

Extraordinary meeting

Scrutiny Committee

Date: **22 July 2019**

Time: **2.30pm**

(or 30 minutes after the rise of County Council, whichever is the later)

Venue: **Edwards Room, County Hall, Norwich**

Persons attending the meeting are requested to turn off mobile phones.

Membership:

Cllr Steve Morphew (Chair)
Cllr Alison Thomas (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Roy Brame	Cllr Keith Kiddie
Cllr Ed Connolly	Cllr Ed Maxfield
Cllr Emma Corlett	Cllr Joe Mooney
Cllr Phillip Duigan	Cllr Richard Price
Cllr Ron Hanton	Cllr Daniel Roper
Cllr Chris Jones	

Parent Governor Representatives

Mr Giles Hankinson
Vacancy

Church Representatives

Ms Helen Bates
Mr Paul Dunning

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A g e n d a

1 To receive apologies and details of any substitute members attending

2. Members to Declare any Interests

If you have a **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest** in a matter to be considered at the meeting and that interest is on your Register of Interests you must not speak or vote on the matter.

If you have a **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest** in a matter to be considered at the meeting and that interest is not on your Register of Interests you must declare that interest at the meeting and not speak or vote on the matter

In either case you may remain in the room where the meeting is taking place. If you consider that it would be inappropriate in the circumstances to remain in the room, you may leave the room while the matter is dealt with.

If you do not have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest you may nevertheless have an **Other Interest** in a matter to be discussed if it affects, to a greater extent than others in your division

- Your wellbeing or financial position, or
- that of your family or close friends
- Any body -
 - Exercising functions of a public nature.
 - Directed to charitable purposes; or
 - One of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union);

Of which you are in a position of general control or management.

If that is the case then you must declare such an interest but can speak and vote on the matter.

3 Public Question Time

Fifteen minutes for questions from members of the public of which due notice has been given. Please note that all questions must be received by the Committee Team (committees@norfolk.gov.uk) by 5pm on **Wednesday 17 July 2019**. For guidance on submitting a public question, view the Constitution at <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/what-we-do-and-how-we-work/councillors-meetings-decisions-and-elections/committees-agendas-and-recent-decisions/ask-a-question-to-a-committee>

4 Local Member Issues/Questions

Fifteen minutes for local member to raise issues of concern of which due notice has been given. Please note that all questions must be received by the Committee Team (committees@norfolk.gov.uk) by **5pm on Wednesday 17 July 2019**

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Report by Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services

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Report to Scrutiny Committee

Item No. 5

Report title:	Norwich Western Link
Date of meeting:	22 July 2019
Responsible Cabinet Member:	Cllr Martin Wilby, Cabinet member for Highways, Infrastructure and Transport.
Responsible Director:	Tom McCabe, Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services
Is this a key decision?	Yes

Executive Summary

On 15 July 2019 Cabinet will receive a report which brings together all the work completed by the County Council on the Norwich Western Link in order to establish the need for a road-based transport solution and to evaluate each of the options developed following completion of an options appraisal process.

The Scrutiny Committee Chair and Vice Chair have agreed that following the Cabinet's decision on 15 July they would like the Scrutiny Committee to consider this process and to examine the evidence by which the decision has been made.

Action required

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the Cabinet report on the Norwich Western Link, and the evidence behind the decision, and agree:

- If there are any comments or concerns that they wish to raise with the Cabinet at this stage in the decision-making process
- How the Committee would like to be involved going forward in the process for the Norwich Western Link

1. Background and Purpose

- 1.1. The Norwich Western Link (NWL) is one of the County Council's three priority infrastructure schemes and is in the Norfolk Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2017-2027. On 15 July 2019 Cabinet will receive a report bringing together all the work completed by the Council to establish the need for a road-based transport solution and to evaluate each of the options developed following completion of an options appraisal process. A timeline outlining the County Council's decision-making process to date is attached [here](#).
- 1.2. Cabinet will consider not only the consultation responses but also further environmental assessment work, costing of options, transport modelling, related value for money, land and property impacts, as well as other growth plans and planned projects, including the significant proposals to dual the A47 between Easton and North Tuddenham.
- 1.3. A copy of the Cabinet's report of 15 July 2019 can be found [here](#). Cabinet have been recommended:

- To submit the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) to DfT via Transport East as part of their Regional Evidence Base by the end of July 2019.
- That a road-based transport intervention is the most appropriate solution to address the identified transport issues affecting the area and to select Option C as the preferred route for the Norwich Western Link in order for the Council to make a Preferred Route Announcement (PRA).
- To bring forward project development spend to FY2019/20 in order to maintain the project delivery programme.

2. Proposals

At the time of writing the Cabinet has not yet made a decision on the above recommendations. However, the Scrutiny Committee Chair and Vice Chair have agreed that once Cabinet has considered the attached report on 15 July they would like the Scrutiny Committee to consider the process and examine the evidence by which the decision has been made

The Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Transport has been invited to attend this meeting in order that the Committee can understand the reasons for the Cabinet's decision on 15 July 2019.

3. Impact of the Proposal

This meeting is for Scrutiny Committee to consider and determine whether they wish to pass on any comments to Cabinet with regard to the attached report, having examined the evidence by which the decision has been taken. Scrutiny Committee can highlight any areas for concern or comments that they wish to feed into the decision-making process at this stage.

4. Evidence and Reasons for Decision

The Scrutiny Committee has the power to review or scrutinise any decisions made which are the responsibility of the Executive, including decisions made taken directly by the Executive itself.

5. Alternative Options

There are no alternative options for the Scrutiny Committee to consider.

6. Financial Implications

None

7. Resource Implications

Staff:

Refer to Cabinet report

Property:

Refer to Cabinet report

IT:

Refer to Cabinet report

8. Other Implications

Legal Implications:

Refer to Cabinet report

Human Rights implications

Refer to Cabinet report

Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) (this must be included)

Refer to Cabinet report

Health and Safety implications (where appropriate)

Refer to Cabinet report

Sustainability implications (where appropriate)

Refer to Cabinet report

Any other implications**9. Risk Implications/Assessment**

Refer to Cabinet report

10. Select Committee comments

This report has not been considered by a Select Committee.

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12. Background Papers

- [Cabinet report of 15th July 2019](#)
- [Timeline of the County Council's decision-making process.](#)
- Cabinet minutes of meeting on 15th July
(NB these will be published and available on 19th July 2019)

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