

# Council



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A meeting of the **Council** of North Norfolk District Council will be held in the Council Chamber - Council Offices, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EN on **Tuesday, 17 December 2019 at 6.00 pm.**

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**To:**

All 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. PRAYER

Led by Reverend Canon Paul Thomas OBE, Chaplain to the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association.

### 2. CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY 'PLAYING FOR CAKE'

A short segment by 'Playing for Cake', a Norfolk-based community music organisation, which works with people with Parkinson's disease.

### 3. PRESENTATION OF AWARD FOR LIFE-SAVING ACTIONS AT A LOCAL LEISURE CENTRE

Lady Agnew, the High Sheriff of Norfolk, is in attendance to present certificates to  
Fiona Wolstenholme, Charlotte Wolstenholme and Sonia Jaggard in recognition of their actions in rescuing a young man who had become unconscious whilst swimming at a local leisure centre.

### 4. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

To receive the Chairman's communications, if any.

### 5. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive the Leader's announcements.

### 6. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS

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.

### 7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence, if any.

### 8. MINUTES

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To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 November 2019.

### 9. 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.

### 10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

To consider any questions or statements received from members of the public.

**11. PORTFOLIO REPORTS** 11 - 42

To receive reports from Cabinet Members on their portfolios.

*Members are reminded that they may ask questions of the Cabinet Member on their reports and portfolio areas but should note that it is not a debate.*

**12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET 6TH DECEMBER 2019** 43 - 132

**Agenda Item 9: Fees and Charges 2020-2021**

**To recommend to Council:**

- a) The fees and charges from 1 April 2020 as included in Appendix A.
- b) That Delegated Authority be given to the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and relevant Heads of Service, to agree those fees and charges not included within Appendix A as required as outlined within the report

**Agenda Item 10: Treasury Management Half Yearly Report 2019-2020**

**To recommend to Council:**

To RESOLVE that The Treasury Management Half Yearly Report 2019/20 is approved.

That the Council be asked to APPROVE changes to the Counterparty Limits.

*Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations at the meeting on 11 December 2019.*

**Agenda Item 11: Medium Term Financial Strategy**

**To recommend to Full Council:**

- a) The revised reserves statement as included at Appendix 2 to the financial strategy.

*Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations at the meeting on 11 December 2019.*

**13. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 11TH DECEMBER 2019**

There were no further recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

**14. NNDC RESPONSE TO NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL BOUNDARY REVIEW** 133 - 148

To consider the response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) electoral review of Norfolk County Council. The aim of the electoral review is to recommend divisions boundaries that mean each councillor represents approximately the same number of voters. It is also aimed at ensuring that the divisions boundaries reflect the interests and identities of local communities, as well as promoting effective local government.

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**15. FORMATION OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL TO REVIEW THE MEMBERS' SCHEME OF ALLOWANCES** 149 - 152

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to advise members of the need to refresh and convene a meeting of the Independent Remuneration Panel to review the North Norfolk District Council Members' Scheme of Allowances, in accordance with the requirements of the Local authorities (Members' Allowances) Regulations 2003.

Conclusions:

North Norfolk District Council Members' Scheme of Allowances is now due for review. An Independent Remuneration Panel must be convened to undertake that review and report its findings and recommendations to Full Council. The Council is required to have due regard to the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel in determining any amendments to the current Scheme. The revised Scheme should be adopted from May 2020.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Members approve the convening of the Independent Remuneration Panel.
- (2) Members approve the Terms of Reference for the Independent Remuneration Panel.
- (3) Any representations that Members wish the Independent Remuneration Panel to take into consideration should be made in writing through the Group Leaders, to the Democratic Services Manager, by 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020.
- (4) The Independent Remuneration Panel reports its findings and recommendations for

consideration by Full Council at its meeting in February 2020.

(5) Members resolve to delegate to the Democratic Services Manager the appointment of the individual members to the Independent Remuneration Panel.

Cabinet member(s): All  
Wards affected All  
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## 16. DRAFT PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2020-2021

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Summary: A draft Programme of Meetings for 2020-21 has been prepared and circulated for consultation and is attached at **Appendix A** .

Conclusions: Following review, the proposed draft Programme of Meetings 2020-21 follows the established cycle of meetings as closely as possible.

Recommendations: **That Members adopt the Programme of Meetings for 2020-21.**

Cabinet Member(s) Ward(s) affected

All All

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## 17. QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS

Cllr N Housden has submitted the following question for Cllr J Rest, Chairman of Governance, Risk & Audit Committee:

‘Are there any updates on the Audit Reports being prepared on Sheringham Splash and aborted proposals at Egmere?’

## 18. OPPOSITION BUSINESS

None Received.

The following notices of motion have been received:

**1. Public Firework Displays**

Proposed by Cllr J Rest, seconded by Cllr N Housden:

This Council resolves:

- To require all public firework displays within the local authorities boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people.
- To actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people- including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks.
- To encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock 'quieter' fireworks for public display ( as currently used in Italy and France)

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*Fireworks are used by people throughout the year to mark different events. While they can bring much enjoyment to some people, they can cause significant problems and fear for other people and animals.*

*They can be a source of fear and distress for many animals (including pet animals, farm livestock and wildlife). Animals affected not only suffer psychological distress but can also cause themselves injuries, sometimes very serious ones, as they attempt to run away or hide from the noise*

*The unpredictable loud and high intensity noises that many fireworks make can cause fear. For example studies have found fireworks to be the most common causes of fear in dogs according to the (Applied Animals Behaviour Science) 45% of dogs show signs of fear when they hear fireworks.*

*Debris produced by fireworks, if found on the ground, can also pose a hazard to animals such as horses, farm animals and wildlife.*

*The short lived nature of firework noise can make it difficult for the police or local authority officers to pinpoint locations and take action. In fact the RSPCA believes that a licensing system would help with better enforcement by allowing enforcement bodies to know where licensed events are being held.*

*There is a real need to raise awareness amongst owners of animals and the general public about firework phobia. This phobia can be treated (in dogs at least) in the long term, if owners prepare themselves and their pets sooner rather than just before the fireworks are let off.*

*This motion is NOT intended to deter properly authorised public*

*firework displays from going ahead.*

*We would like to thank the RSPCA for some of the content in this motion.*

## **2. Adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism**

Proposed by Cllr G Mancini-Boyle, seconded by Cllr T FitzPatrick:

‘That this council accepts the request from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government (letter attached) to adopt the following non-legally binding working definition of anti-semitism:’

‘Anti-semitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred towards Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities’.

## **3. Support for the Local Electricity Bill and community-scale renewable energy**

Proposed by Cllr N Lloyd, seconded by Cllr S Butikofer:

That North Norfolk District Council

(i) acknowledges the efforts that this council has made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;

(ii) recognises that councils can play a central role in creating sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated renewable electricity;

(iii) further recognises

- that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
- that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier’s operation would create significant opportunities for councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and
- that revenues received by councils that became local renewable electricity providers could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities;

(iv) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs, and which, if made law,

would make the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate by establishing a Right to Local Supply; and

(v) further resolves to

- inform the local media of this decision,
- write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and
- write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support.

## **20. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

To pass the following resolution – if necessary:

“That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) \_ of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) to the Act.”

## **21. PRIVATE BUSINESS**