

Norfolk County Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 10am on Monday 15 October 2018

Present:

Mr A Adams	Ms A Kemp
Mr T Adams	Mr K Kiddie
Mr S Aquarone	Mr M Kiddle-Morris
Mr S Askew	Mr B Long
Ms J Barnard	Mr I Mackie
Mr B Borrett	Dr E Maxfield
Ms C Bowes	Mr G Middleton
Mr R Brame	Mr J Mooney
Mrs J Brociek-Coulton	Mr S Morphew
Ms S Butikofer	Mr G Nobbs
Mr M Castle	Mrs J Oliver
Mr S Clancy	Mr G Plant
Mr E Colman	Mr R Price
Mr E Connolly	Mr A Proctor
Ms E Corlett	Mr W Richmond
Mr S Dark	Mr D Roper
Mrs M Dewsbury	Mr D Rowntree
Mr N Dixon	Mr M Sands
Mr D Douglas	Mr E Seward
Mr P Duigan	Mr C Smith
Mr F Eagle	Mr M Smith-Clare
Mr T East	Mr B Spratt
Mr S Eyre	Ms S Squire
Mr J Fisher	Mr B Stone
Mr T FitzPatrick	Mr H Thirtle
Mr C Foulger	Mrs A Thomas
Mr A Grant	Mr J Timewell
Mr R Hanton	Mrs K Vincent
Mr D Harrison	Mrs C Walker
M Chenery of Horsbrugh	Mr J Ward
Mr H Humphrey	Mr B Watkins
Mr B Iles	Mr A White
Mr A Jamieson	Mr M Wilby
Mrs B Jones	
Dr C Jones	

Present: 68

Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Bills; Mr T Garrod; Mr T Jermy; Mrs M Stone; Dr M Strong and Mr V Thomson.

Mr H Humphrey, Vice-Chairman in the Chair.

1 Minutes

- 1.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23 July 2018 were confirmed as a correct record by Council and signed by the Chairman, subject to Paragraph 5.4.1 (Question from Ms A Kemp) being amended to read:

Ms Kemp asked when a village was not a village and referred to the fact that Defra had redrawn the boundaries of the European Leader Funding so that West Lynn, which was a village in her Division could not benefit from it which was particularly serious as the ferry service ~~could~~ **might** not continue without funding **after the current owners retired**. Ms Kemp asked

2 Chairman's Announcements

- 2.1 The Vice-Chairman formally reported the sad passing of three former colleagues:

- Adrian Gunson, who was Conservative County Councillor for Loddon Division from 1970 to 2015 and had been a former Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation for many years.
- Robin Dyball, Labour County Councillor, who stood for one term after being elected to represent Crome Ward in 1985
- Former Chairman of the Council, John Donaldson, who had represented King's Lynn North and Central between May 1970 and May 2005 and who had been Chairman of Norfolk County Council in 1993-94.

Council stood in a moment's silence as a mark of respect for all three men.

The Leader of the Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups paid tribute to all three men and the contributions they had made to local government.

3 Declarations of Interest

- 3.1 Mr H Humphrey declared an interest as he was a Governor at Emneth school which included a Children's Centre.

4 Carers' Charter

- 4.1 Council received a report by the Executive Director of Adult Social Care asking it to endorse the Carers Charter and agree to promote the Charter to other organisations across the county.
- 4.2 Council welcomed Mr William Armstrong and some of the carers who were Members of the Working Group to the meeting. Mr Armstrong, as Chairman of the Working Group, outlined the work of the Group and introduced the Charter.

4.3 Mr B Borrett, Chairman of Adult Social Care Committee moved the recommendations in the report and thanked Mr Armstrong and the Members of the Working Group for their work in producing the charter. Mr Borrett, seconded by Mr A Proctor, moved the following additional recommendation to the report:

1. To endorse the Carers Charter and agree to promote the Charter to other organisations across the county.
2. **To refer the Carers Charter to Policy & Resources Committee for implementation and further review.**

4.4 Council **RESOLVED** to

1. **Endorse** the Carers charter and agreed to promote the Charter to other organisations across the county.
2. **Agree** to refer the Carers Charter to Policy & Resources Committee for implementation and further review.

Council **agreed** to consider agenda item 10 (Appointments to Committees) as its next item of business.

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

5.1 The Leader moved the changes made to Committee Membership under delegated powers since the last meeting and asked that Council place on record its thanks to the former Chairman of Children's Services, Penny Carpenter, for her hard work and commitment to the Committee.

Council **RESOLVED** to note the following changes to committees:

Children's Services Committee:

Harry Humphrey and Judy Oliver to replace Penny Carpenter and Graham Middleton.

Panel of Substitutes for Regulatory Committees:

Add Bev Spratt

5.2 The Leader moved the following appointments:

Stuart Dark – Chairman of Children's Services Committee
Judy Oliver – Vice-Chairman of Children's Services Committee
Stuart Dark to be appointed to Policy & Resources Committee

5.3 Upon being put to a vote, with 42 votes in favour, 13 votes against and 9 abstentions, Council **RESOLVED** to agree the appointments as set out in paragraph 5.2 above.

6 Questions to Leader of the Council

6.1 Question from Ms J Barnard

6.1.1 Ms Barnard said that the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Liz Truss, the Conservative MP, had stated that there had been no cuts to councils' finances.

She added that we knew there had been massive cuts and asked if the Leader of the Council could tell Members who was lying to Norfolk.

- 6.1.2 The Leader replied that he didn't think anyone was lying and people needed to bear in mind what had been said and the context in which it had been said. The Leader referred Members to the speech made by the Prime Minister at the Conservative Party Conference and quoted the words she had used. "So when we have secured a good Brexit deal for Britain, at the spending review next year we will set out our approach to the future. Debt as a share of the economy will continue to go down. Support for public services will go up after the financial crash – people need to know that austerity is over and their hard work has paid off". The Leader added that perhaps the question also needed to be asked about who was in charge at the time of that particular crash and also the other aspect of this was what was not ending - fiscal responsibility. He said that Norfolk County Council had a plan to reflect that and that everyone had accepted for some time that in 2021 there would be the loss of the £38m Revenue Support Grant (RSG) which needed to be managed in the way we had always managed our finances – in a correct and sustainable way.

6.2 **Question from Mr B Watkins**

- 6.2.1 Mr Watkins asked if the Leader could tell Council the number and proportion of home care visits undertaken within the county in 2017/18 that were 15 minutes or less and 5 minutes or less and how this compared to previous years. He asked for a written response to be sent to all Councillors if the Leader was not able to provide an immediate answer.

- 6.2.2 The Leader agreed to provide a detailed written response, adding that everyone endeavoured to ensure that home care visits were carried out at the correct times and for the correct reasons.

