

Norfolk County Council**Minutes of the Meeting Held on 29 July 2013**

Present:

Mr A Adams	Mr J Joyce
Mr S Agnew	Ms A Kemp
Mr C Aldred	Mr M Kiddle-Morris
Mr S Askew	Mr J Law
Mr M Baker	Mr B Long
Mr R Bearman	Mr I Monson
Mr R Bird	Mr J Mooney
Mr B Borrett	Mrs E Morgan
Dr A Boswell	Mr S Morphew
Mr B Bremmer	Mr G Nobbs
Mrs J Brociek-Coulton	Mr W Northam
Mr A Byrne	Mr R Parkinson-Hare
Mr M Carttiss	Mr J Perkins
Mr M Castle	Mr A Proctor
Mrs J Chamberlin	Mr D Ramsbotham
Baron M Chenery of Horsbrugh	Mr W Richmond
Mr J Childs	Mr D Roper
Mr S Clancy	Mr M Sands
Mr R Coke	Mr N Shaw
Mr D Collis	Mr M Smith
Ms E Corlett	Mr R Smith
Mrs H Cox	Mr P Smyth
Mr D Crawford	Mrs M Somerville
Mr A Dearnley	Mr B Spratt
Mrs M Dewsbury	Dr M Strong
Mr N Dixon	Mrs A Thomas
Mr J Dobson	Mr D Thomas
Mr T East	Mr J Timewell
Mr T FitzPatrick	Miss J Virgo
Mr E Foss	Mrs C Walker
Mr C Foulger	Mr J Ward
Mr T Garrod	Mr B Watkins
Ms D Gihawi	Ms S Whitaker
Mr P Gilmour	Mr M Wilby
Mr A Grey	Mrs M Wilkinson
Mr A Gunson	
Mrs S Gurney	
Mr P Hacon	
Mr B Hannah	
Mr D Harrison	
Mr S Hebborn	
Mr H Humphrey	
Mr B Iles	
Mr C Jordan	

Total present: 79

Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from Mrs J Leggett, Mr M Storey, Mr I Mackie and Mr A White.

1 Minutes

1.1 The minutes from the Council meeting held on 13 May 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1.2 The minutes from the Council meeting held on 24 May 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to an amendment to the question at paragraph 9.5 as follows: Mr Watkins asked the Leader to ensure that representatives from all political parties would be invited to serve on the Children's Services **Social Care** Improvement Board.

The recorded voting forms (Appendices D and E) were checked and the amended copies are attached to the minutes.

1.3 The minutes from the Council meeting held on 17 June 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2 Chairman's Announcements

2.1 The Chairman announced with great sadness the death of former Sheriff and Lord Mayor of Norwich, Mrs Jenny Lay. Although not a member of this council, Mrs Lay was an influential figure in Norwich, dedicated to the City and the people of Norfolk. Mrs Lay had served as Lord Mayor two years ago and would be greatly missed by all who knew her. The Chairman would be attending the funeral on 1 August and would pass on the condolences of Norfolk County Council.

2.2 The Chairman reminded members of the briefings that had been arranged after the Council meeting and urged all members to attend.

2.3 The Chairman gave a brief reminder that points of order should be made in accordance with item 11.12 of Appendix 9 of the Constitution and that for a point of order to be considered, Members must indicate the rule or law and the way in which it was considered that it had been breached.

2.4 The Chairman welcomed three Norse Group Apprentices and asked the Leader of the Council to tell members about their recent success in the Brathay Apprentice Challenge.

2.4.1 The Leader said the team of apprentices had done very well in the challenge and that he had been very impressed by all the apprentices and had asked them to attend the Council meeting to meet Members. He introduced Linda Savage, Head of Learning and Development at Norse.

The Head of Learning and Development, Norse thanked the Leader for the invitation to attend the Council meeting and said that the apprentices had done well in the Brathay Challenge, which was a national challenge to find the apprenticeship team of the year. 90 teams had entered, and the competition had been run in 2 sections, the first section had been teams of 9 apprentices raising the profile of apprentices, through media, such as twitter and newspaper articles and also completing a community challenge. The

Norse apprentices had chosen to refurbish the gardens in a home for the elderly in North Walsham as their community challenge. Following submission of presentations on what the apprentices had been doing, they had been judged to be one of the best 8 teams in the country, and had been called forward to the final.

