

Cabinet



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Friday, 24 January 2025

A meeting of the **Cabinet** of North Norfolk District Council will be held in the Council Chamber - Council Offices on **Monday, 3 February 2025 at 10.00 am.**

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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

Due to the January Cabinet meeting taking place on a later date than originally scheduled, the minutes of the 20th January will go to the Cabinet meeting on 3rd March for approval.

3. 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

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. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

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

6. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

To receive oral questions from Members, if any

7. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

To consider any recommendations referred to the Cabinet by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for consideration by the Cabinet in accordance within the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

Please note that the meeting of Overview & Scrutiny Committee took place immediately prior to the Cabinet agenda being issued. The Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee will advise Cabinet of any recommendations at the meeting.

8. DELEGATED DECISIONS - DECEMBER 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2025

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Executive Summary	This report details the decisions taken under delegated powers from December 2024 to February 2025.
Options considered	Not applicable – the recording and reporting of delegated decisions is a statutory requirement.
Consultation(s)	Consultation is not required as this report and accompanying appendix is for information only. No decision is required, and the outcome cannot be changed as it is historic, factual information.

Recommendations	To receive and note the report and the register of decisions taken under delegated powers.
Reasons for recommendations	The Constitution: Chapter 6, Part 5, sections 5.1 and 5.2 details the exercise of any power or function of the Council where waiting until a meeting of Council or a committee would disadvantage the Council. The Constitution requires that any exercise of such powers should be reported to the next meeting of Council, Cabinet or working party (as appropriate) Section 2.1 sets out the requirements regarding the reporting of conditional delegated decisions.
Background papers	Signed delegated decision forms.

Wards affected	All
Cabinet member(s)	Leader, Cllr T Adams
Contact Officer	Emma Denny, Democratic Services Manager emma.denny@north-norfolk.gov.uk

Links to key documents:

9. **REPORTING PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING CORPORATE PLAN 2023 - 2027, ACTION PLAN 2024 - 2025 TO END OF QUARTER 3 - 31ST DECEMBER 2024** 13 - 26

Executive Summary	The Corporate Plan 2023-27 Action Plan 2024-25 is being implemented as planned
Options considered	Not relevant.
Consultation(s)	The lead officer for each action in the Plan has been asked for their assessment of progress, identify issues and propose action they will take to address those issues.
Recommendations	Cabinet is recommended to note this report.
Reasons for recommendations	The progress report shows that twenty-six of the actions are in progress and on track and nine completed. One action is identified as red and six actions are identified as amber. There has been a reduction in the number of actions identified as amber from sixteen in the previous quarter to six. Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) have reviewed actions flagged as red and amber in the last quarter.
Background papers	Corporate Plan 2023-27 Annual Action Plan 2024-25

Wards affected	All
Cabinet member(s)	Cllr Tim Adams
Contact Officer	Steve Hems, Director for Communities and Performance and Productivity Oversight Board

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10. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2025 - 2026 27 - 56

To recommend that Full Council approves the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025 - 2026

11. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY REPORT 2025/26 57 - 102

Executive Summary	This report sets out the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for the year 2025/26. It sets out details of the Council's Treasury Management activities and presents a strategy for the prudent investment of the Council's resources. It also sets out the Council's approach to the deployment of capital resources in meeting the Council's overall aims and objectives.
Options considered	No other options considered. It is a requirement that the Treasury Management Strategy report must be approved by full Council each year in advance of the new financial year to ensure the Council is compliant with the CIPFA Treasury Management, CIPFA Prudential Codes and guidance issued by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG).
Consultation(s)	Portfolio Holde Section 151 Officer This report has been prepared with the assistance of Link Treasury Services, the Council's Treasury Management advisors.
Recommendations	To recommend to Full Council that the Treasury Management Strategy 2025/26 is approved.
Reasons for recommendations	Approval by Full Council demonstrates compliance with the Prudential Codes to ensure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A flexible investment strategy enabling the Council to respond to changing market conditions. • Ensure compliance with CIPFA and MHCLG guidance. • Confirming capital resources available for delivery of the Council's capital programme. <p>It is a requirement that any proposed changes to the prudential indicators are approved by Full Council.</p>
Background papers	The Council's Treasury Management Strategy 2024/25. CIPFA Prudential Code (Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice 2021 Edition). CIPFA Prudential Code (Capital Finance in Local Authorities: Code of Practice 2021 Edition).