6.3 **Question from Mr M Castle**

- 6.3.1 Mr Castle referred to the recent Conservative Party Conference when Treasury Minister Robert Jenrick had said that he would welcome new devolution proposals from the East, albeit with an elected mayor as a key component. He asked the Leader of the Council to tell him whether the new Administration at County Hall was still "closing the door" on any new initiative to secure a devolution deal from Government for Norfolk and Suffolk.

- 6.3.2 The Leader replied that he wouldn't close the door on any form of deal that would benefit both this county and its neighbouring counties. The Leader added that he had been, and remained, a supporter of devolution at the time it was propagated and if the right deal could be obtained for Norfolk then it had to be a good thing. He added that Cambridgeshire had flourished from the amount of money that had been invested through the combined authority and that the Mayor of Cambridgeshire, James Palmer, had contacted him to see if Norfolk could help him spend some money.

6.4 **Question from Mr E Connolly**

- 6.4.1 Mr Connolly asked if the Leader would agree that elected members should be directly accountable to those who elected them, including policy and budget decisions and also be free to democratically elect their own Leader. If so, was the Leader as concerned as he was about the local government proposals being discussed by the Labour Party, bringing in unelected committees consisting of

Party members to dictate policy and install Leaders in Councils.

- 6.4.2 The Leader replied that Cllr Nick Forbes, had been appointed as Labour Leader of Newcastle upon Tyne Council, and had originally railed against it. He added that Mr Forbes was also Vice-Chairman of the Local Government Association. The Leader said that the situation needed to be accepted as a proposal but if it did go ahead, Labour Councils could be subservient to local party Committees. He added that he was sure everyone would agree that whoever voted for elected councillors, or not, it was our duty to represent them and not be subject to any external forces.
- 6.4.3 Ms Corlett raised a point of order under paragraph 11.5 (f) of the Constitution by way of personal explanation and advised Council that she was the Norwich South delegate at the Labour Party conference and the appointment had not been voted on at the conference and had actually taken place before the conference started.
- 6.5 **Question from Mrs J Brociek-Coulton**
- 6.5.1 Mrs Brociek-Coulton referred to Universal credit which was due to be rolled out in Norwich from Wednesday 17 October and which was also being rolled out across the rest of the county. She asked the Leader what impact he expected families being left without money for five weeks would have on the demand for early help and social care services and what contingency he had in place to support families in urgent need.
- 6.5.2 The Leader replied there had been and could continue to be, a lot of talk about the impact of universal credit, but perhaps the best way was to think back to what it had been designed for – to consolidate a range of benefits under one system and also to encourage people into work. He added that he didn't think anyone denied there had been some significant problems, perhaps more in some places than others, about the way universal credit had been rolled out and he also said each phase had been rolled out in such a way that problems could be ironed out and improvements made to the system.
- 6.6 **Question from Mr D Roper**
- 6.6.1 Mr Roper referred back to an earlier question and asked if the Leader actually agreed with the Chief Secretary to the Treasury that local councils shouldn't keep asking for extra government money, or was he more inclined to agree with the Prime Minister when she had said that austerity would soon be over. He asked if the Council should still be lobbying for extra money from Government.
- 6.6.2 The Leader referred to his previous comment that austerity was being brought to an end. He added that lobbying was continuing but he thought the days of just holding out a hand and expecting more money were gone. He added that better ways to demonstrate to government that we were doing things for the benefit of the local community was to show them what we had done, such as during the Adult Social Services peer review recently. He stated that if we could demonstrate through our invest to save programmes we could obtain better value for money, it would enable a better case to be presented to Government than just holding out a begging bowl.
- 6.7 **Question from Ms A Kemp**
- 6.7.1 Ms Kemp referred to the advanced, mature collaboration between the Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service and the Constabulary. She said that although Council believed

that it would not be efficient or effective for the Police & Crime Commissioner to take over the service, which would also add £1m for the Council to pay at a time when we were considering taking £1m away from children's centres and not supporting them. Ms Kemp asked if the Leader agreed that it would be outrageous for the Police & Crime Commissioner to take over the Fire Service.

- 6.7.2 The Leader responded that Norfolk County Council had clearly set out its views on what it wanted to happen about any potential change in governance of the Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service and had demonstrated two things. First of all there was no local appetite to make this change and secondly there were flaws, which had been publicly stated, in the business case that had been put forward. At the moment it was down to the Police & Crime Commissioner to evaluate the responses to the consultation and to decide whether he was prepared to accept some of the flaws were actually flaws and amend his case accordingly, or whether it was his view, and it would be his decision ultimately, to go forward to the Home Secretary to make a case for change.

6.8 Question from Mr J Ward

- 6.8.1 Mr Ward asked if the Leader would join him in congratulating the staff at the Norfolk Museums Service for their outstanding work in obtaining £9.2m from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the Castle Keep project.

- 6.8.2 The Leader replied that he certainly would, adding that it was not very often that the Heritage Lottery Fund gave out money of that magnitude. The Leader thanked all the staff and partner organisations for the work they had put in to making the successful bid. He added that he had been present on the day the successful bid was announced and the joy in people's faces and the way they went about their business was good to see. He also added that this was a real achievement for Norwich and Norfolk which would enhance the county's cultural offering.

6.9 Question from Mrs C Walker

- 6.9.1 Mrs Walker asked the Leader which, if any, of the children's centres he had last visited?

- 6.9.2 The Leader replied that he would be quite honest and that he hadn't.

6.10 Question from Mr T East

- 6.10.1 Mr East asked the Leader if he agreed with the Chairman of Environment, Development and Transport Committee's statement in the press concerning the increase in charges for DIY household waste and if he, as Leader, was happy to confirm the Conservatives were a party of tax increasers?

- 6.10.2 The Leader responded that he was not one to increase taxes unnecessarily but what the Chairman of Environment, Development and Transport Committee had said was right and we had actually achieved something through charging for disposal of DIY and construction waste. He added that whatever had been said, evidence had shown that fly-tipping wasn't down to the extra charges for disposal of DIY and construction waste.

6.11 Question from Mrs B Jones

- 6.11.1 Mrs Jones stated that the Leader knew the statutory duty to consult on the closure of children's centres and asked if he agreed that this was followed by a

duty to listen.

- 6.11.2 The Leader replied that there no point in having consultations unless you listened to the consultation responses and took action.

7 Notice of Motions

- 7.1 Council **agreed** to consider the motion 2 on the agenda as its next item of business.

- 7.2 The following motion was proposed by Dr E Maxfield and seconded by Mr D Roper:

“The Council resolves to suspend its Early Childhood and Family Service consultation and to rewrite it to provide a more balanced and accurate reflection of the council’s proposals.”