Those eight teams then had to raise the profile of apprentices again, and also to raise money for charity as part of the challenge. The team had raised a total of £5,700 which would be split between Nelson's Journey and Brathay Trust.

The culmination of the challenge was a three day event in Cumbria with physical activities such as rope climbing and logistical puzzles, culminating in a three-mile rowing challenge across Lake Windermere. The apprentices had done really well and had crossed the line in third place.

The three apprentices who attended the meeting were Hannah Codling-Thomas, Claire Dustan and Caitlin Jones and they thanked councillors for their support for the scheme which gave young people some great opportunities.

3 Declarations of Interest

- 3.1 Mr J Joyce declared an interest in item 4 questions to the Leader when Post Offices was discussed as he was President of the Norwich Branch of SubPostmasters.

4 Questions to the Leader of the Council

The following questions and replies were noted:

4.1 Question from Mr B Borrett

Mr Borrett asked the Leader to confirm if a date for the recruitment of the senior members of the management team, in particular Mr P Brittain and Mr M Jackson, had been set as he had been told no recruitment would be taking place until after a senior management review.

The Leader responded that with the exception of the Director of Children's Services, all the senior officers who had announced they were leaving had planned to do so before his administration took power. He said that, as there was a management review underway, it would be extremely foolish, given the £182m cuts needed, that the opportunity to restructure senior management was not taken as they were the highest paid members of staff. He also said that he had every confidence in the Acting Managing Director's ability to conduct the management review and that no timetable had been set as yet.

4.2 Question by Mr R Coke

Could the Leader confirm that the mass burner incinerator at the Willows, King's Lynn, will not become operational until 2017 at the earliest as per the statement on page 74 of the Council's 2012/13 Draft Accounts assuming the Secretary of State gives consent to the project?

The Leader responded that if that was the date that had been given, it was correct although there was still some uncertainty about the date. He added that until Mr Pickles had given his decision over the planning application following the public inquiry, he could not confirm what the date would be. He added that the term used by the Council at the time the contract was signed was Energy from Waste.

4.3 Question from Mr R Bearman

On 4 June Cabinet Scrutiny Committee made three recommendations to Cabinet. These were subsequently accepted in full by Cabinet on 10 June. Would the Leader provide for Councillors a progress report in writing on all the recommendations and the date by which it could be expected to receive the full reports of the appointed QC and the independent firms commissioned to provide these reports?

The Leader replied that the QC had not been finally selected as yet but he hoped the QCs would be selected soon. He confirmed he would provide a written update on progress to date and make this available to all Councillors.

4.4 Question from Ms E Corlett

There had been differing accounts of the public meeting at Coltishall regarding the future of that site. Could the Leader please tell us what his impression of public reaction and public opinion was?

The Leader responded that it had been very heartening. A meeting had been held with local residents, including all the local councils, district councils, parish councils and people who had previously objected. Several Councillors here today had attended that meeting, at the end of which the feeling was that there was unanimous approval and everyone had said they were happy. He continued that this was a superb scheme for Norfolk and he entirely supported it. He said he saluted, had publicly done so and would gladly do so again, Cliff Jordan's vision in buying this property. He said he also saluted the then Leader, Cllr Murphy, for having the vision to support it. He continued that officers had seen an ideal opportunity to purchase something that would have gone to rack and ruin if we had not done so and that we never bought it with the intention of selling it off as a job lot. He said that the day he had heard about it he had given it his full support and had no reason to change his opinion since and it was true that those people who were at the presentation were delighted with our proposals. He added that they were not hard and fast proposals but there were several options and that one of the things people said they were most happy with was that they had been happily surprised that we had asked for their opinions and that we had clearly listened to their opinions.

4.5 Question from Mr A Proctor

There is a developing trend that Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) could usurp some of the key roles of local government in economic development, particularly in light of the Government's announcement that 35% of new homes bonus is being top sliced to go direct to LEPs from 2015/2016.

