

## **Norfolk County Council & District Councils Norfolk Parking Partnership Joint Committee**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday, 08 March 2022  
at 2pm in the Council Chamber, County Hall**

### **Voting Members Present:**

Cllr Martin Wilby (Chair)	Norfolk County Council
Cllr Graham Plant	Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Cllr Brian Long	Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk
Cllr Richard Elliott	South Norfolk Council

### **Non-Voting Members Present**

Cllr Mike Stonard	Norwich City Council
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### **Officers Present:**

Martin Chisholm	Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk
David Disney	South Norfolk District Council
Ian Gregory	Better Parking Strategy Manager, Norfolk County Council
Miranda Lee	Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Karl Rands	Highway Services Manager, Norfolk County Council
Rebekka Roberts	Norwich City Council
Tim Young	Project Engineer (Network Policy & Performance), Norfolk County Council

## **1. Apologies for absence**

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Eric Seward, Cllr Jo Copplestone and Cllr Paul Hewett. Apologies were also received from Ralph Burton.

## **2. Minutes**

- 2.1 The minutes of the meetings held on 8 February 2022 were **AGREED** as an accurate record.

## **3. Declarations of Interests**

- 3.1 No interests were declared.

## **4. Items of Urgent Business**

- 4.1 No urgent business was discussed.

## **5. Finance Update**

- 5.1.1 The Joint Committee received the report presenting the latest and most up-to-date forecast financial outturn position for Norfolk Parking Partnership (NPP) Civil Parking

## Enforcement (CPE) account and separate Norwich City CPE account

### 5.1.2 The Better Parking Strategy Manager introduced the report to the Joint Committee:

- The report contained the latest information and an update on forecast which detailed that little had changed as expected with just over £3k net difference. The Norfolk Parking Partnership outturn was £151,056 which was up £9k, with the city forecast down by £12k to £140,938 as a few adjustments had been made. This left the surplus at £10k as opposed to £13k at the last update.

### 5.1.3 The following points were discussed and noted:

- The current NPP voting rights and contributions sought from North Norfolk DC, Breckland DC, Broadland DC and South Norfolk Council would be maintained, as proposed, until any future formal amendments were required and agreed.
- The aim of the report was to progress towards levelling the charges across the county for on-street and residents parking, with Officers working on a more consistent and collaborative county-wide approach, which collectively covers the inflationary increases in enforcement costs and the associated equipment costs.
- The proposed on-street parking charges, particularly in the City centre, were also aimed at correctly and fairly balancing the convenience and charges to short-stay parkers with those of long-stay, off street parkers; and also to encourage the use of cheaper and greener alternative long-stay options such as park and ride.
- Cllr Stonard contended that on-street parking tariffs had been kept under review in the City centre and were designed to protect the local economy, and that a proposed 20% increase in tariffs was above the rate of inflation over the 4 years since the tariffs were last reviewed. He added that, although there were pressures on the CPE budget, the Covid pandemic had meant that the City centre economy had suffered massively, but it would recover and needed some time for this to happen. He also cited the open book accounting process where Officers were looking at what further savings and efficiencies could be made to help offset the current City CPE deficit.
- The Committee felt that, as the whole County had suffered from the impacts of the Covid pandemic and not just the City centre, the tariff increases needed to be applied county-wide, especially given that, despite the City tariffs being last reviewed in 2018/19, they were still far cheaper than the NPP (remainder of Norfolk). The proposed increases would also help to better align tariffs across the county whilst automatically linking them to a recognised inflation index (eg RPI).

### 5.2 The Joint Committee:

1. Reviewed and commented on the latest 2021/22 forecast outturn for the NPP CPE Account.
2. Reviewed and commented on the latest 2021/22 forecast outturn for the Norwich City CPE Account.
3. Agreed that the voting membership rights within the Delegated Functions Agreements should not be amended at this time and to commit to a reconsideration of this matter as and when any future formal amendments are considered.

4. Agreed on the proposed new on-street pay and display and residents parking permit fees, which reflect current enforcement costs and account for the effect of inflation.
5. Agreed that Norwich City on-street pay and display tariff increases should not be postponed for a further year to allow greater time for recovery from the pandemic.

The meeting concluded at 14:25

**Chairman**



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