- 7.2.1 Mr M Smith-Clare proposed the following amendment, which was seconded by Ms E Corlett:

‘Council regrets the opening of consultations on the future of Children’s Centres before the proposals were agreed for consultation by the Children’s Services Committee. Council also regrets the refusal of the chair/vice chair of the committee to hold a special meeting to address this. In the absence of a Committee decision there is no authority to begin consultation on such a significant service alteration.

Council further notes that annual premises costs for Children’s Centres is £1.01 million. The consultation does not make clear where the further £4 million cut will come from.

Council resolves to suspend its Early Childhood and Family Service consultation and to rewrite it to provide a more balanced and accurate reflection of the council’s proposals following deliberation and decision by the Children’s Services Committee or Policy and Resources Committee.’

- 7.2.2 As proposer of the original motion Dr Maxfield accepted the amendment which became the substantive motion.

- 7.2.3 Following debate and upon being put to a recorded vote (attached at Appendix A), with 23 votes in favour, 43 votes against and 1 abstention, the motion was **LOST**.

- 7.3 The following motion was proposed by Ms S Squire and seconded by Mr M Castle:

Council reaffirms its commitment to the protection of the environment, in particular the marine environment, as we are a County with some 90 miles of coastline and acknowledge that we have a responsibility toward keeping it as pristine as possible.

Therefore, this Council resolves to -

- A) create an online ‘Balloon and Chinese Lantern Free Charter’ for Norfolk by the end of 2018. To work with the remaining councils in Norfolk that have yet to ban the release of Chinese Lanterns and Balloons on their land and other organisations including schools, clubs and land owners to publicise the dangers of such releases, encourage them not to hold them and to sign up to

the charter, enabling Norfolk to be a Chinese lantern and balloon release free county.

- B) instruct officers to immediately investigate options to start the process of making the Council and its activities as sustainable as possible. To begin reducing the usage of all single use products, including but not limited to single use plastics, in council owned or operated buildings.

Specifically, to include by the end of 2018:

- The removal of all chilled water dispensers and plastic cups from meeting rooms, providing jugs of water and glasses as an alternative.
- To end the sale of items in single use plastic packaging on Council premises, including drinks bottles, food wrappers, bottle tops and plastic lids.
- To ensure that no single use cutlery or food containers, whether made of plastic or alternative materials are supplied by the council itself or other vendors in council owned or operated buildings and events.

- 7.3.1 The following amendment was proposed by Mr S Clancy and seconded by Mr M Wilby:

“Council reaffirms its commitment to the protection of the environment, in particular the marine environment, as we are a county with some 90 miles of coastline and acknowledge that we have a responsibility toward keeping it as pristine as possible.

Therefore, this Council resolves to ask Environment, Development and Transport Committee to establish a Task and Finish Group to investigate the issues of a balloon and Chinese lantern free charter and single use products including, but not limited to, single use plastics in council owned or operated buildings and report back with recommendations by April 2019.”

- 7.3.2 As proposer of the original motion, Ms S Squire accepted the amendment, which became the substantive motion.

- 7.3.3 Following debate, and upon the substantive motion being put to a vote, the motion was **unanimously CARRIED**.

Council reaffirms its commitment to the protection of the environment, in particular the marine environment, as we are a county with some 90 miles of coastline and acknowledge that we have a responsibility toward keeping it as pristine as possible.

Therefore, this Council resolves to ask Environment, Development and Transport Committee to establish a Task and Finish Group to investigate the issues of a balloon and Chinese lantern free charter and single use products including, but not limited to, single use plastics in council owned or operated buildings and report back with recommendations by April 2019.

- 7.4 The following motion was **WITHDRAWN** by the Liberal Democrat Group:

“Mobile Libraries are a key front-line service for thousands of people across Norfolk. They provide a lifeline for people in rural or remote communities who are

not able to access static libraries or are digitally excluded. They help to combat social isolation and reduce loneliness, as the mobile library for some people can be the only people they meet that week.

They help to maintain a sense of community in rural villages. Some of the people using the service say "I remember when the mobile library was started as a child and it stopped in the street; it was an event."

The 40% cut to the mobile library service could lead to a severe reduction in the number of routes being serviced. At the very least it will have a major effect on thousands of people who rely on this front-line service.

The cut should be reversed so that a full review of the service could be undertaken where its priority is how the service can meet the needs of the people who are using the service rather than how do we cut the service by such a large amount.

The Council resolves that CMM022 in the Medium Term Financial Strategy be revised to exclude any reduction in the mobile library service for 2019-20."

7.5 The following motion was **WITHDRAWN** by the Labour Group.

"Council regrets the opening of consultations on the future of Children's Centres before the proposals were agreed for consultation by the Children's Services Committee. Council also regrets the refusal of the chair/vice chair of the committee to hold a special meeting to address this.

Council further notes that annual premises costs for Children's Centres is £1.01 million. The consultation does not make clear where the further £4 million cut will come from.

In the absence of a committee decision and therefore authority to begin consultation on such a significant service alteration council resolves to withdraw the consultation pending proper deliberation and decision on what should be put for consultation and an honest conversation with the public by either Children's Services Committee or Policy and Resources Committee".

8 Recommendations from Service Committees

8.1 Policy & Resources – Recommendations from the meeting held on 24 September 2018.

8.1.1 Mr A Proctor, Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee, moved the recommendations in the report.

8.1.2 Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018-2022.

Council **RESOLVED** to:

- **Approve** the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018-22 as set out in Appendix A of the report.

8.1.3 Council Tax Exemption for Care Leavers.

Council **RESOLVED** to:

1. Adopt the scheme set out in the report to deliver a full council tax discount for all Norfolk care leavers living either in or out of Norfolk who are under the age of 25 and are solely responsible for payment of the bill, or who occupy a property with other Norfolk care leavers aged up to 25.
2. Commission officers to undertake further work with the seven Norfolk District Councils and the Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner to seek to agree that all authorities bear their share of the full discount and that a uniform scheme can be implemented across Norfolk.

8.1.4 **Limited Company Consents.**

Council **RESOLVED** to **agree**:

1. The appointment of Directors to companies as detailed in Appendix C to the report.
2. The appointment of Mr B Stone to replace Mr K Kiddie as a Director of the Hethel Engineering Centre.

8.1.5 **Recommendations from Constitution Advisory Group meeting held on 4 September 2018.**

8.1.5.1 **Health and Wellbeing Board – Governance and Systems Leadership.**

Council **RESOLVED** to:

- **Agree** that the Chair of the N&W Sustainability & Transformation Partnership (STP) and the N&W STP Executive Lead become full members of the HWB (para 2.3 of the report refers).
- **Agree** that the cabinet member for Community Health and Safety at Waveney District Council (or its successor authority) becomes a full member of the HWB (para 2.5 of the report refers).
- **Agree** that there should be provision for members of the public to ask questions in line with procedural rules (as outlined in Appendix B to the report).