What exactly was the Leader doing to ensure Norfolk County Council had a full member voice in negotiating a city deal for the greater Norwich area, not just Norwich city, ensuring that NCC members were brought up to speed and agreed with this very important change in the Local Enterprise Partnership/ Local Government relationship in Norfolk? A joint bid will need to be put in and this council needs to know what is the Policy of the Leader in taking the bid forward?

The Leader replied that the LEP was a good development, giving strength to economic development for the county as a whole. The LEP was for both Norfolk and Suffolk which was to our advantage and that there were two city deals (Norwich and Ipswich) and he had found everything that had been happening very encouraging.

The Leader confirmed that when there was something members needed to know about, he would ensure that information was passed on.

4.6 Question from Mr B Watkins

Without exception, members of this Council will be concerned about the future of the post office network across Norfolk. The past few years have seen acceleration in the number of closures with the resulting detrimental effect this has had on rural Norfolk. Despite the fact that various scrutiny initiatives have been undertaken by this council to encourage more joint working with post offices, the outcomes have so far been disappointing. Would the Leader of the Council agree with the Liberal Democrats that this is a matter that needs to be looked at again afresh?

The Leader replied that he agreed with everything said. He said that he had bitter memories of trying to save the one remaining post office in his division where there were once three or four. He also said he had found attitude of the Post Office unhelpful. He continued by saying he agreed the subject needed to be looked at afresh but had found the attitude of the post office was that they did not seem to be interested in saving post offices. He cited a case in Crome Division where clearly the post office could have been saved as there were commercial firms happy to take on the post office but the post office had been determined to close it down in order to centralise the demand. He added that although he was happy to consider and cooperate with Mr Watkins in any way, it was his opinion that there was a limit to what could be done.

4.7 Question from Mr D Crawford

Can the Leader please inform the Council how much Norfolk County Council contributes to the Keystone Development Trust and what the Council understands this funding is for, who decides on the making up of this contribution and how is their contribution audited and outcomes monitored?

The Leader said he would find out and ensure a response was provided.

4.8 Question from Mr B Bremner

What is the Administration doing to tackle the problem of the County Council having to implement the Westminster Tory cuts imposed on Norfolk County Council of £182m over the next three years?

The Leader replied that a series of meetings was taking place and that the plans were quite well advanced. He continued that there are some very hard choices to be made and that we were going to have to make them. A three year programme was being planned for, not just one year's budget, and clearly when this information was shared with the public there would be a lot of people upset and distressed. He added that whilst there may be some simple answers, for example being more efficient and so on, there were no easy options as could be seen by the recent case of the school transport issue where in fact for some time we had been paying for school transport for someone living less than three miles from a school. This was the sort of cut that might be a relatively easy one to make because it was something that we shouldn't have been doing in the first place but when it happened you could see how unpopular it was. There were going to be lots of very difficult decisions made.

5 Notice of Motions

5.1 Three notices of Motions by Mr J Dobson

The Chairman said that she was aware that at the last meeting, Council had passed a motion agreeing not to discuss further any issues over the incinerator matter, that it had been considered that these motions were just bringing forward the same questions, and that we should not be discussing the same things within a six-month period. The Chairman indicated that although she had the remit to decide that Council should not debate these issues, she wished to seek the views of Council as to whether they should be discussed or deferred. Following a discussion, the Chairman made a ruling that the motions proposed by Mr Dobson would not go forward for debate.

5.2 Mr Coke proposed an alteration to his motion and to allow members sufficient time to read the motion, and for the Head of Law to consider the legal position relating to the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11.15am.

