

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 **Wednesday, 20 November 2019 at 6.00 pm.**

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Democratic Services Manager

To: Mr T Adams, Mr D Baker, Ms P Bevan Jones, Mr D Birch, Mr H Blathwayt, Mr A Brown, Dr P Bütikofer, Mrs S Bütikofer, Mr C Cushing, Mr N Dixon, Mr P Fisher, Mrs A Fitch-Tillett, Mr T FitzPatrick, Mr V FitzPatrick, Mrs W Fredericks, Ms V Gay, Mrs P Grove-Jones, Mr G Hayman, Mr C Heinink, Mr P Heinrich, Mr N Housden, Mr R Kershaw, Mr N Lloyd, Mr G Mancini-Boyle, Mrs M Millership, Mr N Pearce, Mr S Penfold, Mrs G Perry-Warnes, Mr J Punchard, Mr J Rest, Mr E Seward, Miss L Shires, Mrs E Spagnola, Mrs J Stenton, Dr C Stockton, Mr J Toye, Mr A Varley, Ms K Ward and Mr A Yiasimi

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. PRAYER

Led by Reverend Jeremy Sykes, Rector, Briston Benefice.

2. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

To receive the Chairman's communications, if any.

3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive announcement from the Leader of the Council, if any.

4. 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.

5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence, if any.

6. MINUTES

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To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 September 2019.

7. 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.

8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

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

9. PORTFOLIO REPORTS

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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.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET 07 OCTOBER

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Agenda item 7 – Determination of Council Tax Discounts 2020/21

To recommend that Council:

Shall resolve 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 one of the following applies:

Recommendation 1

- (a) The discounts for the year 2020/21 and beyond are set at the levels indicated in the table at paragraph 2.1.
- (b) The premium for long term empty properties (those that have been empty for a consecutive period longer than 24 months) is set at 100% of the Council Tax charge for that dwelling, with the
- (c) The premium for long term empty properties (those that have been empty for a consecutive period longer than 60 months) is set at 200% of the Council Tax charge for that dwelling
- (d) To continue to award a local discount of 100% for eligible cases of care leavers under section 13A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended).
- (e) That an exception to the levy charges may be made by the Section 151 Officer on advice of the Revenues Manager in the circumstances laid out in section 3.6 of this report.

Recommendation 2

- (a) 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 and;
- (b) those dwellings described or geographically defined at Appendix A which in the reasonable opinion of the Head of Finance and Asset Management 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.

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.

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations at their meeting on 16 October 2019

Agenda Item 8 - North Walsham - High Street Heritage Action Zone Programme

To recommend to Council:

That up to £975,000 be allocated from capital receipts to match fund the programme delivery.

11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET 04 NOVEMBER 2019

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Agenda Item 7 - Budget Monitoring Report 2019/20 - Period 6

To recommend that Council:

Approves the increases to the capital programme budgets for the schemes identified within paragraph 6.2 of the report. The funding for the first five schemes is to be financed from capital receipts, the £4.5m for the waste vehicles is currently anticipated to come from borrowing, the estimated average annual impact of the borrowing is estimated to be in the region of £600k per annum and will be taken account of as part of the waste contract award and the 2020/21 budget process.

(The Overview & Scrutiny Committee will consider this recommendation at their meeting on 13 November (after publication of the Council agenda) The Chairman will therefore provide a verbal update to Council on 20th November)

Agenda Item 9 - Corporate Plan 2019 - 2023

To recommend that Council:

Adopts the Corporate Plan 2019 – 2023

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered the Draft Framework of the Corporate Plan 2019 – 2023 at meetings on 9 October and 16 October. Several recommendations were made to Cabinet for consideration at their meeting on 04 November 2019)

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 16 OCTOBER 2019

The Committee supported Cabinet's recommendations to Council regarding the 'Determination of Council Tax Discounts 2020/21' (see agenda item 10)

There were no further recommendations to Council from this meeting.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 13 NOVEMBER 2019

To consider any further recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 13 November 2019. *(Please note this meeting took place after the Council agenda was published. The Chairman will update Members verbally at the meeting of Council on 20 November)*

14. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE 01 OCTOBER 2019

To recommend to Council that Members be reminded of their obligation to attend meetings, give apologies and arrange substitutes.

15. QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS

None Received.

16. OPPOSITION BUSINESS

None received.

17. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

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The following Notices of Motion have been received:

1. Mental Health Challenge for Local Authorities

Proposed by Cllr L Shires, seconded by Cllr W Fredericks.

Launched in 2013, the mental health challenge for local authorities is an initiative led by Centre for Mental Health in partnership with the Mental Health Foundation, Mind, Rethink Mental Illness, the Royal College of Psychiatrists and Young Minds.

The wide variety of services offered and delivered by local authorities enables them to have a key role in promoting wellbeing and improving mental health in local communities and for people of all ages.

The aim of the challenge is to encourage and support local leadership for mental health and wellbeing through the appointment of member champion(s) for mental health supported by a lead officer.

NNDC has identified Quality of Life as a priority in the forthcoming Corporate Plan. Signing the mental health challenge will publicly demonstrate our commitment and role through direct service provision, multi-agency working and in supporting, enabling and influencing partners and communities to achieve outcomes that improve the physical, mental, social and economic health and wellbeing of residents and creating an environment in which communities flourish.

Appointing member champions for mental health will acknowledge the importance of and highlight the challenges faced by people with mental health needs in our communities.

It is proposed that Cllr. Lucy Shires will become the member champion for mental health supported by Cllr Wendy Fredericks and the Health and Communities Manager as lead officer.

To accept and sign up to the mental health challenge, councils have to register at www.mentalhealthchallenge.org.uk

Once registered councils are asked to formally sign up to the mental health challenge (attached separately) and identify how they will proactively support and delivery of the challenge.

2. Motor Neurone Disease Charter

Proposed by Cllr V Gay, seconded by Cllr E Spagnola

We propose that this Council adopt the Charter of the Motor Neurone Disease Association (attached)

North Norfolk District Council has been requested to give its formal support to those who suffer from Motor Neurone Disease by adopting the Charter of the Association. The Charter is simply a statement of the care, support and consideration which those who suffer from Motor Neurone Disease and those who care for them should be entitled to expect. There is no cure for motor neurone disease.

We hope that all members will join us in adopting the Charter.

3. Ambulance Response Times

Proposed by Cllr S Butikofer, seconded by Cllr A Brown

This Council is increasingly concerned about the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust's (EEAST), continued failure to meet their targets in responding to 75% of its most urgent calls within 8 minutes. See attached map for the ratings of our ambulance service against the rest of the UK.

The latest available figures I have, show that even the best performing areas across the District receive a response to their most urgent calls in 8 minutes only 35% of the time, whilst in the worst performing areas it is just 2%. This is simply not acceptable our residents need and deserve better.

Furthermore we know that Ambulance response times in Wells next the Sea are amongst the worst in the Country.

On top of this we also know that North Norfolk has the highest incidence of Stroke in the UK, how galling is it then to know that if we could get patients to hospital in Kings Lynn in a timely manner that they are in the top six hospital service providers for treating Strokes in the UK.

This Council acknowledges that the issue of ambulance performance is being monitored by the County Council's Health and Care Scrutiny Committee (HOSC), but wants to see significant improvement in response times. We cannot wait for others to push this issue forwards.

- This Council therefore asks the Head of Paid Service to write to the CEO of EEAST asking what specific actions will be put in place so that response times improve significantly in the next six

and then 12 months.

- Additionally what steps are they taking to address the issues raised in their last CQC report.

- This Council writes to the government Minister responsible and asks what steps government are taking to address the continued failings of the EEAST.
 - o What steps are they taking to improve waiting times?
 - o What the Government intend to do to address the shortages of vehicles and staffing in the Ambulance Service to alleviate the current problems in existence, and to make the Service efficient for the 21st Century ensuring that it meets its required times
 - o What the government intend to do to resolve the issue surrounding ambulances being delayed at hospitals and being unable to hand patients over for care in a timely manner.

- This Council also requests that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee explores the option of creating a working group to track progress on this item and to engage with EEAST on an improvement programme.

The Council would like to pay tribute to the men and women of the Ambulance Service whose professionalism, dedication and selflessness have saved countless lives over the years. The ability to dial 999 in an emergency in the expectation of receiving urgent and expert medical help has long been one of the NHS's treasures and must remain so for the future. This motion should in no way be a reflection on those personnel who work tirelessly day in day out for us all, and to whom we owe a huge vote of thanks.

18. 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.”

19. PRIVATE BUSINESS