8.1.5.2 **Review of Financial Standing Orders (FSOs) and Consequential Amendments to the Constitution.**

Council **RESOLVED** to:

- Agree the changes to Financial Regulations as set out in Appendix 1 of the report to CAG.

8.1.5.3 **Communities and Environmental Services – Trading Standards – Addition to Part 6.2 – Scheme of Delegated Powers to Officers.**

Council **RESOLVED** to:

- **Amend** Part 6.2 of the Constitution to include the additional provision as set out in the report to CAG.

8.1.5.4 **Appointment of Senior Officers**

Council **RESOLVED** to:

- **Agree** that the Director of Growth and Development be added to the list of posts set out in Part A of the Appendix to Part 6.4 of the constitution.

8.1.5.5 **Changes to the Scheme of Delegation for the Determination of Planning Applications and the provision of Training for Members of the Planning (Regulatory) Committee.**

Council **RESOLVED** to:

- **Agree** that the changes to the constitution are adopted as set out in the report and that the training requirements apply to all Members and Substitute Members sitting on the Committee.

8.1.5.6 **Order of Business at Council Meetings**

Council **RESOLVED** to:

- **Agree** that the order of business at Council meetings as currently set out in 2.1 of Part 3.2 of the constitution be amended so that motions under Standing Order 9 be considered after reports/recommendations from Committees and Member questions to Committee Chairmen.

8.2 **Standards Committee – Recommendations from the meeting held on 3 October 2018.**

8.2.1 Mr M Kiddle-Morris, Chairman of Standards Committee moved the recommendation in the report.

8.2.2 Mr G Nobbs, seconded by Mr M Castle, proposed an amendment to the recommendation as follows:

Members' Interests

Amend the Norfolk County Council Members Code of Conduct to require Members to declare in their declarations of interest form as an "other interest":

- If a matter affects, to a greater extent than others in my division:
 - My wellbeing or financial position, or
 - That of my family or close friends
 - Anybody -
 - a) Exercising functions of a public nature.
 - b) Directed to charitable purposes; or
 - c) One of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union);Of which I am **a member or** in a position of general control or management.

8.2.3 Upon the amended recommendation being put to a vote, with 24 votes in favour the amendment was **LOST**.

8.2.4 Upon the substantive recommendation being put to the vote, Council **RESOLVED** to:

Members' Interests.

Amend the Norfolk County Council Members Code of Conduct to require Members to declare in their declarations of interest form as an "other interest":

- If a matter affects, to a greater extent than others in my division:
 - My wellbeing or financial position, or
 - That of my family or close friends
 - Any body -
 - a) Exercising functions of a public nature.
 - b) Directed to charitable purposes; or
 - c) One of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union);
- Of which I am in a position of general control or management.

9 Reports from Service Committees (Questions to Chairmen)

9.1 Report of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 24 September 2018.

Mr A Proctor, Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee, moved the report.

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

9.2 Report of the Adult Social Care Committee meeting held on 3 September 2018.

Mr B Borrett, Chairman of Adult Social Care Committee moved the report.

9.2.1 Question from Mrs B Jones

Mrs Jones stated she was pleased the Chairman recognised that one-off funding was not going to do more than provide a sticking plaster and we needed a sustainable approach to adult social care funding. She asked the Chairman if he had any evidence that the Government was taking the plight of Norfolk seriously.

The Chairman replied that he was happy to reiterate ground which had been covered in Committee. He added that the increased demand for the service which was as a direct result of the demographics in the county in which people were living longer and therefore requiring more help in their later years, through frailty, was something that was concerning the Committee and that every opportunity had been taken to availing ourselves and informing Government to try to find a national solution to the issue. The Chairman also said that he knew Prime Ministers of all persuasions had wrestled with this situation and as a Committee we had made representations and would continue to do so. He also said that the latest Green Paper from the Government was awaited with great interest.

9.2.2 Question from Mr B Watkins

Mr Watkins referred to World Mental Health Day which had taken place on 10

October 2018 and said that one of the issues highlighted was how employers could do more to support people with mental health. He said that a recent Early Day motion promoted by Liberal Democrat MP, Norman Lamb, had called for the same level of recognition between mental and physical first aid. This would mean that every first aider in the workplace would have the skills to support those in mental health crisis and get them the help that they needed. Many organisations were already training their line managers in mental health first aid and wellbeing. Mr Watkins asked the Chairman of Adult Social Care if he supported this approach and how he envisaged the Council strengthening its support for staff with mental health issues.

The Chairman replied that it was a very interesting point being made and that mental health was key to the success of any organisation. He said he was flattered to be asked the question about what the council's position should be, but it was really a matter for the Leader and the Policy & Resources Committee.

9.2.3 **Question from Ms S Squire**

Ms Squire said that at a recent meeting, councillors heard how adults with disabilities were scared of their social workers and of having reviews with them, because they were worried about services being taken away from them. She asked if the Chairman would agree that vulnerable people with disabilities needed to be able to trust their social worker and should not be living in constant fear that they were going to lose critical services. She asked the Chairman if he could explain what he thought should be done about it.

The Chairman agreed that there should be an element of trust between the social worker and people in their care, although he said he could not agree with the premise that no-one should be reviewed because people's situations changed and the only way to know if someone was receiving the right amount of care was to have regular reviews with them. He added that it may be that individuals needs increased, or decreased, and he could not accept that it would be a sensible course of action.

9.2.4 **Question from Ms A Kemp**

Ms Kemp referred to an issue in her constituency where one of her constituents had been in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for two weeks and had been declared medically fit to leave, had no social care issue, no health care issue and was relying on a private provider for equipment and that he had effectively sustained a deprivation of liberty for four weeks. She asked, under the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, what mechanisms and checks and balances were going to be in place to stop this issue from happening in future.

The Chairman asked Ms Kemp to raise the question under the Health and Wellbeing Board report item.

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

9.3 **Report of the Business & Property Committee meeting held on 4 September 2018**

Mr B Stone, Chairman of Business & Property Committee moved the report and advised that, at its meeting in November, the Committee had amended the recommendation relating to Elm Road, Thetford to allow community organisations

until the end of this calendar year to come up with a financially viable bid. If no viable bid was received, the property would be auctioned.

9.3.1 **Question from Mrs C Walker**

Mrs Walker said at the moment Repton Homes was making virtually no progress and increasingly looked like another accountancy trick to make the books balance, rather than building affordable homes for Norfolk. Mrs Walker asked if the Chairman could let Council know when the first Repton Home would be available to live in.

The Chairman replied that some progress was being made on Repton Homes and that finding a development partner was currently out to tender after which it was expected that a development partner would be appointed.