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Wards affected	All
Cabinet member(s)	Cllr. Lucy Shires
Contact Officer	James Moore

12. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2025 - 2026

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Capital Strategy 2025-26	
Executive Summary	This report sets out the proposed level of council tax discounts which shall apply to classes of dwelling for the financial year 2025-26.
Options considered	This report sets out the proposed level of council tax discounts which shall apply to classes of dwelling for the financial year 2025-26.
Consultation(s)	Section 113 of the Local Government Finance Act 2012 as amended.
Recommendations	To recommend the proposed level of council tax discounts for the financial year 2025/26 is set out in the report.
Reasons for recommendations	The Council has demonstrated a commitment to strategic financial management and to ensuring that the council's financial programme is sustainable.
Background papers	CIPFA Precepting Services: CIPFA Precepting Authority

Wards affected	All
Cabinet member(s)	Cllr. Lucy Shires
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13. COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNTS & PREMIUMS DETERMINATION 2025-26

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Executive Summary	This report sets out the proposed level of council tax discounts which shall apply to classes of dwelling for the financial year 2025-26.
Options considered.	The recommendations take advantage of the options from the reforms included in the Local Government Finance Act 2012 as amended to encourage bringing homes back into use and generate council tax income.
Consultation(s)	The legislation provides local authorities with the power to make changes to the level of council tax discount in relation to the financial year 2025-26.

	<p>to classes of property. The Council must approve its determinations for each forthcoming financial year. The calculation of the tax base for 2025/26 will be made on the assumption that the determinations recommended below will apply.</p> <p>In accordance with the relevant legislation these determinations shall be published in at least one newspaper circulating in North Norfolk before the end of the period of 21 days beginning with the date of the determinations.</p>
<p>Recommendations</p>	<p>Recommend to Full Council that under Section 11A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Finance Act 2012 and other enabling powers that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The discounts for the year 2025-26 and beyond are set at the levels indicated in the table at paragraph 3.1. 2) To continue to award a local discount of 100% in 2025-26 for eligible cases of hardship under Section 13A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended). See the associated policy in Appendix B. 3) That an exception to the empty property charges may continue to be made by the Revenues Manager in the circumstances laid out in section 4.2 of this report. 4) The long-term empty-property premiums for the year 2025-26 (subject to the empty premium exceptions shown in Appendix C) are set at the levels indicated in the table at paragraph 4.2 5) To continue to award a local discount of 100% in 2025-26 for eligible cases of care leavers under Section 13A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended). 6) Those dwellings that are specifically identified under regulation 6 of the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003 will retain the 50% discount as set out in paragraph 2.1 of this report. 7) Those dwellings described or geographically defined at Appendix A which in the reasonable opinion of the Revenues Manager are judged not to be structurally capable of occupation all year round and were built before the restrictions of seasonal usage were introduced by the Town and Country Planning Act 1947, will be entitled to a 35% discount. 8) A new second homes premium of 100% as detailed in paragraph 4.3 (subject to the second home premium exceptions shown in Appendix C) is applied from 1 April 2025.
<p>Reasons for recommendations</p>	<p>To set appropriate council tax discounts and premiums which will apply in 2025-26 and to raise council tax revenue.</p>

Background papers	Local Authorities are required to approve their Council Tax discount determinations each year. The legislation provides local authorities with powers to make changes to the level of council tax discount and have premiums in relation to certain types of properties.
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Wards affected	All
Cabinet member(s)	Cllr Lucy Shires
Contact Officer	Sean Knight Revenues Manger Sean.Knight@north-norfolk.gov.uk

