

Norfolk County Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 15 December 2014

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| Present: | Mr A 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 |
| | Mr A Boswell | Mr I Mackie |
| | Mr B Bremner | Mr I Monson |
| | Mrs J Brociek-Coulton | Mr J Mooney |
| | Mr A Byrne | Ms E Morgan |
| | Mr M Castle | Mr S Morphew |
| | Mr M Chenery of Horsbrugh | Mr G Nobbs |
| | Mrs J Chamberlin | Mr R Parkinson-Hare |
| | Mr J Childs | Mr J Perkins |
| | Mr S Clancy | Mr A Proctor |
| | Mr T 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 R Smith |
| | Mr N Dixon | Mr P Smyth |
| | Mr J Dobson | Mrs M Somerville |
| | Mr T East | Mr B Spratt |
| | Mr T FitzPatrick | Mr M Storey |
| | Mr C Foulger | Mrs M Strong |
| | Mr T Garrod | Mrs A Thomas |
| | Ms D Gilhawi | Mr D Thomas |
| | Mr P Gilmour | Miss J Virgo |
| | Mr A Grey | Mrs C Walker |
| | Mrs S Gurney | Mr J Ward |
| | Mr P Hacon | Mr B Watkins |
| | Mr B Hannah | Ms S Whitaker |
| | Mr D Harrison | Mr T White |
| | Mr S Hebborn | Mr M Wilby |
| | Mr H Humphrey | Mrs M Wilkinson |
| | Mr B Iles | |
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Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from Mr M Cartiss, Mr A Gunson, Mr W Northam, Mr M Smith and Mr J Timewell.

1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- 1.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 October 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendments:
- Page 12: 107 staff transferred from the Mental Health Trust.
 - Page 19, Tim East was not present at the meeting and therefore was not eligible to vote.

2 Chairman's Announcements

- 2.1 The Chairman informed Members that the Democratic Services Support Team had won Team of the Year for County and Unitary Authorities at the Association of Democratic Services Officers Awards 2014. He also announced that NP Law had won two accolades at a national awards ceremony in London in recognition of its legal practice work in Local Government. Members joined the Chairman in congratulating both teams for their awards.
- 2.2 The Chairman reported that Norfolk's largest takeover day had taken place on Friday 21 November, and was a success with over 100 young people taking on the jobs of senior people from across the Council and other organisations in the County.

3 Declarations of Interest

- 3.1 Mrs C Walker, Mr S Morphew, Mr B Bremner, Mr T Jermy and Mr D Harrison declared 'other' interests in respect of item 6 as members of credit unions.
- 3.2 Mrs M Strong declared an 'other' interest in respect of item 6 as a trained credit union banker.

4 Questions to the Leader of the Council

4.1 Question from Mrs M Somerville

Ms Somerville stated that mental health services were under huge pressure and any reduction in respite care would be to the detriment of service users and their carers. It may be that a review of what is on offer was well overdue and an evaluation on a cost benefit analysis was needed. It was suggested that an administration of which Mr Nobbs was leader had no direction, no strategy and is making ad hoc cuts to services. It had cut support to Julian Housing (Charity) for respite care at Ashcroft whilst supported another bigger Charity, Age UK Norfolk, to the tune of £700,000. Mrs Somerville questioned the logic of an administration which had no idea what was needed or how to provide services.

The Leader replied that cuts were always regretted especially in respect of health, mental health and any aspect of caring for vulnerable people. The position that Local

Government found themselves in, which were not unique to Norfolk was because of unprecedented cuts to its budget. After having found £144 million worth of savings, the Council has had to find another £189 million and lost PFI (Private Finance Initiative credits) of £169 million. The Leader explained that the money which had been given to Care UK was given as a decision had to be made to ensure the continuation of the service. He said that the previous Administration was asked to make a decision on this but had not done so. His Administration had taken the decision when it took office. Certain aspects of the financial information had been kept 'below the line' but details of the decisions made were fully accessible to all Members of the Council.

4.2 Question from Mr S Hebborn

Mr Hebborn asked the Leader to join him in commending the Managing Director for her decision to suspend the intended plan to introduce car parking charges for the staff, a course of action which has evidently shown that she was willing to listen to members concerns and prepared to act where appropriate. Mr Hebborn also asked the Leader to agree that this decision would give members an opportunity to work with officers on a future strategy to generate an income from the car park at County Hall, preferably without having to charge staff to park.