5.3 Upon reconvening, Mr Coke proposed the following altered motion, seconded by Mr S Hebborn:

“This Council recognises that a debate will take place in the near future to decide if the Willows contract goes ahead or is terminated, and therefore it would be ill advised for this Council and its officers to do anything that could increase termination costs. We understand that the Planning Long Stop Date passed on 10th June 2013 and unless this Council agrees to Cory Wheelabrator’s Revised Project Plan before 29th October 2013 the incinerator contract will be terminated. Circumstances described in the contract (schedule 26, para 3.3.7) state “termination as a result of planning failure shall apply”. This could significantly reduce the Council's liabilities compared to other outcomes. This opportunity would be lost if a Revised Project Plan is approved, or if the Long Stop Date is extended. Therefore, this Council instructs Officers that they must not approve the Revised Project Plan, nor extend the associated Long Stop Date, nor take other associated action, without the prior knowledge and express approval of Cabinet or this Full Council.”

5.3.1 The following amendment, proposed by Dr Boswell and seconded by Mr Bearman was moved:

“This Council recognises that a debate will take place in the near future to decide if the Willows contract goes ahead or is terminated, and therefore it would be ill advised for this Council and its officers to do anything that could increase termination costs. We understand that the Planning Long Stop Date passed on 10th June 2013 and unless this Council agrees to Cory Wheelabrator’s Revised Project Plan before 29th October 2013 the incinerator contract will be terminated. Circumstances described in the contract (schedule 26, para 3.3.7) state “termination as a result of planning failure shall apply”. This could significantly reduce the Council's liabilities compared to other outcomes. This opportunity would be lost if a Revised Project Plan is approved, or if the Long Stop Date is extended.

Therefore, this Council asks the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Development to lay out as soon as possible a process and timetable related to making a decision on the Revised Project Plan which involves all members of Council and can be resolved prior to October 29th. This Council instructs Officers that, in the interim, they must not approve the Revised Project Plan, nor extend the associated Long Stop Date, nor take other associated action.”

- 5.3.2 In answer to a question from the Leader about risk to the Authority of debating and approving the motion at full Council, the Head of Law and Monitoring Officer, after a brief adjournment proposed by the Chairman to consider the revised motion, advised that a motion through which the Council sought to change a process agreed by the Cabinet could expose the Authority to challenge.

The Head of Law and Monitoring Officer confirmed that this was also her view on the amendment proposed by Mr Boswell.

- 5.3.3 Before the amended motion was debated, the Chairman put to the vote a motion to move to next business. At the request of Council a recorded vote was taken and with 50 votes in favour, 25 votes against and 4 abstentions the motion to move to next business was **CARRIED**.

- 5.4 The following motion, proposed by Dr M Strong and seconded by Mr E Foss was moved:

“This Council notes that questions to Cabinet Members at Council meetings during the allotted five minutes are limited to items that have appeared on the Cabinet agenda since the last full Council meeting. This Council believes that Members should be able to ask Cabinet Members questions on anything within the remit of the Cabinet Members’ portfolios and requests the Constitution Advisory Group to review this provision”.

- 5.4.1 The following amendment, proposed by Mr J Dobson and seconded by Mr B Long was accepted by Dr Strong.

“This Council notes that questions to Cabinet Members at Council meetings during the allotted five minutes are limited to items that have appeared on the Cabinet agenda since the last full Council meeting. This Council believes that Members should be able to ask Cabinet Members questions on anything within the remit of the Cabinet Members’ portfolios and requests ~~the Constitution Advisory Group to review this provision~~ **that Council agree this provision**”.

- 5.4.2 Following a debate the amended motion was **CARRIED**.

6 **Cabinet Recommendations**

- 6.1 Mr Nobbs moved the recommendations from the Cabinet Meeting held on 10 June 2013 and 8 July 2013.

RESOLVED:

- To approve the changes to the Financial Regulations for adoption, subject to the upper threshold for the disposal of land and buildings reverting to a maximum £500k and officers bringing to member attention whenever a building or land of historical significance was identified for sale below this threshold.
- To approve the Annual Treasury Management Report 2012-13.

7 **Reports:**

Report of Cabinet 10 June and 8 July 2013

7.1 Questions to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services

- 7.1.1 Mr Watkins asked the Cabinet Member about the working group agreed at the Community Services O&S Panel meeting on 8 July 2013 to look into poverty issues across Norfolk. He asked if the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services would agree that the remit for this group should include five important anti-poverty principles, namely disability, disadvantage, diversity, discrimination and deprivation.