9.3.2 **Question from Ms E Corlett**

Ms Corlett referred to the car park under the Vauxhall Centre and the confusion caused when the Committee was accidentally misled into believing that planning permission was in place. Ms Corlett asked the Chairman if he was aware that planning permission was still not in place and that information had been presented to the city council to clarify that decision. Ms Corlett also asked if the Chairman would consider, in light of the current children's centre proposals, as the Vauxhall Centre was one of those proposed to remain open which would considerably increase the number of staff working at that building, if the proposed use of the car park should be reconsidered, as the current ground level car park was already full on a daily basis and with more staff working there, parking would become more difficult.

The Chairman replied that the Committee had been under the impression that no planning permission was required and this was still the case. However, he said for the sake of a belt and braces approach, the process of checking whether planning permission was needed would be carried out and if it was, planning permission would be applied for and obtained. He added that the car park had been derelict for a long time prior to the current proposal and had cost the Council a lot of money, therefore he considered that the recommendations already agreed for its future use would stand.

9.3.3 **Question from Mr M Castle**

Mr Castle stated that it had been four years since Children's Services staff in Great Yarmouth were relocated from a number of inadequate premises into the refurbished Haven Bridge House in the town centre. He asked if the Chairman could tell him why nothing had yet been done about disposal of the Tar Works Road site in his division, alongside the River Bure, which had the potential to deliver an attractive housing development and to deliver a consequent capital receipt for the Council?

The Chairman replied that this was an ongoing issue and would provide a written answer to Mr Castle.

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

9.4 **Report of the Children's Services Committee meeting held on 11 September 2018.**

Mr S Dark, Chairman of Children's Services Committee moved the report. Paid tribute to work of Penny Carpenter whilst she as Chairman of the Committee.

9.4.1 Question from Mr M Castle

Mr Castle said that Council would know how passionate he was about schools in his Division, especially about getting new school buildings for a bigger North Denes Primary and turning the old Alderman Swindell school into a much needed special school. Mr Castle asked if the Chairman could reassure him about the council's resolve to see both these projects through to fruition.

The Chairman gave his assurance that this would happen, adding that the children were now in their new modular classrooms at North Denes which were fit for purpose. He said that Ofsted had recently revisited the school and had graded it as "good, with outstanding features, including leadership" which the children at Alderman Swindell did not have previously. The Chairman said that a planning application had been submitted with the intention of having a £7.5m state of the art school in that area of Great Yarmouth by summer 2020 and that Alderman Swindell was currently being formally assessed for usability, with allocated funding, to turn it into a much needed special educational needs (SEN) facility serving that area.

9.4.2 Question from Mr M Smith-Clare

Mr Smith-Clare thanked Penny Carpenter for her work when she had been Chairman of Children's Services Committee.

Mr Smith-Clare referred to children's centres engaging with 75% of the most deprived communities and asked the Chairman if the figure indicated their effective role in providing an essential lifeline.

The Chairman thanked Mr Smith-Clare for his kind comments to Penny Carpenter and said he would ensure they were passed on.

The Chairman said that with regard to the comment about children's centres he didn't want to rehash earlier conversations, but he felt this was something that would be explored further when it was presented to Children's Services Committee in January 2019. He added that he agreed the services were key but he felt services were best delivered by people to people, and should not be about buildings.

9.4.3 Question from Mr G Middleton

Mr Middleton referred to media reports about the Children's Services transformation programme and the £12m pledged to its cause. He asked the Chairman if the £12m was new money and also, as the new Chairman of Children's Services Committee, what he expected it to deliver.

The Chairman replied that £12m of new money was allocated to a new transformation programme to support the established professional management team in Children's Services. This was part of a whole-system response, with partners, to ensure the earliest help to families that needed it most could be delivered. It was the Chairman's view that this was right as we shouldn't be waiting, as has previously happened in the past, for families to hit crisis point

9.4.4 Question from Ms J Barnard

Ms Barnard said she was pleased to see the Chairman had attended some of the consultation sessions in Norwich recently and asked him what he had learned from the people he had spoken to at those events and if he had learned anything from the delegation of parents he had met before today's Council meeting.

The Chairman replied that it was his intention to drop in to other events and listen to the views and concerns of parents as everyone agreed this was an important issue about the service. He added that he had learned that children's centre services were valued and helpful for families. He said officers had attended the meetings and would help ensure that the views were fed into the consultation, not only the comments "this is a vital service to me" but also specific questions such as "what works for you", "what doesn't work for you" and "what would you like to improve". He said that honest views were wanted and he would do his best to ensure people's views were heard.

9.4.5 **Question from Ms A Kemp**

Ms Kemp asked if the Chairman could reconsider the issue of accessibility and attendance at children's centres because out of the five lower level super-output areas, with the 10% most deprived, there were 5 in King's Lynn where the children's centres were.

The Chairman asked Ms Kemp to speak to him outside the meeting and also urged Ms Kemp and all local members to ensure that all the concerns of their constituents were fed into the consultation.

9.4.6 **Question from Dr C Jones**

Dr Jones asked the Chairman of Children's Services Committee to let Council know which children's centre had had last visited and when it was.

The Chairman replied that the consultation was due to finish on 12 November with Children's Services Committee making a decision at its meeting in January 2019. The Chairman had appointments in his diary to attend consultation meetings as well as a range of children's centres to hear about specific proposals of what they and their users would consider to be a challenge or benefit.

9.4.7 **Question from Mrs C Walker**

Mrs Walker asked if the Chairman could spell out the business case and rationale for cutting the budget from £10m to £5m and asked, once the consultation had finished, if he would be voting with his group or with his constituents?

The Chairman replied that the consultation was still active and we were waiting for people to give us their views and for Officers to work up detailed plans and equality impact assessments. After this work had been done, Councillors would then make decisions based on those detailed plans. He added that he was sure the Committee would vigorously debate the plans and therefore he felt it was important that no prejudgement was made on how we would vote.

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

9.5 **Report of the Communities Committee meetings held on 29 August and 5 September 2018.**

Mrs M Dewsbury, Chairman of Communities Committee, moved the report.

9.5.1

Question from Mr S Aquarone

Mr Aquarone said that the Liberal Democrat Group had welcomed the decision to drastically reduce the planned cuts to the mobile library service so that only stops that weren't being used were the ones removed. Mr Aquarone asked what Council would be doing to promote the service so there was clarity and consistency and also asked if the department could provide some information to Members so they could promote the service when out and about in their communities.

The Chairman responded in her constituency, which covered 12 or 13 different villages, the local church magazines included an article about when the mobile libraries were visiting and promoting the service to try to get people to use the service. She added that she was not sure who was responsible for circulating information in different areas and urged Members to investigate what happened in their areas to promote mobile libraries.

