location was not County Hall will no longer be eligible for workplace parking permit.
2. Approve the introduction of a second Non Parking Day at County Hall for all employees eligible for workplace parking permits.
3. Approve the introduction of charging employees for the use of workplace parking on their Non Parking Day at County Hall on a “pay as you go” and agree that this was set at £5 per day.
4. Instruct Officers to seek planning consent for increasing car parking capacity within the County Hall campus.
5. To note that in addition work would be done to promote and further facilitate alternative means of travel to County Hall such as walking, cycling, car sharing and use of public transport.
6. To agree that employee consultations were undertaken on the above proposals to identify and help mitigate operational and equalities impacts.
7. To agree that the Members Working Group be reconvened in October 2016 to review effectiveness of the above measures.
8. Refer P&R’s decisions on the above recommendations to Full Council for the final decisions to be made alongside the results of the staff consultation.
9. Delegate to the Executive Director of Finance the responsibility for implementing the changes agreed by Full Council to the Car Parking Policy.

Upon being put to a vote, with 35 votes in favour, 42 votes against and 3 abstentions Council **did not accept** the recommendations in the report.

- 7.1.3 Recommend to County Council that the Council approve the updates to the Financial Regulations contained in the report.

Following a proposal from Mr J Dobson, seconded by Mr B Long, Council **RESOLVED** to defer the approval of the updates to the Financial Regulations until this had been reconsidered by Policy & Resources Committee.

## **8 Reports from Service Committees (Questions to Chairs)**

### **8.1 Report of the Policy and Resources Committee meetings held on 26 October and 30 November 2015**

Mr G Nobbs, Chair of Policy and Resources Committee, moved the report.

#### **8.1.1 Question from Dr M Strong**

Dr Strong asked if the Leader would thank the Managing Director and officers for the commitment and considerable work they had carried out on Reimagining Norfolk. Dr Strong referred to the area savings for 2016-17 increasing the council tax base and the doubts expressed at Policy & Resources committee and asked if any further work had been undertaken on this topic.

The Chair of Policy & Resources Committee replied that he would pass on Council's thanks and deferred the question to the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Mr D Roper.

The Vice-Chair said that further work had been done. He added that he was pleased to say that with a small investment in single person discount, 18 times the original investment had been received back and approximately £250,000 had been recouped.

#### **8.1.2 Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.**

### **8.2 Report of the Adult Social Care Committee meetings held on 12 October and 9 November 2015.**

Ms S Whitaker, Chair of Adult Social Care Committee moved the report.

#### **8.2.1 Question from Mr B Watkins**

Mr Watkins asked if the Chair would like to update Council about the progress with the Bowthorpe Care Village project, which would provide much needed housing with care accommodation and specialist dementia care units. He asked if, with similar provision already in place in Gorleston, there were any plans for a scheme which would serve the needs of people in west Norfolk.

The Chair replied that the plan was for residents to move into the new Bowthorpe care village in May 2016. Consultation had taken place with all the residents and staff and there was an overall vote in favour of moving. Residents who did not wish to move would be given help to find somewhere else to live and those staff who didn't wish to move would be offered help in finding new jobs.

The Chair added that possible sites in the west of the county were being actively sought but no site had been identified at present. She added that it was highly likely that a facility would be sited in King's Lynn area, but reiterated there were no firm plans as yet.



8.2.2 **Question from Ms C Rumsby.**

Ms Rumsby asked the Chair if she had any thoughts about how the funding raised from the 2% increase in council tax could be used.

The Chair replied that under the comprehensive spending review, she understood that councils could opt to raise revenue by increasing Council tax by 2% and that Norfolk County Council could raise approximately £6m this way. The Chair added that her initial thoughts were that money would need to be spent in double-running services before new ways of working commenced. It was proposed that the first community clinic would be run as a pilot commencing in February 2016, with another in Broadland commencing in March 2016. The Chair added that there was a statutory duty to ensure that transport was available to people to access facilities and that was something that could be considered. She also mentioned that she had been lobbied about concerns around the supporting people budget and some money could be used to provide low level services which could make a tremendous difference to the lives of users.