The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services confirmed that the membership of the working group had been agreed and that the Terms of Reference would be agreed at the first meeting of the Working Group. She confirmed that in principle it would be sensible to include those anti-poverty principles, although it was intended that the working group would be short and sharp, therefore it would not be possible to include everything which came under that subject. She also informed Members that one thing that definitely would not be included in the remit of the working group was the price of fuel as this work had already been carried out.

- 7.1.2 Mrs Brociek-Coulton asked the Cabinet Member if lessons could be learned to target the warm and well initiative next winter.

The Cabinet Member responded that the "Warm and Well" initiative was one of many preventative initiatives. A report had been presented to Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel, which showed which areas had benefited from the initiative. This showed a lot of the take up was in the King's Lynn area, although it did not identify whether King's Lynn were better at keeping statistics than other areas. One of the things Community Services did want to look at was if the right people were being targeted with this initiative, for example distributing socks, hot water bottles and carrying out research to ensure that next winter, whatever initiative was chosen, it targeted the right people.

- 7.1.3 Mrs S Gurney asked how the Cabinet Member intended to deal with the response to the Union following the Community Services Overview & Scrutiny Panel meeting on 9 July when the union were allowed to speak at the discretion of the Chairman on the creation of a Social Enterprise for Personal and Community Support Services.

The Cabinet Member replied that the item would be coming to Cabinet on 5 August and she would be considering all the options before a decision was made.

7.2 Questions to the Cabinet Member for Communities

- 7.2.1 Mr Humphrey said he was pleased that the new Head of Museums and Archaeology Services was now in post and he asked the Cabinet Member if the well established process of change and reviewing museums would be continued?

The Cabinet Member confirmed that she was currently reviewing all the items within her portfolio and was not yet in a position to confirm what she was and was not going to do.

7.3 Questions to the Cabinet Member for Education and Schools

- 7.3.1 Mr Bremner asked the Cabinet Member what he would be doing to support schools with 50 pupils or less in the economic climate and in light of the massive cuts faced, within the backdrop of the recent Ofsted criticism of schools across Norfolk.

The Cabinet Member for Education and Schools replied that the letter received from Ofsted was disappointing but not totally unexpected. The improvement in all schools would be given the best treatment so that when Ofsted returned later in the year Norfolk County Council would pass the inspection. With regard to small schools, the Cabinet Member confirmed that a working group had been established and he would await their recommendations. He confirmed his priority was to come up with a raft of policies with regard to beefing up the improvement strategy and hoped to announce those soon.

- 7.3.2 Mr R Smith asked the Cabinet Member about his visit to a symposium with Lord Nash the Minister for Schools and Education. Education was a top priority locally, because essentially this symposium was one to advance the cause for academies, particularly those that needed improvement. Mr Smith asked the Cabinet Member what line he took with regard to academies taking over education in Norfolk from local authority schools.

The Cabinet Member said he had attended the symposium with an open mind and it had been geared up to promoting academies. He added that academies were only part of the local picture; we have local authority schools, independent schools, and a variety of church schools, so our remit was for services to schools and improvement across the board. He said he had been interested in what Lord Nash had to say and had found the symposium informative.

7.4 **Questions to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Development and Waste**

- 7.4.1 Mr Long said that he noted that the Cabinet Member had advised he would not be discussing the residual waste contract in detail until the outcome from the independent review was known and that there would be no inhibition to recycling by the contract in question. Mr Long said that he had requested a meeting with the Cabinet Member to discuss further recycling in Norfolk and wondered when that was likely to come to fruition.

The Cabinet Member responded that he was reviewing all methods of waste disposal that were available and he had a list of places to visit and confirmed he would arrange to meet Mr Long in due course.

- 7.4.2 Mr Wilby congratulated Mike Jackson on his appointment as Chief Executive at North Somerset Council and offered his thanks for all the work he had done for Norfolk. He asked the Cabinet Member what procedures were in place to recruit or replace a suitable person to this position when Mr Jackson left. He also asked when the Cabinet Member was due to visit Belvedere.