9.5.2

Question from Ms S Squire

Ms Squire stated that the Communities Committee had agreed at its recent meeting to create a Task and Finish Group regarding the production of a new Fire Service Integrated Risk Management Plan. She asked if the Chairman had thought to inquire whether the Police & Crime Commissioner had made a decision yet regarding his plan for taking over the Fire Service as surely that would impact on the work of the Task & Finish Group.

The Chairman replied that it was her understanding that the Fire Service had to produce its Integrated Risk Management Plan regardless of who was responsible for the governance of the service, so the Task and Finish Group would go ahead. She added that it was also her understanding that once the Plan was in place it would be up to the Police & Crime Commissioner if he wanted to make changes, although she did not think it would be an easy process to change the final Plan.

9.5.3

Question from Dr C Jones

Dr Jones said that part of the children's centre consultation envisaged services being provided in other county council premises, including libraries. He asked if the Chairman could tell Council what adaptations were likely to be needed if the use of libraries went ahead.

The Chairman replied that she had not been consulted so no library adaptations had yet been considered.

9.5.4

Question from Mrs S Butikofer

Mrs Butikofer asked if the Chairman would write to the Police & Crime Commissioner to ask him when a response to the consultation on the governance of the Fire & Rescue Service could be expected.

The Chairman replied that, despite enquiries, at the moment there was no confirmed date, although it was hoped that the response would be received by the end of November.

9.5.5

Question from Ms J Barnard

Ms Barnard said it was known that cuts to children's centres could result in more cuts to services being run from libraries and asked if the Chairman could tell Council

how, moving forward, library staff would be supported in engaging with the consultation and how any changes would affect them.

The Chairman responded that as far as she was concerned the public consultation was published and was available to everyone. People in libraries would be able to respond to it as it was a public consultation and she was unsure why it was thought people in libraries were different as they were providing all kinds of services.

9.5.6 **Question from Ms A Kemp**

Ms Kemp referred to the business and intellectual service in the Millennium Library in Norwich which helped people who were considering setting up a business and asked the Chairman to what extent the service was going to be available for people in King's Lynn.

The Chairman replied that information was also available in the other main libraries and that an outreach service was available by contacting the Millennium Library.

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

9.6 **Report of the Digital Innovation & Efficiency Committee meeting held on 12 September 2018.**

Mr T FitzPatrick, Chairman of the Digital Innovation & Efficiency Committee moved the report.

9.6.1 **Question from Ms S Squire**

Ms Squire asked if the Chairman would agree that there was often a disparity between what broadband speed internet service providers claimed a line was capable of, and the speed which was experienced by householders. She also asked if he would agree that the Better Broadband for Norfolk website was unclear in many instances of whether fast broadband was available at a certain address as it could depend on the individual property. In which case, could the Chairman be sure that the claimed 92% of properties where fast broadband was available was in that case entirely accurate and were we allowing many properties in Norfolk to be in a digital wasteland of not being able to receive fast broadband and not being able to access the subsidy for alternate solutions because their internet service provider claimed their speed was capable of rather more than they experienced.

The Chairman replied that there were anomalies which were being progressed. He said he had attended a meeting recently with BT and a representative from BIDUK to consider how to progress the anomalies, one of which was the take-up of the voucher scheme which had not been as good as we would have liked. The Chairman asked Ms Squire to let him have some specific examples so they could be followed up but it was his aim to have more than 92% of properties in Norfolk with fast broadband.

9.6.2 **Question from Mr D Rowntree**

Mr Rowntree said that following the changes introduced by GDPR, Councillors were advised that they should use a separate system for managing their casework and he had repeatedly asked, in Committee meetings and in Council meetings, when proposals would be brought forward. He asked the Chairman if he could let him know.

The Chairman replied that he would find out and provide a written response.

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

9.7 **Report of the Environment, Development and Transport Committee meeting held on 7 September 2018.**

Mr M Wilby, Chairman of EDT Committee moved the report.

9.7.1 **Question from Mr D Douglas**

Mr Douglas said that 33% of the households in Norwich, like his own, didn't have a car and found it difficult to access employment in the rural areas just outside Norwich. He added that he was pleased to see that the Chairman of Environment, Development and Transport Committee had referenced some of the challenges in using bus and rail services in Norfolk in the press recently. Mr Douglas asked the Chairman if any of the capital transport schemes in Norfolk enhanced transport so that all households in Norfolk could benefit; if he could let Council know how that would be; and also if he thought it was fair to have an equitable allocation of transport funding capital scheme for households that didn't have cars as well as households that did have cars.

The Chairman replied that there were challenges relating to transport in and around the city and across the county. He added that he supported all of the bus companies and Norfolk County Council worked closely with them. The Chairman also advised that the County Council had recently been shortlisted for the Transformation Cities Fund which, if successful, would be used to improve accessibility for everyone.

9.7.2 **Question from Mr S Aquarone**

Mr Aquarone said the Chairman would be familiar with the ongoing design and cost control of the NDR and asked if he could provide a guarantee that the 3rd river crossing in Great Yarmouth would be delivered on budget, on time and the design would not result in safety concerns following completion of work.

The Chairman replied that the scheme was on track and going to plan and it was hoped that plans would be drafted early in 2019.

9.7.3 **Question from Ms S Squire**

Ms Squire asked if the Chairman could explain why details of the agenda and minutes of the Norfolk Waste Partnership were no longer published on line and were not freely available to Councillors. She said given representatives of all the Norfolk Councils sit on the Partnership, discussions were held in their name and the decisions taken affected this Council and asked why meetings were not held in public and why was information so difficult to obtain.

The Chairman replied that it was not a decision-making body which was the reason they were not available on the website.

9.7.4 **Question from Ms A Kemp**

Ms Kemp asked for an answer to a question about funding for buses for King's

Lynn, particularly to reduce congestion by having buses that ran earlier in the day into King's Lynn, for example along the A10 from West Winch, allowing people to get to and from work. She said that Norwich was able to tap into government funding because it was a city, but King's Lynn could not and asked what source of funding could be looked at and what funding was available.

The Chairman replied that some work was being carried out with the Borough Council to develop a Transportation Plan for the whole of King's Lynn and surrounding area and he was sure something would come out of that.

9.7.5 Question from Mr S Clancy

Mr Clancy said that the EDT Committee had not asked the Chairman to write to the Secretary of State, Chris Grayling, to seek concrete assurances that the full budgeted programme for the A47 dualling would be commenced as per the project brief from year 20/21. He added that this was an important issue for Norfolk and went on to say that the consultation on the Thickthorn junction had now been extended, and there was some inertia beginning to appear. Mr Clancy asked if the Chairman would write to the Secretary of State to seek concrete assurance that the A47 dualling would be delivered on time, on budget in the current funded phase.