8.2.3 **Question from Mr B Bremner**

Mr Bremner asked the Chair what the implications were for customers of the additional reablement jobs, which had recently been announced.

The Chair responded that an additional 48 jobs had recently been announced in the reablement service. Of those jobs, 32 staff had been recruited with 12 people trained and having commenced work.

8.2.4 **Question from Mr B Borrett**

Mr Borrett stated that the Adult Social Care Committee had resolved to recommend to Policy & Resources Committee that it was of the view that sufficient funding was essential for the transformation programme to successfully achieve budget savings. Policy & Resources Committee was asked to ensure that sufficient resources were made available to make this happen. He added that this was a unanimous recommendation of the Adult Social Care Committee, but that it had been met with a degree of derision by the Policy & Resources Committee and they decided not to take up that recommendation explicitly. He asked the Chair of Adult Social Care Committee to give her opinion on that decision.

The Chair responded that she had not been present at that Policy & Resources Committee meeting and therefore could not comment on what happened.

8.2.5 **Question from Mr B Spratt**

Mr Spratt asked if the Chair could categorically state that if Council tax was raised by 2% for Adult Social Care that money would go for that cause.

The Chair replied that the comprehensive spending review had specified that any precept money raised must be used for adult social care.

8.2.6 Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

8.3 **Report of the Children's Services Committee meetings held on 20 October and 17 November 2015**

Mr J Joyce, Chair of Children's Services Committee moved the report.

8.3.1 **Question from Mr R Smith.**

Mr Smith asked the Chair if he could tell Council what he now envisaged to be on the agenda for the additional Children's Services Committee meeting on 14 January 2015, following the Leader's report of an appointment of a Commissioner to look at Children's Services social care work.

The Chair said he envisaged that the meeting would still focus on the Ofsted Action Plan which needed to be agreed by 26 January 2016 and Members of the Committee would receive a copy of the action plan with the agenda when it was despatched.

The Chair also informed Council that he would be sending a letter to the Commissioner, inviting him to attend the meeting on 14 January.

8.3.2 **Question from Dr M Strong**

Dr Strong asked the Chair to explain about the 60 missing children which had recently been reported.

The Chair replied that in Norfolk, there were two children missing, neither of which were in foster care or looked after children (LAC). He confirmed that efforts would be made to establish the whereabouts of the missing children.

8.3.3 Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

8.4 **Report of the Communities Committee meetings held on 21 October and 11 November 2015**

Mr P Smyth, Chairman of Communities Committee, moved the report.

8.4.1 **Question from Mr J Ward**

Mr Ward asked the Chair to join with him in congratulating the staff at the Ancient House Museum Thetford on winning the EDP Tourism Award 2015 for the best visitor attraction under 50,000 visitors in Norfolk.

The Chair said he was happy to congratulate the staff at Ancient House Museum and added that all museums across the county that Norfolk County Council was responsible for should also be congratulated as they maintained a very high level of excellence and customer satisfaction and that he hoped this service could continue into the future.

8.4.2 **Question from Mr B Watkins**

Mr Watkins said that the recent Ofsted report had been critical of aspects of the Council's Adult Education Service and had recommended how performance must improve. He asked if, notwithstanding the savage reduction in funding of the adult skills budget of up to 40%, the Chair could report on what progress had been made to address the current deficiencies in the service.

The Chair responded that he would provide a written answer.

8.4.3 **Question from Ms A Kemp.**

Ms Kemp referred to the valuable museums service which the Communities Committee was responsible for and the unique contribution that King's Lynn made to

the heritage of the county and asked why there had been a proposal to downgrade King's Lynn museums to the status of community working, which presumably would mean the loss of staff hours, or a movement towards lone working when this was not happening in Great Yarmouth or Norwich.