The Leader said that it was difficult to disagree with this but that it would be fair to let the Managing Director explain the current situation. The Managing Director said that there had been a decision taken as part of last year's budget to find savings in this area. The strength of reaction to the proposals circulated to all staff had led the Managing Director to take them away and to examine the options. The Managing Director said the need to find savings remained but there was a need to go through that process in a way that would be more acceptable to all parties.

4.3 Question from Mr A Dearnley

Reports in the weekend press had revealed that Norfolk is a 'wildlife desert'. A search which was inspired by the prince of Wales coronation Meadows project discovered one wildflower meadow in the whole County, despite hunting over 2000 square miles of mostly countryside. The Leader was asked to launch an investigation to see what could be done about this ecological disaster to ensure that the responsibilities to present and future generations of people and wildlife were fulfilled?

The Leader replied that he would ensure it was looked into after the meeting and that his commitment to wildlife remained as strong as ever.

4.4 Question from Ms Corlett

The Leader was asked for an update on a response from the Department for Education to the plans submitted for a Local Authority solution for the Hewett School in order to sustain the school and the site for the long term benefit of the community. The Leader was also asked for assurance that the LA would put up a robust defence to bring about the improvements needed, and to stand up for the children, parents and local residents who wish to continue to have a community school and remain opposed to forced academisation.

The Leader replied that there was a proposal for the site with the plan having not yet been fully formulated. Mr J Joyce, Chairman of the Children's Services Committee, added that the Local Authority had concerns about the Hewett School before Ofsted had inspected, and the management of the school had been changed. The aim was to embed the education at a good level at the school for the students, and to bring other partners in to expand. This plan would be submitted to the DFE by the end of the

current week and it would be to have great education at the Hewett.

4.5 Question from Mrs A Thomas

The Leader was asked for assurance that parts of Norfolk who were waiting patiently for their better broadband would not be adversely affected by the change in management of the project.

The Leader gave his assurance that the project would not be delayed simply because one member of staff was taking another job. As far as he was aware there was not a whole scale change of staff.

4.6 Question from Mr B Watkins

A recent 'read on, get on' report had highlighted that the reading ability of children from low income families was amongst the worst in the Country, and presented unwelcome news. The Leader was asked how the Council would be addressing the issue in the forthcoming months.

The Leader asked Mr J Joyce to answer this question as it was a Children's Services issue. Mr Joyce answered that this refers to pupils who fall under the free school meals vulnerable category. Norfolk has moved slightly forward compared to other areas of the Country by clawing back 1% of the gap. Through the Education Endowment Fund, the 'literary octopus' had been implemented since, and hopefully this will help the schools to move even further forward through working well with the senior leadership teams of the schools concerned. However he accepted there was still a long way to go.

4.7 Question from Mr B Borrett

Mr B Borrett informed the Leader of a situation involving a resident and his application for a blue badge. The blue badge application took over 3 months to register, by which time it had expired.

The Leader replied that the constituent concerned was due an apology and asked for his name and details to make sure the matter was looked into.

5 Notice of Motions

5.1 The following motion was proposed by Mr M Castle and seconded by Mrs C Walker;

"This Council re-affirms its strong support for the dualling of the A47 Acle Straight between Great Yarmouth and Acle and pledges to do all in its power to ensure that this project is progressed into the Government's Highways Programme.

To this end the Council will seek to designate the narrow strip of grazing land between the existing roadway and the Yarmouth to Acle railway line as a "highways corridor" capable of accommodating the construction of this much-needed dual carriageway (and to provide space for any future upgrade to the rail line alongside) without undue detriment to the Broads landscape. Furthermore the Council will seek to engage with partner agencies to get an agreed road alignment at the Acle Roundabout end of the road to satisfy any concerns as to its proximity to the Damgate Marshes SSSI."

5.1.1 Mr M Wilby proposed, seconded by Mr T Garrod, the following amendment to the

motion:

To delete the 2nd paragraph and insert the following words ahead of the first paragraph;

“This Council welcomes the news of the Government’s £300 million investment in the A47 and the improvements this investment will bring. This Council re-affirms its strong support for the dualling of the A47 Acle Straight between Great Yarmouth and Acle and pledges to do all in its power to ensure that this project is progressed into the Government’s Highways Programme.”

