

Cabinet



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A meeting of the **Cabinet** of North Norfolk District Council will be held in the Council Chamber - Council Offices on **Monday, 7 October 2024 at 10.00 am.**

At the discretion of the Chairman, a short break will be taken after the meeting has been running for approximately one and a half hours

Members of the public who wish to ask a question or speak on an agenda item are requested to arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. It will not always be possible to accommodate requests after that time. This is to allow time for the Committee Chair to rearrange the order of items on the agenda for the convenience of members of the public. Further information on the procedure for public speaking can be obtained from Democratic Services, Tel:01263 516010, Email:emma.denny@north-norfolk.gov.uk.

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To: Cllr W Fredericks, Cllr L Shires, Cllr T Adams, Cllr A Brown, Cllr H Blathwayt, Cllr C Ringer, Cllr J Toye, Cllr A Varley and Cllr L Withington

All other Members of the Council for information.
Members of the Management Team, appropriate Officers, Press and Public



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A G E N D A

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES

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To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 9th September 2024.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

To receive questions and statements from the public, if any.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Members are asked at this stage to declare any interests that they may have in any of the following items on the agenda. The Code of Conduct for Members requires that declarations include the nature of the interest and whether it is a disclosable pecuniary interest (see attached guidance and flowchart)

5. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

To determine any other items of business which the Chairman decides should be considered as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972

6. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

To receive oral questions from Members, if any

7. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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The following recommendations to Cabinet were agreed by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee at the meeting held on 20th September:

1. Homelessness Task & Finish Group (chaired by Cllr Dr V Holliday)

Overview & Scrutiny Committee RESOLVED to support the following recommendations to Cabinet:

that the Council

(A) To prevent homelessness

expands its homelessness service prevention work to undertake such work at an earlier stage along with multi agency support, on an invest to save basis, to seek to reduce the number of people going into temporary accommodation and the costs of that to the council that should include

1. increasing the awareness and risks of homelessness in the local communities, on the value of prevention for homelessness and that early intervention requires people to ask for help before it becomes too late

2. increasing its communication work which should include Parish and Town Councils and should also provide support to Councillors to enable them to help signpost those people who need housing help
3. increasing the range of interventions to help people especially on benefit support and with financial viability assessments

(B) Managing homelessness

Explores how it uses partner, charity, and voluntary organisations to create a series of outreach hubs and front-line services in North Norfolk for homelessness to create a network of advice and support including appropriate partner organisation(s)

(C) Housing allocation

Considers the viability of a support match scheme to match younger residents who need accommodation into a home with an older resident(s) that needs assistance in a similar way to the scheme in Cornwall [Supportmatch Homeshare - Cornwall Council](#)

(D) Increase housing supply

1. Continues to encourage its Councillors to work within their local communities to seek to find additional plots of land that can be used for new affordable housing schemes
2. As a medium-term solution looks at setting up an investment partnership to provide affordable local housing for local people at social, discount and market rent. We would recommend the model used by Cambridge City Council and Gravesham Borough Council who set an investment partnership with the Hill Group on a 50:50 basis
3. Explores the use of Solo Haus one bed housing where additional temporary accommodation for single people is required

(E) Increase affordable house building/supply

1. Undertakes an audit of shop fronts away from primary retail areas and empty units above and behind shops to assess their potential for conversion to residential usage or renting out rooms
2. An affordable housing conference be set up to encourage Parish and Town councils to create neighbourhood plans that include allocations for community led development for local people and encourages community land trusts to come forward with affordable schemes in rural exception sites
3. Continues to seek from Norfolk County Council a minimum 50% return of the extra Council tax that will be received from the new extra second homes premium and that the money the Council receives is ringfenced for affordable housing

4. Responds to the Government consultation on changes to the National Planning Policy Framework on the definition of affordability
5. Explores the potential to use Better Society Capital/National Homelessness Property fund 2 funding for 3-to-4-bedroom properties