The Chair responded that of the ten museums that Norfolk was responsible for, the three that had been put forward in the budget consultation proposals were the three biggest and most attended. He added that cuts were not being made through choice and said that it was still a proposal at this stage and members of the public and Councillors had an opportunity to complete the budget consultation survey and lobby against the proposed cuts.

#### 8.4.4 **Question from Mr H Humphrey**

Mr Humphrey referred to the Communities Committee meeting held on 11 November where there was a proposal that stated "following the decision made by Communities Committee Members in July 2015 to retain and invest in this non-statutory service, considerable progress has been made to re-shape and reinvigorate Norfolk Community Learning Services (NCLS). Under monthly scrutiny from the member led Adult Education Steering Group, progress has been made in all areas identified by Ofsted and all the recommendations made by the FE Commissioner's Office have been addressed". He asked the Chair to clarify whether the Committee had agreed the proposal and also how the investment in the service was justified.

The Chair responded that there was a requirement for a Head of Service which would require investment and that had been approved by the Committee. He added that he would investigate whether the decision was made by the Committee and provide a written response. He asked the Chair of the Working Group to provide some further information.

As Chair of the working group, Mr Bearman said the working group had been looking at additional investment in IT for the service and that he understood this investment was contained within the adult education budget. He said that there had been some enhancements made, particularly in data management and data tracking which had allowed the service to demonstrate the improvement made since the Ofsted inspection and that this information had been made available to the FE Commissioner when he carried out his last monitoring visit. The Chair of the Working Group added that the data would be shared with the working group at its next meeting and that representatives on the working group could share this information with their groups.

#### 8.4.5 **Question from Dr M Strong**

Dr Strong asked the Chair to pass on her appreciation for the considerable improvement that had taken place regarding the qualifications required for the teaching staff within the Adult Education service.

The Chair said he would be happy to pass the comments on.

#### 8.4.6 Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

#### 8.5 **Report of the Environment, Development and Transport Committee meetings held on 16 October and 20 November 2015.**

Mr T Coke, Chair of EDT Committee moved the report.

**8.5.1 Question from Dr M Strong**

Dr Strong asked the Chair to confirm if the end of landfill was imminent.

The Chair confirmed that from 1 April 2016, up to 160k tonnes of residual waste would be exported to Netherlands and Germany, up to 2020. He added that with the existing contracts with Great Blakenham in Suffolk taking 40,000 tonnes of residual waste and Kent taking 10,000 tonnes, this would take account of all Norfolk's residual waste. He informed Council that this was an interim solution to allow time to ensure that any decision made for dealing with Norfolk's residual waste beyond 2020 was well thought through, affordable, sustainable and most importantly, acceptable to the people of Norfolk. The Chair continued by saying that, including transport, there was a net carbon saving equivalent to 40,000 cars being taken off the roads in Norfolk, saving approximately £2m per annum.

**8.5.2 Question from Mr B Long**

Mr Long said he had noted that King's Lynn and West Norfolk Surface Water Management Plan had been adopted by EDT Committee and said that given the scenarios recently seen in Cumbria with extreme rainfall causing massive flooding, was it time the Council considered adopting an integrated plan that covered all flood risk, wherever the water might come from.

The Chair replied that he completely agreed and Environment, Development and Transport Committee was trying to adopt an all agency approach.

**8.5.3 Question from Mr M Wilby**

Mr Wilby said his question was for the Chair of Economic Development Sub-Committee. Mr Wilby said he welcomed the announcement of the voucher scheme from Government for better broadband for Norfolk and following its going live on Friday 11 December asked how this would be communicated to all Norfolk residents to help them receive better broadband speeds.

The Chair of Economic Development Sub-Committee responded that a list of people who had contacted the Council about this issue were in the process of receiving responses to their queries.

As a supplementary question, Mr Wilby said it was essential that people were made aware of the voucher scheme as soon as possible because if there was a pot of money it needed to be brought to Norfolk and he asked for assurance that this would happen.