14. **2025/2026 BUDGET - SAVINGS FROM PUBLIC TOILETS BUDGET** 137 - 148

Executive Summary	<p>This report provides an update to the report considered by Cabinet at its meeting of 9th September 2024 proposing savings from the public toilet budget.</p> <p>The provision of public toilets is a discretionary service and in light of the worsening financial position of the Council in preparing the 2025/26 budget the ongoing costs of providing these facilities has been reviewed and proposals developed for the Council to close or transfer some facilities to other providers where levels of use are low and/or the Council has no other assets such as car parks which generate income which can support provision of these facilities.</p>
Options considered	<p>The 9th September 2024 report proposed the closure or transfer to other providers of six public toilets provided by the Council and the seasonal (winter) closure of other facilities.</p> <p>Subsequently, attention was focussed on the savings which could be realised from the facilities proposed for closure or transfer.</p>
Consultation(s)	<p>For those facilities proposed for closure or transfer, conversations have been had with key stakeholders (parish councils and local businesses and community organisations) in outlining the Council's position and exploring possible arrangements by which the facilities might be retained through transfer to a third party, sponsorship or alternative financing arrangements.</p>
Recommendations	<p>Cabinet is asked to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) to confirm its support for discussions being progressed with local businesses at Potter Heigham with the objective of securing sponsorship to meet the costs of retaining the Potter Heigham public toilets;

	<p>2) to agree that proposals and a business case be prepared for a new public toilet facility to be developed on, or adjoining, the District Council's public car park and principal bus stop at the western end of the High Street in Stalham with a report being presented to Cabinet on such a proposal in the future. In the meantime, the existing toilets will be retained for a minimum of twelve months.</p> <p>3) to agree that the public toilets in Walsingham be retained at least until March 2026 with further discussions being held with local partners as to whether a sustainable financial model for the facilities can be agreed in the medium-term.</p> <p>4) to retain the West Runton public toilets at least for this summer (through until the end of September 2025) with further discussions being held with local partners as to whether a sustainable financial model for the facilities can be agreed in the medium-term.</p> <p>5) to confirm its support for the position adopted in removing the leased unit at Beach Lane, Weybourne realising a financial saving of approximately £26,000 per annum and retaining the eco-loo at this location and monitoring its use / mis-use and to advise that we will continue to work with Weybourne Parish Council to establish if a more sustainable location can be found for the provision of a public toilet in the village.</p>
Reasons for recommendations	To deliver savings from the public toilet budget as part of preparing the 2025/26 budget and help reduce the deficits shown in the Medium-Term Financial Strategy given contract, wage and energy inflation, significant increases in the Temporary Accommodation and homelessness support and no increase in the District Council's spending power.
Background papers	Cabinet report of 9 th September 2024 2025/2026 Budget papers Medium-Term Financial Strategy

Wards affected	Beeston Regis and The Runtons Coastal Hickling Stalham Walsingham
Cabinet member(s)	Cllr T Adams, Leader of the Council Cllr L Shires, Cabinet portfolio holder for F Assets
Contact Officer	Steve Blatch, Chief Executive, steve.blatch@north-norfolk.gov.uk

Executive Summary	This report presents the latest iteration of the budget for 2025/26. It is intended to present the position as we currently know it and it will need to be updated as more information becomes available e.g. the impact of the final Local Government Finance Settlement for 2025/26.
Options considered.	No other options have been considered as it is a legal requirement to calculate “the expenditure which the authority estimates it will incur in the forthcoming year in performing its functions” and then subtract “the sums which it estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund”. This is required to set a balanced budget before 11 March 2025.
Consultation(s)	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will have the opportunity to review this report at its meeting on 22 January 2025. It will be able to make recommendations that Cabinet will be able to consider at its meeting on 3 February 2025. Budget consultation is taking place on the Council’s website currently for anyone to share their views. Consultation with Business Rates payers is also being undertaken. The results of both these consultations will be included in the report being presented to Full Council on 19 February 2025.
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet consider the list of proposed savings and agree on which ones should be taken so that a balanced budget can be recommended to full Council. 2. That an alternative option for balancing the budget should be agreed to replace savings not taken if there are any. 3. That Cabinet agree that any additional funding announced as part of the final Local Government Settlement announcement be transferred to reserves. 4. That Cabinet decide which proposed new capital bids should be recommended to full Council for inclusion in the Capital Programme.
Reasons for recommendations	To enable the Council to set a balanced budget.
Background papers	2024/25 Budget report presented to full Council on 21 February 2024.