The Chairman replied that he would be happy to write to Secretary of State, Chris Grayling highlighting the many issues along the A47 and seeking his commitment to ensure the dualling happened. He added that together with the A47 Alliance, there was cross-party support for the dualling from Lowestoft right through to Peterborough. The Chairman added that Highways England had given its assurance that the current plans were on track and they would be held to account to make sure the improvements were made.

9.7.6 Question from Mrs A Thomas

Mrs Thomas asked if the Chairman would join her in welcoming the long awaited planning application for the Hempnall roundabout which had just been launched and urged residents and Members alike to take part in the planning process to make sure the roundabout that was delivered there was not just one that served the community that travelled north/south on the A140 but also those that travelled east/west trying to cross the A140.

The Chairman replied he would be happy to join her and he also encouraged as many people as possible to take part in the planning application for the much needed roundabout on the A140. He added that he travelled the A140 daily and this was a really dangerous junction. He said he was pleased funding had been secured to get this job done as he received regular phone calls from people asking when it was going to happen, and he was looking forward to it being built next year.

9.7.7 Question from Mr G Plant

Mr Plant referred to the report specifying that the committee had received the report detailing the formal Development Consent Order consultation by the Planning Inspectorate on a proposal by Vattenfall. He said that Vattenfall had made Great Yarmouth their base for the new developments and there was a lot of investment going on there, but also Norfolk County council officers were working hard across the borough of Great Yarmouth. He also mentioned the £30m Vauxhall Roundabout which would enhance the entrance to the town, enabling the dual carriageway, there was now a right turn out of Asda which the County Council completed; the improved Vauxhall roundabout had been completed as well as the

Fullers Hill roundabout and there was £12m going towards moving traffic across the town easier when the 3rd river crossing was built. There was an awful lot going on as far as Great Yarmouth is concerned but equally improvement opportunities in King's Lynn were being considered which meant from a Highways point of view there was an awful lot of money being spent on highways projects right across the county. Mr Plant urged work to continue to make sure the A47 was improved during the next phase of dualling in 2021.

The Chairman replied that there was a lot of investment across the county happening but there were particular benefits in dualling the A47 with the links to offshore wind projects as well as other regional benefits.

9.7.8 Question from Mrs S Butikofer

Mrs Butikofer asked if the Chairman could look into reports she was constantly receiving about reductions in bus services in rural north Norfolk. She said that more and more people were struggling to get to work and school by bus and it was a vital service needed by residents who were getting socially isolated and facing increasing costs in getting to school and work.

The Chairman replied that he would look into the issue.

9.7.10 Council RESOLVED to note the report.

10 Other Committees

10.1 Report of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 6 September 2018.

10.1.1 M Chenery of Horsbrugh, Chairman, moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

10.2 Report of the Audit Committee meetings held on 31 July and 27 September 2018.

Mr I Mackie, Chairman, moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

10.3 Report of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 25 September 2018.

Mr A Proctor, Chairman, moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

10.4 Report of the Standards Committee meeting held on 3 October 2018.

Mr M Kiddle-Morris, Chairman, moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

10.5 Report of the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting held on 17 July 2018.

Mr B Borrett, Chairman, moved the report, and asked Council to formally record his thanks to William Armstrong for his commitment to the Health and Wellbeing Board. Mr Armstrong would be standing down as Chairman of Healthwatch and therefore from the Health and Wellbeing Board. He also thanked Joyce, Lady Hopwood, voluntary representative on the Board since its foundation and wished her well on

her retirement.

Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

10.5.1 Question from Ms A Kemp

Ms Kemp asked how Council was going to hold itself accountable as different health groups and organisations when there were failures to pull everything together for the benefit of patient care and what he was proposing to do about it.

The Chairman replied that he was proposing the Health and Wellbeing Strategy which was key to creating a single, sustainable system for Norfolk, which meant that people won't fall down the cracks between the different organisations. He referred Ms Kemp to the list of approximately 30 organisations listed at the back of the Strategy, although the full list was nearer 60 organisations, and urged her to support the Health and Wellbeing Strategy as the question she had raised highlighted the need for it.

10.5.2 Question from Mr B Watkins

Mr Watkins referred to Public Health and asked if the Chairman could indicate how Norfolk compared with the national estimate that every £1 spent on public health returned an extra £14 on the original investment; how we were shaping up to that as an authority. He also said it was estimated that £200m of cuts to public health funding in the UK would cost more like 80 times that amount, which was a false economy and detrimental in the long term. He asked what the Chairman's views were on the second point.

The Chairman replied that he had no reason to believe Norfolk was any less effective at turning money spent in public health into pounds saved than any other authority. It was a key part of our strategy across Adult Services and now a key part of the Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy and in fact if we looked, prioritise and prevention was one of the key three priorities that sat underneath the single, sustainable system because, as we have discovered, money spent in prevention paid large dividends, although it was difficult to measure because how do you measure something like a hospital admission that never happened because you spent the money in prevention. He referred to the Strategy in Adults called Promoting Independence, and said the County Council was absolutely committed to investing in prevention and that was one of the reasons why, as Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board he was so keen. He thanked Mr Watkins for highlighting the issue again and said that prioritising prevention was what public health was about.

10.6 Report of the Museums Committee meeting held on 26 July 2018.

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

10.7 Report of the Planning (Regulatory) Committee meeting held on 14 September 2018.

10.7.1 Mr C Foulger, Chairman, moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

10.7.2 Question from Mr M Sands

Mr Sands asked if the Chairman of Planning (Regulatory) Committee could ensure that the confusion that reigned concerning the vote at the last Planning (Regulatory) Committee meeting was not repeated. In addition, he asked if the Chairman knew if other District and Parish Councils that were affected by the Atlas Works decision were going to proceed with a judicial review concerning the controversial proposal.

The Chairman replied that he would not wish to repeat that episode and that as far as a judicial review was concerned he was aware of a suggestion but was not aware that it was a fact.

10.8 Report of the Norwich Highways Agency Joint Committee meeting held on 20 September 2018

Mr J Fisher, Chairman, moved the report. Council **RESOLVED** to note the report.

10.8.1 Question from Mr B Spratt

Mr Spratt said he was concerned about what was going on in Norwich, with the closure of public houses due to business rates or people being unable to access the city. He was also concerned about people with market stalls and said he wanted to see facilities, so people can come into the city in their cars and do their shopping.

The Chairman replied that he would pass the comments on.

11 Great Yarmouth 3rd River Crossing Scheme

11.1 Council received the report by the Executive Director of Community & Environmental Services covering the proposed award of the contract to deliver the scheme.