The Cabinet Member said that the Environment, Transport and Development department was very well run now and would continue to run very well. The management of the Council as a whole was currently under review and therefore no recruitment would take place until the results of the management review were known.

The Cabinet Member confirmed he would arrange a visit to Belvedere to coincide with when he next had an appointment in Westminster.

- 7.4.3 Mr Clancy asked the Cabinet Member about the new Norfolk and Suffolk Local Transport Body. He asked for assurances that this body would not in fact elongate the method in getting the process delivered because everything to do with transport schemes took a minimum of 30 years. He asked if this new process would speed up delivery rather than reduce delivery and also who would set priorities for the decision making list, on what basis would it be funded as he was concerned this could turn into a talking shop rather than delivering resources into road and rail.

Mr Harrison said that the £39m for Norfolk and Suffolk had been reduced to £26m with the £13m being put into a pot which could be bid for.

7.5 Questions to the Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Personnel.

- 7.5.1 Mrs Morgan referred to point 6b of the Cabinet report and asked if the ESCO Board meetings would be open to Norfolk County Council Members to attend and observe.

The Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Personnel agreed he would find out and reply.

- 7.5.2 Mr Ward asked if the Cabinet Member could give any details on the two debts totalling £22,422.04 which had been written off and confirm whether lessons had been learned from allowing the debts to accrue.

The Cabinet Member confirmed that lessons continued to be learned and that all debts were closely monitored before they were written off to try to recoup as much money as possible. He said he would find out the details of the two debts and reply to Mr Ward.

- 7.5.3 Ms Kemp referred to the Finance Reports at items 1 and 2 of the Cabinet Report and asked the Cabinet Member if he could investigate an issue which had arisen regarding compensation that would be due under planning failure as she had a letter from the District Auditor saying that compensation would be capped at £20.3m and a report from ETD saying there would be a number of other issues, including £11m for hedging costs. Could the Cabinet member confirm which was true and investigate please?

The Cabinet Member said that it was his understanding that the Council had agreed to spend a considerable amount of money on legal and financial advice about a number of matters associated with the contract and was almost certain it would be covered under that but he said he would check and make sure that it was.

- 7.5.4 Mr Humphrey referred to paragraph 5 of the report and the fact that the Cabinet Member would be turning his attention to the financial aspects of his portfolio. He asked the Cabinet Member what progress had been made.

The Cabinet Member replied that his focus had been on performance and financial matters and what he was focussing on was the presentation of the performance figures. He said he would like to see more information included in the performance element of reports that gave performance, benchmarks, comparisons and how well we were doing as well as trends, etc. Hopefully the O&S Panel would see a difference in the presentation when the next reports were presented.

7.6 Questions to the Cabinet Member for Public Protection

- 7.6.1 Dr Strong said she noted the Cabinet Member's pleasure that so many Members had

attended the Fire & Rescue training session but said she was sure the Cabinet Member was disappointed that only 6 Members attended the training session on Public Protection. Those who did heard – and were surprised – of the critical work carried out in protecting the people, businesses and the economy of Norfolk. We heard of the vital work regarding animal disease – vital work since 25% of Norfolk's Economy is based on food and agriculture; we heard of animal disease and the food chain; of the £50 million lost each year on mass market scams; of protection for the 50,000 Norfolk homes at risk of saline and fluvial flooding. There was more but it was all heard by just 6 Members.

Will the Cabinet Member ensure that all Members receive a written – i.e. email – briefing on the work of the Department of Public Protection?

The Cabinet Member confirmed he would be happy to send a Members briefing on the work the Public Protection team carry out.

- 7.6.2 Mrs Thomas asked the Cabinet Member to confirm if Norfolk County Council were continuing to provide out of hours public health cover as there had been an agreement with public health that this was done until the end of June; and if so were we being reimbursed for that as these were employees of the county council doing work for the public health out of hours. She also asked if professional indemnity cover was provided whilst the staff were working for another authority rather than this one.

The Cabinet Member reassured members that cover was continuing to be provided; that the appropriate indemnities were in place; and that we were being reimbursed as we should be.