Wards affected	All
Cabinet member(s)	Cllr Lucy Shires
Contact Officer	Tina Stankley Director of Resources and s151 Officer tina.stankley@north-norfolk.gov.uk

Executive Summary	<p>The UK Government announced the UK Share Fund (UKSPF) funding allocations to local a December 2024 for a 'transition' year of anticipated new models of funding from transition funding follows the preceding 2022 programme which has been successfully delivered (~£1.2 million) and the Rural England Prosperity (REPF) capital grant programme (~£1.4 million).</p> <p>NNDC will receive a total allocation for the next year (2025-26) of £405,095, composed of : revenue and £74,793 of capital funding. All are will receive an allocation from the Fund via a fund rather than a competitive bidding process.</p> <p>There are three UKSPF investment priorities: (and Place; Supporting Local Business; and People</p> <p>The one-year allocation of UKSPF funding will support businesses and communities in North address identified local challenges. This will through the development of business and support schemes and will seek to complement business and community support.</p>
Options considered	<p>NNDC is the nominated lead authority for the development funding and, as such, is obliged to develop vehicles to disseminate this funding accordingly is within the Council's gift to determine the precise how this is committed to achieve local objectives local needs.</p>
Consultation(s)	<p>An internal review of the current three-year programme has taken place to gauge success impact and realign existing projects (if appropriate new guidance and significantly reduced budget workstreams mapped against the new Government and limited timeframe available. New projects support the Government missions, fit within the interventions and align with the NNDC Corporate been considered in this process. A Local Partnership was established as a means of consulting on and REPF programme and to support the implementation the original UKSPF Investment Plan. It will be convened the transitional year and will meet to consider the for 2025-26.</p>
Recommendations	<p>Recommendations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To confirm Cabinet's support for the approach UKSPF programme (transitional year) outlined in this report 2. To delegate to the Assistant Director for Growth, in consultation with the Portfolio Sustainable Growth, the detailed delivery projects to be delivered within the overall headings and the commissioning of specific

	and the procurement and/or appointment of any project delivery partners or contractors, as appropriate.
Reasons for recommendations	This recommendation is being made in order to deliver the UKSPF transition programme within the one-year timescale
Background papers	UKSPF Technical Note: UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2025-26: Technical note - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) UKSPF Prospectus: UK Shared Prosperity Fund: prospectus - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Wards affected	All North Norfolk wards
Cabinet member(s)	Councillor John Toye, Portfolio Holder Sustainable
Contact Officer	Jenni Jordan, Economic Programmes and Fundin jenni.jordan@north-norfolk.gov.uk Stuart Quick, Economic Growth Manager stuart.quick@north-norfolk.gov.uk

17. NON-DOMESTIC (BUSINESS) RATES POLICY 2025-26

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Executive Summary	The Non-Domestic (Business) Rates Policy 2025-26 has been revised to reflect the changes to schemes announced by government and includes guidelines as to how the schemes are to be implemented and the financial implications on the authority.
Options considered.	The policy is discretionary, so members can decide not to agree to the recommendations.
Consultation(s)	The Government expects local authorities to use their discretionary relief powers to grant these reliefs. The Retail Hospitality and Leisure Relief, Supporting Small Business Relief, Hardship Relief, Film Studios and Flood Relief. All of these (except the Hardship Policy) will be compensated in full for our loss of rates income. This compensation will be paid by section 31 grant and calculated based on the returns that the council makes under the rates retention scheme. The Council's Discretionary Rate Relief Policy has been revised to reflect these changes.
Recommendations	1. It is agreed by Full Council that the Revenues Manager continues to have delegated authority to make decisions up to the NNDC cost value of £4k as indicated in Appendix A. 2. It is agreed by Full Council that the Revenues Manager continues to has delegated authority to make Hardship Relief decisions up to the NNDC cost value of £4k as

	<p>indicated in Appendix C.</p> <p>3. It is agreed by Full Council that the Rate Relief Policy is revised as indicated in Appendix A, B and C.</p>
Reasons for recommendations	The new policy will enable the Retail Hospitality and Leisure Relief, Supporting Small Business Relief, Hardship Relief, Film Studios and Flood Relief to be awarded discretionary reliefs.
Background papers	<p>1. In the Budget on 30 October 2024 the Chancellor announced the Government would introduce Film Studios and extend the award of Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Relief but that it will reduce the relief from 75% to 40% for properties up to a cash limit of £110,000 per business for the 2025/26 financial year.</p> <p>2. In the Budget on 17 November 2022 the Chancellor announced a new Supporting Small Business (SSB) Relief scheme which will cap bill increases at £600 per year for any businesses that had a Rateable Value (RV) increase from 1 April 2023 caused by the revaluation and consequently lost Small Business Rates Relief or Rural Rate Relief.</p> <p>3. Under section 49 of the Local Government Act 1988 businesses can apply for Hardship Relief. This scheme has now been incorporated within this rate relief policy. The cost of this scheme is funded in accordance with the Non-Domestic Rates financial retention rules.</p> <p>4. Under the government's flood recovery framework, businesses can apply for Flood Relief. This scheme has now been incorporated within this rate relief policy. Businesses can receive a minimum of 3 months rate relief. The cost of this scheme is fully funded by government.</p>