- 5.1.2 On being put to the vote, with 33 votes in favour and 41 votes against, the amendment was **LOST**.
- 5.1.3 A vote was then taken on Mr Castle’s original motion, which was **CARRIED**.

- 5.2 The following motion, notice of which had been given by Ms A Kemp was withdrawn by the Chairman;

“This Council, in clear recognition of its duty to the wellbeing of staff, finds it unacceptable to charge its workforce to park at County Hall in these straitened times of pay restraint and rising household costs and will therefore pursue other strategies to reduce pressure on the County Hall car park, such as more family-friendly policies such as working from home and car sharing.”

- 5.2.1 The Chairman said his decision to withdraw the motion was taken in view of the Managing Director having said earlier that the car parking charge issue would be looked at again. He said that there was no point going through this motion at this stage and that it would come back.

- 5.3 The following motion was proposed by Mr A Adams and seconded by Mrs S Gurney.

“Council agrees that an Independent Investigation be conducted into the £700,000 one off payment to Age UK Norfolk.

In particular to examine:-

- The circumstances that led to the one off payment of £700,000 being made.
- What legal advice, if any, was given to the legality of this payment?
- Why when the one off payment of £700,000 was agreed last November 2013 was the money according to BBC sources only transferred the week commencing 16th November 2014?
- What is the maximum amount of money an Officer is authorised to spend under delegated powers without first obtaining authority from the appropriate Chairman/Committee?
- What alternatives were considered, for example lending the money at 0% or a very low interest rate repayable over a period of time rather than a one off non-repayable payment

The Independent Investigation to take no longer than three months and their report and any recommendations to be debated above the line wherever possible.”

5.3.1 With 38 votes in favour and 40 against, the motion was **LOST**.

5.4 The following motion proposed by Ms A Kemp **FELL** as it was not seconded.

“This Council recognises that the Secretary of State could grant planning permission for a mass burn incinerator on the Willows, King's Lynn site at any time in the future and this Council realises that the site being immediately upwind of King's Lynn is not a suitable site for thermal waste treatment in the short, medium or long term.

Therefore it is **RESOLVED** that this Council will request Policy and Resources Committee to consider at its next meeting on 26 January 2015 selling the site to the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk for the consideration to be established by the District Valuer as fair value, as this Council understands that an undertaking from any organisation or individual not to build a mass burn incinerator is not necessarily capable of legal enforcement once the site is sold on to a third party.”

5.5 The following motion was proposed by Mr T Coke and seconded by Mr T East;

“This Council recognises that the Secretary of State could grant planning permission for a mass burn incinerator on the Willows, King's Lynn site at some time in the future and that this Council may need this site for its own waste treatment plant.

Therefore it is **RESOLVED** that this Council asks Policy and Resources Committee to refrain from selling or disposing of this site in any way until such time it is established that it is surplus to any future waste strategy requirements and not to sell the site to any organisation or individual planning to build an incinerator.”

5.5.1 After a recorded vote (attached at appendix A) with 66 in favour, 6 against and 6 abstentions, the motion was **CARRIED**.

5.6 The following motion was proposed by Mr S Morpew and seconded by Ms Corlett;

“Council recognises the important role that a well developed credit union can play in rural and urban communities. Reliable local access to smaller scale saving and borrowing services can help replace those no longer available through large institutions operating in communities. Credit unions can also help reduce the opportunities for the unscrupulous or expensive to exploit those problems.

Council therefore **RESOLVES** to work with credit unions and others to promote and assist the development of credit unions that serve Norfolk by asking Policy and Resources Committee to consider:

- A) creating a revolving zero interest loan fund of £100k for five years to help support the development of credit union services in Norfolk
- B) allowing credit unions to use appropriate council buildings and facilities as collection points free of charge
- C) including an article promoting credit unions in Your Norfolk at least annually, including credit unions in all appropriate publications and adding information

on credit unions to the county council web site

and

D) requests P&R committee to

1. oversee the provision of the preceding paragraphs of this resolution
2. commission a report on the current coverage and use of credit unions
3. annually review the position with a view to targeting more help if required."

5.6.1 The following amendment was moved by Mr M Baker, seconded by Mr A Grey and accepted by Mr S Morphew. It then became the substantive motion.

"Council recognises the important role that a well developed credit union can play in rural and urban communities. Reliable local access to smaller scale saving and borrowing services can help replace those no longer available through large institutions operating in communities. Credit unions can also help reduce the opportunities for the unscrupulous or expensive to exploit those problems.