7.7 Questions to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development

- 7.7.1 Dr Strong referred to the issue of Credit Union Banks and Pay Day Loans having been in the news recently, the latter being heavily criticised. She said that not only were Pay Day Loan organisations being criticised but so too were some new small banks appearing on the scene tempting savers by offering high rates of interest without safeguards. She continued that Loan Sharks should not be ignored and it was the most vulnerable who would suffer from any form of risky borrowing or savings. Dr Strong continued that in the past Norfolk County Council had given financial support to the Norfolk Credit Union Bank and were we still offering financial support to the NCU Bank or could we offer further financial support?

Dr Strong asked the Cabinet Member if Members could be provided with up to date information on Credit Union Banks in order that they could disseminate the information throughout their divisions?

Mr Nobbs responded said he hoped that Norfolk County Council could continue to support credit unions and agreed that loan sharks were a cause for concern and that a valuable part of the Public Protection Service was to prosecute loan sharks.

- 7.7.2 Mr R Smith referred to Cabinet's decision to appoint Mr Coke to lead a review of the County Council's efficiency plans. This had been raised as a matter of urgency at Cabinet on 10 June at the end of the meeting with no other information made available other than this appointment would be made. Could the Leader comment on the terms of reference, his reporting timetable, and who Mr Coke would report to?

The Cabinet Member replied that it was considered a matter of urgency due to the £182m cuts the Council were facing over the next three years. Cllr Coke had been appointed as he had a special interest in the economic field. The Terms of Reference and reporting timetable would be circulated to all Members and he confirmed that Mr Coke would report to himself as Leader and Cabinet Member for Economic Development.

- 7.7.3 Mr Borrett referred to the strict criteria in place for overseas travel for officers and members. He continued that he was interested to see that regarding the France-England Interreg programme recommendation from Cabinet (page 41, item 3c of the agenda papers) Cabinet had agreed to an exemption to overseas travel rules. He asked why an exemption to the overseas travel rules had been approved in relation to this programme.

The Cabinet Member said he would find out the details and respond in writing.

RESOLVED to note the report.

8 Reports

8.1 Reports of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee 4 June and 25 June 2013

RESOLVED to note the reports.

8.2 Report of the Personnel Committee Meeting 10 June 2013

- 8.2.1 Following discussion, a recorded vote was taken to determine whether the recommendation at 5.2 of the report was agreed or whether it should be delayed. The recommendation under consideration was whether the role of Managing Director should be reviewed in light of the aims and objectives of the new Council and when revised governance arrangements had been agreed and whether to delay the appointment process until the role had been reviewed.

With 39 votes in favour, 35 votes against and 1 abstention, the motion was **CARRIED**.

RESOLVED that.

- The role of Managing Director be reviewed in the light of the aims and objectives of the new Council and when revised governance arrangements have been agreed, and
- To delay the appointment process until the role had been reviewed.

- 8.2.2 Regarding item 3 (Localism Act – Pay Policy Statement) of the report from the Personnel Committee Meeting held on 10 June 2013, the Chairman of the Personnel Committee agreed to provide a full report on the Localism Act – Pay Policy Statement to the next Council meeting for future consideration and debate by full Council and the recommendation was **withdrawn**.

8.3 Report of the Audit Committee meeting 24 June 2013

RESOLVED to note the report.

8.4 Report of the Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee 20 June 2013

RESOLVED to note the report.

8.5 Report of the Health and Wellbeing Board 10 July 2013

Following a question, the Leader of the Council confirmed he was happy for the Cabinet Member for Public Protection to attend and Chair Norfolk's Health and Wellbeing Board on his behalf and that this fulfilled statutory duties.

The Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board confirmed that some of the work of the Board would be undertaken in smaller groups and then considered by the full Board as this may prove more productive than the whole Board undertaking all the topics which came under their remit.

RESOLVED to note the report.

Joint Committees

8.6 Joint Museums and Archaeology Committee 26 June 2013

RESOLVED to note the report.

8.7 Records Committee 28 June 2013

The report was amended to substitute the words "Lord Chenery" to "Michael Chenery".

RESOLVED to note the report

8.8 Overview and Scrutiny Panels

RESOLVED to note the report.

