

# Council



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A meeting of the **Council** of North Norfolk District Council will be held remotely via Zoom on **Wednesday, 24 June 2020 at 6.00 pm.**

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

## **PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AND PUBLIC SPEAKING – COVID-19**

*Please note that due to the Covid-19 restrictions, meetings of cabinet will be held remotely via Zoom video conferencing and live streamed on YouTube.*

*Public speaking:* If you wish to speak on an agenda item, please email [emma.denny@northnorfolk.gov.uk](mailto:emma.denny@northnorfolk.gov.uk) no later than 5.00 pm on the Thursday before the meeting and include a copy of your statement. You will have the opportunity to make your statement by video link but in the event that this is not possible, or if you would prefer, your statement will be read out by an officer.

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**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, Ms L Withington 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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to attend this meeting, please let us know in advance**

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## A G E N D A

### 1. A MINUTE OF REFLECTION

To hold a minute of reflection in support of our Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities.

### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence, if any.

### 3. MINUTES

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To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26 February 2020.

### 4. 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.

### 5. 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.

### 6. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

To receive the Chairman's communications, if any.

### 7. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive announcements from the Leader.

### 8. TO RECEIVE ANY PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

To receive any petitions members of the public in accordance with the authority's petition scheme.

### 9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

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

### 10. 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.*

Cllr A Brown, Portfolio Holder for Housing & Planning  
Cllr S Butikofer, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategy & Corporate Services  
Cllr A Fitch-Tillett, Portfolio Holder for Coast  
Cllr V Gay, Portfolio Holder for Culture & Wellbeing  
Cllr G Hayman, Portfolio Holder for Commercialisation & Assets  
Cllr R Kershaw, Portfolio Holder for Economic & Career Development  
Cllr N Lloyd, Portfolio Holder for Environment  
Cllr E Seward, Portfolio Holder for Finance

**11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CONSTITUTION WORKING PARTY 18 MAY 2020** 71 - 92

The following recommendations were made at the meeting of the Constitution Working Party held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020:

**RESOLVED** to recommend to Council

1. That the Constitution is amended to reflect the changes required by the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulation 2020 No.392
2. That the draft Remote Meetings Protocol is adopted

**RESOLVED** to recommend to Council

That the revised Employee Code of Conduct is approved and included in the Constitution.

**12. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EMPLOYMENT & APPEALS COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The following recommendation was made by the Employment & Appeals Committee at their meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020:

**RESOLVED** unanimously to recommend to Council:

To offer the position of Chief Executive to the Corporate Director (Steven Blatch) as a 'suitable alternative employment' position

**13. QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS**

None Received.

**14. OPPOSITION BUSINESS**

None Received.

**15. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION**

The following notices of motion have been received:

**Motion to Council - Local Farmers**

Council notes to support local farmers in the production of food eaten in the UK. COVID- 19 has highlighted the importance of food security and traceability.

Council further notes to support the National Farmers Union stance on maintaining food standards in the UK and call for the Government and our local MP to put into law rules that prevent food being imported into the UK which is produced in ways that would be illegal here or to lower UK food standards. It is essential that food standards and animal welfare conditions are not diminished for the UK food industry.

Council further notes that on June 12th this year Government announced the relaxing of border controls on the import of goods and food in the event of Brexit. It is essential to protect local farmers from food and animals entering the country that do not meet UK food and welfare standards at that time.

Cllr Richard Kershaw.

### **Motion to Council - Black Lives Matter**

Council notes that after the recent protest marches in the UK as a result of the killing of George Floyd in the USA there has been a noticeable rise in racial tension in the country.

Council further notes the release of the Government's reporting the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people.

Council notes that there is no place for racism and that far more needs to be done to eradicate race discrimination in society.

Council recommits to lead by example to ensure equal opportunities for all regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity or disability.

Norfolk has a proud tradition of welcoming people from overseas. We need to reinforce that reputation. It is our responsibility to respond thoughtfully and improve our ignorance and educate with the aid of the BAME community.

Cllr Richard Kershaw.

## **16. 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.”

**17. PRIVATE BUSINESS**