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B) including an article promoting credit unions in Your Norfolk at least annually, including credit unions in all appropriate publications and adding information on credit unions to the county council web site

and

C) requests P&R committee to

1. oversee the provision of the preceding paragraphs of this resolution
2. commission a report on the current coverage and use of credit unions
3. annually review the position with a view to targeting more help if required."

5.6.2 The following amendment was moved by Mr J Dobson and seconded by Mr R Smith.

"Council recognises the important role that a well developed credit union can play in rural and urban communities. Reliable local access to smaller scale saving and borrowing services can help replace those no longer available through large institutions operating in communities. Credit unions can also help reduce the opportunities for the unscrupulous or expensive to exploit those problems.

Council therefore ~~RESOLVES~~ **resolves in partnership with all other like-minded Norfolk District-level Councils** to work with credit unions and others to promote and assist the development of credit unions that serve Norfolk by asking Policy and Resources Committee to consider:

- A) creating a revolving zero interest loan fund of £100k for five years to help support the development of credit union services in Norfolk
- B) allowing credit unions to use appropriate council buildings and facilities as collection points free of charge
- C) including an article promoting credit unions in Your Norfolk at least annually, including credit unions in all appropriate publications and adding information on credit unions to the county council web site

and

- D) requests P&R committee to

- 4. 2. ***Depending on the outcome of the commissioned report***, oversee the provision of the preceding paragraphs of this resolution
- 2. 1. Commission a report on the current coverage ***by District-level Councils*** and use of credit unions
- 3. Annually review the position with a view to targeting more help if required.

5.6.3 Upon a show of hands, with 40 in favour, 30 against and 5 abstentions, the amendment was **CARRIED**, and became the substantive motion.

5.6.4 Upon a show of hands, the amended motion was **CARRIED** unanimously.

6 Recommendations from Service Committees

6.1 Policy and Resources Committee – 1 December 2014

Mr G Nobbs, Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee moved the recommendation in the report regarding approval of the Mid-Year Treasury Management Monitoring Report 2014/15.

- 6.1.1 Mr R Smith asked in relation to the monitoring report circulated, how the Council managed to find the cash resources to make the large compensation payments to Cory Wheelabrator. He asked if they were found from within the cash resources or if they were borrowed.

The Chairman delegated the response to the Vice-Chairman, Mr D Harrison, who replied that the money was in reserves. Mr G Nobbs added that a written response would be sent to Mr Smith.

- 6.1.2 Upon a show of hands the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendation in the report, with 39 in favour and 32 against.

6.2 Environment, Development and Transport Committee – 16 October and 18 November 2014

- 6.2.1 Mr R Coke, Chairman of EDT Committee moved the recommendations under item A in the report, relating to the Highways Capital Programme 2015-17.

6.2.2 **Council RESOLVED to agree the recommendations.**

6.2.3 Mr R Coke then moved the recommendations in section 1 of item B of the report.

6.2.4 Mr S Hebborn moved the following amendment to the recommendations under Item B, which was seconded by Mr T East.

“That the Council approves the policies 2-19 set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report (Appendix A) with the addition of policy ~~4-3~~ 20, to read;

“The carbon footprint is to be part of the evaluation of any proposal to treat waste that the County Council is responsible for as a Waste Disposal Authority”

and policy 1 “Any proposed waste treatment facility in Norfolk will reduce dependency on landfill and must be further up the waste hierarchy than incineration.”

6.2.5 After a recorded vote (attached at Appendix B), with 64 votes in favour, 0 against and 12 abstentions, the amendment was **CARRIED** and became the substantive motion.

6.2.6 Upon a show of hands the amended recommendation was **AGREED**.

6.2.7 Mr R Coke moved the recommendation in section 2 of Item B – Adoption of the Norfolk Coast ABNB Management Plan 2014-19. Council **RESOLVED** to agree the recommendation.

7 Reports from Service Committees (Questions to Chairmen)

7.1 Report of the Policy and Resources Committee meetings held on 27 October and 1 December 2014

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

7.1.1 Question from Mr R Smith

Mr Smith asked for the Chairman’s observations on a statement in the report which stated that the review of Governance arrangements would be overseen by Group Leaders before being taken to Full Council. Mr Smith questioned if it should be going through the Constitution Advisory Group and Policy and Resources first prior to being decided by Full Council.