Wards affected	All
Cabinet member(s)	Cllr Lucy Shires
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18. PROHIBITION OF INCONSIDERATE AND INAPPROPRIATE VEHICLE USE RELATED TO ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR. 233 - 266

Executive Summary	The Council in conjunction with our partners are proposing to introduce four new public space protection orders (PSPOs) within the North Norfolk District to prohibit inconsiderate and inappropriate vehicle use related to antisocial behaviour. This is part of a wider control strategy involving the Norfolk Constabulary and local authority partners to curb this style of behaviour.
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	<p>It is widely known that the ASB issues specified above are a cross-boundary issue and in some circumstances with perpetrators travelling extensive distances to attend meeting events. With other authorities establishing control measures, perpetrators are prepared to travel to avoid restrictions and frequently target those areas that have no controls.</p> <p>The purpose of these PSPOs will be to support the Constabulary and establish a consistent approach with our partners and reduce the likelihood of this form of ASB occurring in our district.</p> <p>These orders when approved will be in force for a period of 3 years, after which time the Council will be required to review and approve once more.</p> <p>The Council launched a 6-week consultation that concluded on the 11th of December 2024 to determine the views of residents and interested parties. During the consultation 7 responses were received from the public and all were unanimous in their support.</p>
Options considered	<p>Essentially there are two options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorse the proposals and bring NNDC in line with neighbouring local authority partners and Norfolk Constabulary. Create a PSPO in each of the named locations. • Turn down the proposal and do not endorse the proposals.
Consultation(s)	<p>The Council launched a 6-week consultation that concluded on the 11th of December 2024 to determine the views of residents and interested parties. During the consultation 7 responses were received from the public and all were unanimous in their support.</p>
Recommendations	<p>It is the officer's recommendation that the proposals are accepted in full.</p>
Reasons for recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulfil the council's contribution to Operation Octane (refer to appendix 2) and support the Norfolk Constabulary initiative. • Support our local authority partners and maintain consistency regarding enforcement. • Provide additional enforcement powers to NNDC regarding this type of ASB.

Background papers	Please refer to the operation octane briefing statement for members (appendix 2) and the PSPO order (appendix 1)
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Wards affected	Cromer Town Suffield Park Stalham North Walsham West North Walsham East North Walsham Market Cross Lancaster North Lancaster South
Cabinet member(s)	Cllr Ringer
Contact Officer	James Ashby or Emily Capps (after 29 th of Jan 20

19.

FUTURE OF CAR PARK MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT

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Executive Summary	This report presents the findings of a review of the car park enforcement service. It has been carried out as the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk (BCKLWN) has been in place since 2011. The current SLA has been renewed the maximum number of times allowed per the SLA and cannot be extended again after 31 March 2025. Therefore the Council needs to decide how it wants to provide this service after 1 April 2025.
Options considered.	The options considered were <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to update and renew the SLA, 2. to bring the whole service back in-house or 3. to bring the enforcement back in-house but leave the processing of Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) with BCKLWN. <p>No other options have been considered.</p>
Consultation(s)	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will have the opportunity to review this report at its meeting on 12 February 2025.
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. That Cabinet agree to sign an updated SLA with BCKLWN for the full car park enforcement arrangement to include the patrolling of enforcement officers, cash collection and banking of cash and processing of PCNs. 6. That the signing of the SLA be delegated to the Director of Resources.
Reasons for recommendations	To allow the Council to continue to deliver a car park enforcement service throughout the district that provides value for money for the council and council taxpayers.
Background papers	

Wards affected	All
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Cabinet member(s)	Cllr Lucy Shires
Contact Officer	Tina Stankley Director of Resources and s151 Officer tina.stankley@north-norfolk.gov.uk

20. 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.”

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.

21. PRIVATE BUSINESS

22. EXEMPT APPENDIX - CAR PARK MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT 277 - 278