[National Homelessness Property fund 2 | Better Society Capital](#)

(F) Increase/sustain Private rental tenancies

1. Explores the model of using a local estate agency to set up a Council letting agency and also looks at whether homelessness prevention grant could be used to bring empty properties back into use
2. Encourages the new government to continue the previous government's work on introducing an appropriate licencing scheme for all short-term lets
3. Continues to engage proactively with private landlords and considers whether setting up a Landlords Forum would be beneficial with an introductory conference type session including mortgage brokers, lenders, insurance companies as well as landlords and housing associations to explore solutions to the issues Landlords are experiencing

(G) Reducing Long Term Empty Homes

1. Continues to have an Empty Homes Officer as a permanent role
2. Considers how to increase engagement with the Town and Parish Councils on the number of long-term empty properties in their areas
3. Continues to investigate whether funding could be found to refurbish empty properties for people in housing need

(H) Sustain social tenancies

1. Continues to investigate with registered providers on the reuse of sheltered housing and to seek fewer age designated homes
2. Continues to have a strategic discussion with the registered providers on potential disposals that may occur over the next few years
3. Encourages registered providers to ensure sufficient target hardening is provided in Domestic Abuse cases

(I) Prevention of/provision for victims of Domestic Abuse

1. Explores how partner organisations can be used to help with homelessness prevention especially in domestic abuse cases that would include tenancy support by the Registered Providers and spreading awareness to Parish and Town Councils and Councillors

2. Asks the new Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner whether the offer of scoping out a pilot that moves out the perpetrator in domestic abuse cases rather than the victim is still valid

2. REPORTING PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING CORPORATE PLAN 2023-27 DELIVERY AGAINST ACTION PLAN 2023-24 AND ACTION PLAN 2024-25 - TO END OF QUARTER 1 - 30 JUNE 2024

Overview & Scrutiny Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Cabinet:

That more detailed information be provided within the action plan that would include delivery dates where possible and success criteria to give a greater understanding of the progress being made against each of the RAG targets

8. **SHERINGHAM ENABLING LAND**

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Executive Summary	<p>A sale of surplus land adjacent to The Reef, Sheringham was agreed following an extensive marketing period. A legal agreement outlining the purchase conditions was made with the purchaser and since this time planning consent that was funded by the purchaser has been obtained and other conditions satisfied.</p> <p>Following the 15th April 2024 Cabinet report, the purchaser has been establishing mechanisms in order to satisfy the last remaining condition. Subsequently, a proposal has been submitted by the purchaser for the Council to consider. Officers have considered the proposal and provided a summary of alternative options to enable the Council to make an informed decision regarding the next stage of the disposal.</p>
Options considered	Alternative options have been considered and can be found in exempt Appendix B.
Consultation(s)	Corporate Leadership Team Eastlaw for legal advice
Recommendations	<p>It is recommended that Cabinet resolve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To grant a further extension to the legal agreement as outlined in the exempt appendix, and alongside this, • For Officers to explore demand for the site as outlined in the exempt appendix.
Reasons for recommendations	To generate a capital receipt.

Background papers	Cabinet papers Sheringham Enabling Land 2 nd March 2020 and 15 th April 2024
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Wards affected	Sheringham
Cabinet member(s)	Cllr, L Shires
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9. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To pass the following resolution:

“That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to the Act.”

10. PRIVATE BUSINESS - SHERINGHAM ENABLING LAND EXEMPT APPENDIX

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The following item of business is exempt – ‘Sheringham Enabling Land – Appendix B’ for the following reasons:

Information in this appendix involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3, Part 1 of schedule 12A (as amended) to the Local Government Act 1972.

This paragraph relates to:

Para 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure for the following reasons:

The information is commercially sensitive, relating to commercial options being considered by the authority. Releasing this information would be likely to have a prejudicial impact upon third parties as well as the Council in obtaining best value.