The Chairman replied that the matter was voted upon at Policy and Resources and the result was as recorded. The first time this matter would be considered would be at the next Group Leaders meeting. The Head of Law added that the proposals would be considered by the Constitution Advisory Group before they were referred to Full Council and this was a constitutional requirement.

7.1.2 Question from Mr H Humphrey.

In the budget considerations, there was a commendable proposal that the Fire and Rescue assets were used by other County services which could lead to savings up to £450,000. Mr Humphrey’s concern was that the savings were listed against the Fire Service budget. These were corporate savings and any shortfall in this worthy

initiative could be caused by other County services not taking advantage of the initiative. The Chairman was asked to confirm that the making up of any shortfall would not be laid only at the door of Fire and Rescue Service or any other Community Committee service.

The Chairman said that he shared Mr Humphrey's concern and confirmed that it would not be the responsibility of the Fire Service to make up the shortfall.

7.1.3 Question from Mr A Dearnley

Mr Dearnley asked if the forthcoming workshop for Members of the Policy and Resources Committee which would be looking into the budgetary savings, could be broadened to review all future sources of income available such as Council Tax as the National Audit Office Report into Financial Sustainability of Local Authorities stated that efficiency savings may be coming to an end.

The Chairman said a motion had been brought to Council to not rule out Council tax increase. The results of the vote on the motion had tended to make it difficult to consider it again, but the Chairman said he could understand the point being made by Mr Dearnley.

7.1.5 Council RESOLVED to note the report.

7.2 Report of the Adult Social Care Committee meetings held on 23 October and 17 November 2014

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

7.2.1 Question from Mr B Watkins

The Mental Health Crisis Concordat expects that in every locality in England, local partnerships of health, criminal justice and LA agencies will agree and commit to mental health crisis declarations which will consist of actions at local level that will deliver the principles of the Concordat. He asked the Chair to report on the discussions that had taken place with key partners to agree a plan for Norfolk.

The Chair replied that the partners in Norfolk signed up to Concordat in March 2014, and since then a Government structure has been put into place to report the actions to the Health and Wellbeing Board. The action plan was being submitted, and although no additional funds were available to achieve the action plan, agencies across Norfolk coming together to improve the crisis provision in Norfolk.

7.2.2 Question from Mr B Borrett

The Chair was asked if she agreed with the recommendation that had been agreed at the Adult Social Care Committee to ask Policy and Resources Committee to take a corporate approach to the council's budget to ensure the priorities are directed to the demand led services of Norfolk.

The Chair replied that the vote that had taken place at the Adult Social Care committee was unanimous and therefore of course she agreed with it. It had been taken to the Policy and Resources Committee and had been taken on board. Clearly every effort would be made when looking at priorities, but with reduced funding there could be no absolute guarantee.

7.2.3 Question from Ms E Corlett

Ms Corlett asked for an update about Ashcroft residential care home which provided specialist and unique support for women with mental health difficulties. She also asked for an assurance that NCC would work closely with health commissioners and Julian Support to secure a long term future. Any reduction in service or closure is an equality issued it would disproportionality impact upon women in Norfolk. The uncertainties had caused a significant distress and worry to the women who use the service and their families.

The Chairman replied that the situation had been rectified and Norfolk County Council would continue to commission 7 out of the 14 available beds at Ashcroft. However they would have no control over the remaining 7 beds but would make every effort to help Ashcroft identify other agencies who could use the remaining beds.

7.2.4 Council RESOLVED to note the reports.

7.3 Report of the Children's Services Committee meetings held on 15 October and 20 November 2014

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

7.3.1 Question from Mrs J Leggett

Mrs Leggett commented that it was good to see the children's commissioner, Maggie Atkinson in Norfolk. The Chairman was asked for an update on what she had found and her feedback both good and bad.

The Chairman agreed that it was good to see her in Norfolk. The report would not be produced until after the general election due to purdah. Ms Atkinson and her team had visited King's Lynn, and the Children's Centre in Holt, and had been inspired and very happy at what they had seen. Norfolk would not be mentioned in particular but it would mention good experience witnessed on the visit.

7.3.2 Question from Mr T Jermy

Recently announced that two schools in the County were ranked as bottom, and second from bottom in terms of achieving level 4 attainment or above for the region. Both are academies and there are further concerns about other academies. Has the academy reputation slipped and can the Chairman acknowledge the role that the Local Authority plays in achieving high standards.