11.2 The Deputy Leader introduced the report.

11.3 Council **RESOLVED** to:

1. Approve the addition of the £120.653m, full cost of the scheme into the capital programme. This includes the £98m DfT contribution, the £20.565m which is currently underwritten by the Council's prudential borrowing and a contribution from the LEP as set out in table 2 of the report; and
2. Delegate the award of the contract to design and build the 3rd River Crossing scheme to the Executive Director of Community & Environmental Services and Executive Director of Finance and Commercial Services, in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Chairman of Environmental, Development and Transport Committee.

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

Question from Mr S Morpew:

Will the Leader agree that the budget for Councillors allowances should be capped at the outturn amount for 2018/9, any underspend returned to the general fund and that there should be no increase in basic allowances for 2019/20?

Reply by the Leader:

As is usual practice, current budget planning assumes that these Member allowance budgets will be uplifted as part of 2019-20 budget planning by 2% to reflect the inflationary increases (this increase being linked to the general staff pay inflation rate).

Any underspend on these budgets in 2018-19 will need to be considered in the context of the overall County Council year end position but normal practice (subject to any specific member decisions at year end) would be for the overall underspend to naturally flow into the general fund as part of the annual closure of accounts.

Remuneration for Members was last considered by the Independent Remuneration Panel in November 2017 and was followed by the Council's resolution on 11 December 2017. Any proposal to change to Members allowances will need to be proceeded by a review by the Independent Remuneration Panel.

Question from Mrs C Walker:

There is increasing concern at isolation caused by already inadequate and increasingly threatened public transport services. Does the Leader of the Council share these concerns and what does he intend to do to support public transport and those who rely on it?

Reply by the Leader:

The County Council currently spends £15.1m on public transport, which is a significant investment by any measure. £11.7m of this is to provide free travel to older and disabled people as part of the concessionary travel scheme. There is always a risk that local bus services will be withdrawn by operators but we meet with them on a regular basis to work through any issues they have. We always try to plug any gaps in public transport provision, within the budget available.

The meeting concluded at 1.40 pm

Chairman

If you need this document in large print, audio, Braille, alternative format or in a different language please contact Customer Services 0344 800 8020 or 18001 0344 800 8011 (textphone) and we will do our best to help.

Norfolk County Council
15 October 2018

Appendix A

RECORDED VOTE – ITEM NUMBER: Motion 2.

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

With 23 votes in favour, 43 votes against and 1 abstention to motion was LOST.

Questions requiring written responses from the Council Meeting – Monday 15 October 2018

<p>Question from Mr B Watkins to Leader</p>	<p>Question and response:</p> <p>Mr Watkins asked if the Leader could tell Council the number and proportion of home care visits undertaken within the county in 2017/18 that were 15 minutes or less and 5 minutes or less and how this compared to previous years. He asked for a written response to be sent to all Councillors if the Leader was not able to provide an immediate answer.</p> <p>Response by the Leader:</p> <p>The Leader agreed to provide a detailed written response, adding that everyone endeavoured to ensure that home care visits were carried out at the correct times and for the correct reasons.</p> <p>Norfolk County Council commissions home care services on the basis of what an individual might need, usually on a weekly basis, and usually expressed in terms of a total amount of time over the week. This enables us to engage with and pay providers. Arrangements acknowledge that support should flex around individuals' needs, and as such we do not usually specify or record appointments of a specific amount of time. As a result it is not possible to gather or infer the number of individual 15 minute appointments for most home care types and contracts.</p> <p>The exception to this is visits involving either a welfare check or medicine management, which are initially commissioned on the basis of 15 minute visits, but that nevertheless can flex. For visits involving medicine management, practitioners and those receiving services, are required to take into account the number of different medications to be taken and the way they are to be administered. If there are any doubts that the medication can be given in a way that is safe and maintains the dignity of the person then care will be commissioned for a longer period.</p>
<p>Question to the Chairman of Business & Property Committee from Mr M Castle</p>	<p>Mr Castle stated that it had been four years since Children's Services staff in Great Yarmouth were relocated from a number of inadequate premises into the refurbished Haven Bridge House in the town centre. He asked if the Chairman could tell him why nothing had yet been done about disposal of the Tar Works Road site in his division, alongside the River Bure, which had the potential to deliver an attractive housing development and to deliver a consequent capital receipt for the Council?</p> <p>Response by the Chairman:</p> <p>The Chairman replied that this was an ongoing issue and would provide a written answer to Mr Castle.</p> <p>Tar Works Road remains in use as a Children's services office and is predominantly a children's contact centre. The specialist nature of this function makes relocation to another part of Great Yarmouth difficult and NCC is keen to ensure this vital activity continues in an environment that is appropriate for children and their families.</p> <p>However, as with all Council property, NCC constantly reviews its assets and Officers will continue to look for opportunities around this site.</p>

<p>Question to the Chairman of Digital Innovation & Efficiency Committee from Mr D Rowntree</p>	<p>Question and response:</p> <p>Mr Rowntree said that following the changes introduced by GDPR, Councillors were advised that they should use a separate system for managing their casework and he had repeatedly asked, in Committee meetings and in Council meetings, when proposals would be brought forward. He asked the Chairman if he could let him know.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>The Chairman replied that he would find out and provide a written response.</p> <p>In response to your question, I have sought expert advice in respect to GDPR and members use of case management systems in their role as a county councillor (role 1) and as a data controller in their own right (role 2). I have also reviewed the marketplace for suitable technical solutions. In short NCC can provide a system for casework which can be used to store casework related to either role (expert advice is included below for reference if required). My colleague Suzanne Sowter who is responsible for application systems will arrange a demo day for yourself and other interested colleagues to take a look at the most suitable looking systems. If a suitable product is identified then we will procure and implement it for your use.</p> <p><u>Expert Advice on GDPR from Pam Cary (NCC lead on GDPR implementation).</u></p> <p>I think it can cover both roles if we want it to. It might be argued that, if NCC provides the system, any information on the system for the 2nd role is held by NCC (not the member) and therefore NCC is the data controller. I don't think this is a strong argument. The relevant issue for FOI is the purpose for which the information is held and that is a question of fact i.e. it would be necessary to look at the information and determine the purpose. It might be trickier for EIR as the regulations do not have a purpose led approach to determine who holds the information. Rather the question is: who has physical possession of the information? (i.e. on its systems or in filing cabinets). But in relation to EIR I think that we can argue that that the case management system is simply a practical means of helping members manage their records and that members hold information on their systems on NCC's behalf for information held for role 1 purposes and held by them for role 2 purposes.</p> <p>But in respect to all I have said above, we will need to make it clear to members what the legal position is and, in respect of role 1 information, to process the information in accordance with NCC policies and procedures and, in respect of role 2 information, they have a personal duty as data controller to process information in accordance with the GDPR</p>
--	--