9 To Answer Questions on notice under rule 8.3 of the Council Procedure Rules

There were none.

The meeting concluded at 1.40pm.

Chairman

Norfolk County Council
29 July 2013

Recorded Vote – Minute No 5.3.3 – Move to next business:

FOR	AGAINST		FOR	AGAINST	
X		ADAMS Tony		X	KEMP Alexandra
X		AGNEW Fred	X		KIDDLE-MORRIS Mark
	X	ALDRED Colin		X	LAW Jason
X		ASKEW Stephen	Absent		LEGGETT Judy
	X	BAKER Michael		X	LONG Brian
	X	BEARMAN Richard	Absent		MACKIE Ian
	X	BIRD Richard	X		MONSON Ian
X		BORRETT Bill	X		MOONEY Joe
	X	BOSWELL Andrew		X	MORGAN Elizabeth
Abstain	Abstain	BREMNER Bert	X		MORPHEW Steve
X		BROCIEK-COULTON Julie	X		NOBBS George
X		BYRNE Alec	X		NORTHAM Wyndham
X		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		SHAW Nigel
X		CORLETT Emma		X	SMITH Matthew
X		COX Hilary	X		SMITH Roger
	X	CRAWFORD Denis		X	SMYTH Paul
	X	DEARNLEY Adrian	X		SOMERVILLE Margaret
X		DEWSBURY Margaret	X		SPRATT Bev
X		DIXON Nigel	Absent		STOREY Martin
	X	DOBSON John	Abstain	Abstain	STRONG Marie
	X	EAST Tim	X		THOMAS Alison
X		FITZPATRICK Tom		X	THOMAS David
	X	FOSS Edward	Abstain	Abstain	TIMEWELL John
X		FOULGER Colin	X		VIRGO Judith
X		GARROD Tom	X		WALKER Colleen
X		GIHAWI Deborah	X		WARD John
	X	GILMOUR Paul	Abstain	Abstain	WATKINS Brian
	X	GREY Alan	X		WHITAKER Sue
X		GUNSON Adrian	Absent		WHITE Tony
X		GURNEY Shelagh	X		WILBY Martin
X		HACON Pat	X		WILKINSON Margaret
X		HANNAH Brian			
X		HARRISON David			
	X	HEBBORN Stan			
X		HUMPHREY Harry			
X		ILES Brian			
X		JORDAN Cliff			
X		JOYCE James			

With 50 votes for, 25 votes against and 4 abstentions the motion to move to the next item of business was **CARRIED**

Norfolk County Council
29 July 2013

**Recorded Vote – Minute No 8.2 Report of Personnel Committee meeting
held on 10 June 2013, item 5.2.1 be agreed.**

FOR	AGAINST		FOR	AGAINST	
	x	ADAMS Tony	x		KEMP Alexandra
x		AGNEW Fred		x	KIDDLE-MORRIS Mark
x		ALDRED Colin		x	LAW Jason
	x	ASKEW Stephen	Absent		LEGGETT Judy
x		BAKER Michael		x	LONG Brian
x		BEARMAN Richard	Absent		MACKIE Ian
	x	BIRD Richard		x	MONSON Ian
	x	BORRETT Bill		x	MOONEY Joe
x		BOSWELL Andrew	x		MORGAN Elizabeth
x		BREMNER Bert	x		MORPHEW Steve
		BROCIK-COULTON Julie	x		NOBBS George
	x	BYRNE Alec		x	NORTHAM Wyndham
	x	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
		COLLIS David		x	SHAW Nigel
x		CORLETT Emma	x		SMITH Matthew
Abstain	Abstain	COX Hilary		x	SMITH Roger
x		CRAWFORD Denis	x		SMYTH Paul
x		DEARNLEY Adrian		x	SOMERVILLE Margaret
	x	DEWSBURY Margaret		x	SPRATT Bev
	x	DIXON Nigel	Absent		STOREY Martin
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		ILES Brian			
	x	JORDAN Cliff			
x		JOYCE James			

With 39 votes for, 35 votes against and 1 abstention, the motion was **CARRIED**.