The Chairman said that regardless of a school being an academy or a local authority school, the LA were still held responsible for the education for the children in that area. Some academies are doing better than others, but the primary role is to achieve the best education for the children.

7.3.3 Question from Mr R Smith

Mr Smith asked about the involvement of Children's Services Committee in any final decision regarding the Hewett School given that Committees should make decisions, and how any further action would be reported to the Committee.

The Chairman said that the Hewett was a school that had basically failed in its current status. He said that the Council was working with various parties to bring out the best possible education got children in that area. A written answer would be given on how the Hewett School would be moved forward with the Committee.

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

7.4 **Report of the Communities Committee meetings held on 21 October and 19 November 2014**

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

7.4.1 **Question from Mr R Smith**

The customer satisfaction results indicated that the satisfaction had declined. A resident had cause to query the standard of service recently received from NCC, but could not find the standards located on the website. A response explained that they were being reviewed and would be available from the new year. Perhaps the link should be removed or hasten the publication of the service standards.

The Chairman thanked Mr R Smith for highlighting the issue and endeavoured to make sure it was rectified.

7.4.2 **Question from Mr M Sands**

The Chairman of Communities Committee was asked to comment on the favourable view of libraries from the recent satisfaction survey and inform the Council of the transferable lessons to other services.

The Chairman replied that the Communities Committee were in the process of setting a series of working groups; one of which would be for Libraries, and the good practice from that could be shared with other departments.

7.4.3 **Question from Mrs M Strong**

The Chairman was asked if he could ask the Norfolk Clinical Commissioning Groups for reassurance that the new fund from NHS will be allocated according to the Government instructions in the mandate to NHS to work towards equality for mental health.

The Chairman said a written response would be issued.

7.4.4 **Question from Mr B Watkins**

The Chairman of Communities Committee was asked to provide an update on the current initiatives on its Council's enabling communities approach taking place in order to tackle rural isolation.

The Chairman said the enabling communities group had been an Officer led group for a while. It had recently been brought to the Committee to give it a political parent and to take the work forward to the next level. The Committee had received a report which had highlighted projects that they were involved with.

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

7.5 **Report of the Environment, Development and Transport Committee meetings held on 16 October and 18 November 2014**

Mr R Coke, Chairman of EDT Committee moved the report.

7.5.1 Question from Mr M Wilby

Will the Chairman of EDT review the reopening of public toilets at the park and ride sites. Some residents travel far to use the park and ride services and they deserved to have facilities available to them.

The Chairman replied that as he wasn't familiar with this he would ask an Officer to write a report for the Committee.

7.5.2 Question from Mr T East

Would the Chairman provide an update on the surface water flooding investigations that affected Norwich and the surrounding areas in the Autumn and how matters would be taken forward with Anglian water in terms of possible infrastructure investment priorities.

The Chairman said the outcomes had been presented and there had been three community events in the areas of Norwich affected. A leaflet had been produced for residents which gave advice for residents on the maintenance. The full report would be published in the next week or 10 days but it would be useful to make residents aware of the leaflets.

7.5.3 Question from Mr R Smith

As reported by the BBC, the world has seen the warmest year yet and the average air temperature was over half a degree Celsius above the average. Therefore the Chairman was asked if he agreed with Stuart Agnew MEP who, in his report to the EDP stated that there 'of course has been no global warming for 18 years'.

The Chairman said that he totally agreed with the MEP.

7.5.4 Question from Mr B Spratt

Mr Spratt commented that the region was lucky to have the Thursford Show every year which brought thousands of people into the area. However, the road infrastructure around the area needed improving, and it was embarrassing to present it to the visitors. It was hoped that this could be looked at by the Officers with a view to bringing a report to EDT Committee.

7.5.5 Council RESOLVED to note the report.

7.6 Report of the Economic Development Sub-Committee meeting held on 24 November 2014.

7.6.1 Council RESOLVED to note the report.

7.7 Other Committees

7.8 Reports of the Personnel Committee meetings held on 13 November and 1 December 2014

Mr G Nobbs moved the reports. Council **RESOLVED** to note the reports.

7.9 Reports of the Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings held

on 16 October and 27 November 2014

Miss J Virgo moved the reports. Council **RESOLVED** to note the reports.

7.10 Report of the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting held on 22 October 2014

Mr D Roper moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

7.11 Reports of the Planning (Regulatory) Committee meetings held on 24 October and 21 November 2014.

Mr D Collis moved the reports. Council **RESOLVED** to note the reports.