Dr Strong, as Chair of the Working Group, responded that an email had been sent to all Members and advised that anyone interested in the voucher scheme could apply for vouchers if they were eligible. Any funding for the voucher scheme would be taken from the Better Broadband for Norfolk fund and was not an additional pot of money.

**8.5.4 Question from Ms A Kemp**

Ms Kemp asked if an Equality Assessment had been carried out regarding the closure of Docking recycling centre and if so could she be sent a copy. Ms Kemp added that it was her view that any decision to close Docking recycling centre was

age equality discrimination.

The Chair said that an equality assessment had been carried out and a copy would be sent to Ms Kemp.

8.5.5 Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

8.6 **Report of the Economic Development Sub-Committee meeting held on 26 November 2015**

8.6.1 Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

**Other Committees**

8.7 **Report of the Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 15 October 2015.**

Mr M Carttiss moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

8.8 **Report of the Planning (Regulatory) Committee meeting held on 27 November 2015**

Mr B Long moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

8.9 **Report of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 3 December 2015.**

Mr G Nobbs moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to approve and publish the draft Pay Policy Statement 2016-17 and note the report. A written response would be given to Mr R Smith about the rates previously paid to apprentices compared to the new rates quoted in the draft Pay Policy Statement.

8.10 **Report of the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting held on 4 November 2015**

Mr B Watkins moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

8.11 **Report of the Joint Museums Committee meeting held on 30 October 2015.**

Mr J Ward moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

8.12 **Report of the Records Committee meeting held on 30 October 2015.**

Mr M Chenery of Horsbrugh moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

**9 Proportional Allocation of Seats on Committees**

9.1 Council considered the report by the Head of Democratic Services setting out the changes to the political balance on the County Council following the two recent by-elections.

9.2 Council was asked to determine the allocation of committee places within the parameters set out in paragraph 2.5 of the report.

9.3 Mr G Nobbs proposed the following:

Lib Dems to lose 1 place on Pensions Committee  
Labour to lose 1 place on General Purposes Committee  
UKIP to lose 1 place on Planning (Regulatory) Committee  
UKIP to lose 1 place on EDT Committee

9.4 Mr C Jordan proposed the following counter-proposal, seconded by Mr B Long:

Additional Conservative places on:  
Personnel Committee  
Pensions Committee  
Policy & Resources Committee  
EDT Committee

9.5 On being put to a recorded vote (Appendix A) Council **RESOLVED** to agree the counter-proposal from Mr Jordan, set out above.

**10 Appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees and Joint Committees (Standard Item).**

There were none.

**11 Appointment of the Vice-Chairs of the Adult Social Care Committee and the Communities Committee.**

11.1 Mr G Nobbs proposed the following:

Vice-Chair of Adult Social Care Committee – Mr D Crawford  
Vice-Chair of Communities Committee – Mr D Harrison

11.2 Mr C Jordan made the following counter-proposal:

Vice-Chair of Adult Social Care Committee – Mr B Borrett  
Vice-Chair of Communities Committee – Mr H Humphrey

11.3 Upon being put to a recorded vote (Appendix B) Council **RESOLVED** to appoint:

Mr B Borrett, Vice-Chair of Adult Social Care Committee.  
Mr H Humphrey, Vice-Chair of Communities Committee.

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

There were none.

The meeting concluded at 12.50pm.

## **Chairman**



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## Item 9 – Proposed Allocation of Seats on Committees.

Nobbs	Jordan	abstain		Nobbs	Jordan	Abstain	
	X		<b>ADAMS</b> Tony		X		<b>JORDAN</b> Cliff
X			<b>AGNEW</b> Stephen	X			<b>JOYCE</b> James
X			<b>ALDRED</b> Colin	X			<b>KEMP</b> Alexandra
	X		<b>ASKEW</b> Stephen		X		<b>KIDDLE-MORRIS</b> Mark
X			<b>BAKER</b> Michael	Absent			<b>LAW</b> Jason
X			<b>BEARMAN</b> Richard		X		<b>LEGGETT</b> Judy
X			<b>BIRD</b> Richard		X		<b>LONG</b> Brian
	X		<b>BORRETT</b> Bill		X		<b>MACKIE</b> Ian
Absent			<b>BOSWELL</b> Andrew		X		<b>MONSON</b> Ian
	X		<b>BOWES</b> Claire		X		<b>MOONEY</b> Joe
X			<b>BRADNOCK</b> Allison	X			<b>MORGAN</b> Elizabeth
X			<b>BREMNER</b> Bert	X			<b>MORPHEW</b> Steve
X			<b>BROCIK-COULTON</b> Julie	X			<b>NOBBS</b> George
	X		<b>BYRNE</b> Alec		X		<b>NORTHAM</b> Wyndham
	X		<b>CARTTISS</b> Michael	X			<b>PARKINSON-HARE</b> Rex
X			<b>CASTLE</b> Mick	X			<b>PERKINS</b> Jim
	X		<b>CHAMBERLIN</b> Jenny		X		<b>PLANT</b> Graham
X			<b>CHILDS</b> Jonathon		X		<b>PROCTOR</b> Andrew
	X		<b>CLANCY</b> Stuart	X			<b>RAMSBOTHAM</b> David
X			<b>COKE</b> Toby		X		<b>RICHMOND</b> William
X			<b>COLLIS</b> David	X			<b>ROPER</b> Daniel
Absent			<b>CORLETT</b> Emma	X			<b>RUMSBY</b> Chrissie
	X		<b>COX</b> Hilary	X			<b>SANDS</b> Mike
X			<b>CRAWFORD</b> Denis	X			<b>SEWARD</b> Eric
X			<b>DEARNLEY</b> Adrian		X		<b>SHAW</b> Nigel
	X		<b>DEWSBURY</b> Margaret		X		<b>SMITH</b> Roger
	X		<b>DIXON</b> Nigel	X			<b>SMYTH</b> Paul
	X		<b>DOBSON</b> John		X		<b>SPRATT</b> Bev
X			<b>EAST</b> Tim		X		<b>STONE</b> Barry
	X		<b>FITZPATRICK</b> Tom		X		<b>STONE</b> Margaret
	X		<b>FOULGER</b> Colin		X		<b>STOREY</b> Martin
	X		<b>GARROD</b> Tom	X			<b>STRONG</b> Marie
X			<b>GILMOUR</b> Paul		X		<b>THOMAS</b> Alison
X			<b>GREY</b> Alan	X			<b>TIMEWELL</b> John
	X		<b>GURNEY</b> Shelagh		X		<b>VIRGO</b> Judith
Absent			<b>HACON</b> Pat	X			<b>WALKER</b> Colleen
X			<b>HANNAH</b> Brian		X		<b>WARD</b> John
X			<b>HARRISON</b> David	X			<b>WATKINS</b> Brian
	X		<b>HORSBRUGH</b> Michael Chenery of	X			<b>WHITAKER</b> Sue
	X		<b>HUMPHREY</b> Harry		X		<b>WHITE</b> Tony
	X		<b>ILES</b> Brian		X		<b>WILBY</b> Martin
X			<b>JERMY</b> Terry	X			<b>WILKINSON</b> Margaret

With **39** votes in favour of the proposal from Mr G Nobbs and **41** votes in favour of the counter proposal from Mr C Jordan, the counter-proposal submitted by Mr C Jordan was **CARRIED**.



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## Item 11 – Appointment of the Vice-Chairs of the Adult Social Care Committee and the Communities Committee.