7.12 Report of the Joint Museums Committee meeting held on 28 November 2014

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

7.13 Report of the Records Committee meeting held on 28 November 2014

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

7.14 Report of the Norfolk Highway Agency Committee meeting held on 23 October 2014

Mr T Adams moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

8 Proportional Allocation of Seats on Committees

8.1 The Council received the report by the Head of Democratic Services setting out the proportional allocation of seats on committees following the recent changes to the political group arrangements.

8.2 The following proposal was moved Mr G Nobbs and seconded by Mr T East

That the Conservative Group have;

- A Liberal Democrat place on Pensions Committee
- A UKIP place on Emergency Committee
- A Labour place on General Purposes Committee

8.3 The following amendment was moved by Mr I Mackie moved and seconded by Mr Roger Smith.

The Conservative Group to replace;

- A Labour place on Economic Development sub-committee
- A Liberal Democrat place on Personnel
- A UKIP place on General Purposes Committee.

8.4 Upon a show of hands, the amendment was **LOST**.

8.5 Upon a show of hands, the substantive proposal was **CARRIED**.

9 Appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees and Joint Committees

- 9.1 The Council **noted** that Mr B Bremner had replaced Ms D Gihawi on the Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and that Mrs C Walker would be the Labour Group Nominated Substitute on the Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

10 To answer questions under Rule 8.3 of the Council Procedure Rules

There were none.

The meeting concluded at 2.30pm

Chairman



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15 December 2014

VOTING – ITEM NUMBER 5(v): - Mr R Coke’s motion

| FOR | AGAINST. | ABST. | | FOR | AGAINST | ABST | |
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| X | | | ADAMS Tony | X | | | KEMP Alexandra |
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| X | | | BAKER Michael | X | | | LONG Brian |
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| X | | | BIRD Richard | | X | | MONSON Ian |
| | X | | BORRETT Bill | X | | | MOONEY Joe |
| X | | | BOSWELL Andrew | X | | | MORGAN Elizabeth |
| X | | | BREMNER Bert | X | | | MORPHEW Steve |
| X | | | BROCIK-COULTON Julie | X | | | NOBBS George |
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| ABSENT | | | CARTTISS Michael | X | | | PARKINSON-HARE Rex |
| X | | | CASTLE Mick | X | | | PERKINS Jim |
| | X | | CHAMBERLIN Jenny | X | | | PROCTOR Andrew |
| X | | | CHENERY OF HORSBRUGH Michael | X | | | RAMSBOTHAM David |
| X | | | CHILDS Jonathon | X | | | RICHMOND William |
| X | | | CLANCY Stuart | X | | | ROPER Daniel |
| X | | | COKE Toby | X | | | SANDS Mike |
| X | | | COLLIS David | X | | | SEWARD Eric |
| X | | | CORLETT Emma | X | | | SHAW Nigel |
| X | | | COX Hilary | ABSENT | | | SMITH Matthew |
| X | | | CRAWFORD Denis | | | X | SMITH Roger |
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| X | | | FOULGER Colin | X | | | THOMAS David |
| X | | | GARROD Tom | ABSENT | | | TIMEWELL John |
| X | | | GIHAWI Deborah | X | | | VIRGO Judith |
| X | | | GILMOUR Paul | X | | | WALKER Colleen |
| X | | | GREY Alan | X | | | WARD John |
| ABSENT | | | GUNSON Adrian | X | | | WATKINS Brian |
| X | | | GURNEY Shelagh | X | | | WHITAKER Sue |
| X | | | HACON Pat | X | | | WHITE Tony |
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| X | | | HARRISON David | X | | | WILKINSON Margaret |
| X | | | HEBBORN Stan | | | | |
| X | | | HUMPHREY Harry | | | | |
| ABSENT | | | ILES Brian | | | | |
| X | | | JERMY Terry | | | | |
| X | | | JORDAN Cliff | | | | |
| X | | | JOYCE James | | | | |

With 66 votes in favour, 6 votes against and 6 abstentions, the amendment was **CARRIED**.

Norfolk County Council
15 December 2014

VOTING – ITEM NUMBER: 6 – Mr Hebborn’s amendment to EDT’s recommendation 1.4.

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With 64 votes in favour, and 12 abstentions the amendment was CARRIED and became the substantive motion.