Nobbs	Jordan	abstain		Nobbs	Jordan	Abstain	
	X		<b>ADAMS</b> Tony		X		<b>JORDAN</b> Cliff
X			<b>AGNEW</b> Stephen	X			<b>JOYCE</b> James
X			<b>ALDRED</b> Colin			x	<b>KEMP</b> Alexandra
	X		<b>ASKEW</b> Stephen		X		<b>KIDDLE-MORRIS</b> Mark
X			<b>BAKER</b> Michael	Absent			<b>LAW</b> Jason
X			<b>BEARMAN</b> Richard		X		<b>LEGGETT</b> Judy
X			<b>BIRD</b> Richard		X		<b>LONG</b> Brian
	X		<b>BORRETT</b> Bill		X		<b>MACKIE</b> Ian
Absent			<b>BOSWELL</b> Andrew		X		<b>MONSON</b> Ian
	X		<b>BOWES</b> Claire		X		<b>MOONEY</b> Joe
X			<b>BRADNOCK</b> Allison	X			<b>MORGAN</b> Elizabeth
X			<b>BREMNER</b> Bert	X			<b>MORPHEW</b> Steve
X			<b>BROCIEK-COULTON</b> Julie	X			<b>NOBBS</b> George
	X		<b>BYRNE</b> Alec		X		<b>NORTHAM</b> Wyndham
	X		<b>CARTTISS</b> Michael	X			<b>PARKINSON-HARE</b> Rex
X			<b>CASTLE</b> Mick	X			<b>PERKINS</b> Jim
	X		<b>CHAMBERLIN</b> Jenny		X		<b>PLANT</b> Graham
X			<b>CHILDS</b> Jonathon		X		<b>PROCTOR</b> Andrew
	X		<b>CLANCY</b> Stuart	X			<b>RAMSBOTHAM</b> David
X			<b>COKE</b> Toby		X		<b>RICHMOND</b> William
X			<b>COLLIS</b> David	X			<b>ROPER</b> Daniel
Absent			<b>CORLETT</b> Emma	X			<b>RUMSBY</b> Chrissie
	X		<b>COX</b> Hilary	X			<b>SANDS</b> Mike
X			<b>CRAWFORD</b> Denis	X			<b>SEWARD</b> Eric
X			<b>DEARNLEY</b> Adrian		X		<b>SHAW</b> Nigel
	X		<b>DEWSBURY</b> Margaret		X		<b>SMITH</b> Roger
	X		<b>DIXON</b> Nigel	X			<b>SMYTH</b> Paul
	X		<b>DOBSON</b> John		X		<b>SPRATT</b> Bev
X			<b>EAST</b> Tim		X		<b>STONE</b> Barry
	X		<b>FITZPATRICK</b> Tom		X		<b>STONE</b> Margaret
	X		<b>FOULGER</b> Colin		X		<b>STOREY</b> Martin
	X		<b>GARROD</b> Tom	X			<b>STRONG</b> Marie
X			<b>GILMOUR</b> Paul		X		<b>THOMAS</b> Alison
X			<b>GREY</b> Alan	X			<b>TIMEWELL</b> John
	X		<b>GURNEY</b> Shelagh		X		<b>VIRGO</b> Judith
Absent			<b>HACON</b> Pat	X			<b>WALKER</b> Colleen
X			<b>HANNAH</b> Brian		X		<b>WARD</b> John
X			<b>HARRISON</b> David	X			<b>WATKINS</b> Brian
	X		<b>HORSBRUGH</b> Michael Chenery of	X			<b>WHITAKER</b> Sue
	X		<b>HUMPHREY</b> Harry		X		<b>WHITE</b> Tony
	X		<b>ILES</b> Brian		X		<b>WILBY</b> Martin
X			<b>JERMY</b> Terry	X			<b>WILKINSON</b> Margaret

With **38** votes in favour of the proposal from Mr G Nobbs, **41** votes in favour of the counter proposal from Mr C Jordan and **1** abstention, the counter-proposal submitted by Mr C Jordan was **CARRIED**. Mr B Borrett was elected Vice-Chair of Adult Social Care committee and Mr H Humphrey was elected Vice-Chair of the Communities Committee.