

SPECIAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of South Norfolk District Council held at South Norfolk House, Long Stratton on Tuesday 23 April 2019 at 10.00 am

Members Present:	Councillors: Overton (Chairman), Bendle, Bernard, Bills, Blundell, Broome, Dale, Dewsbury, Duffin, Edney, Ellis, Foulger, Fulcher, Fuller, Goldson, Gould, Gray, Hudson, C Kemp, Legg, Lewis, Mason Billig, Minshull, Neal, Riches, J Savage, R Savage, Stone, Thomas, Thomson, Wheatley and M Wilby
Apologies:	Councillors: Amis, Bell, Easton, Hardy, J Hornby, L Hornby, W Kemp, Kiddie, Larner, Mooney, Palmer, Pond, J Wilby and Worsley
Officers in Attendance:	The Managing Director (T Holden), the Director of Place (J Sutterby), the Director of Resources (D Lorimer), the Assistant Director, Governance and Business Support (E Hodds) and the Assistant Director, Chief of Staff (H Ralph)

3486 URGENT ITEM – GLYN WALDEN

The Chairman was very sad to report the passing of former member, and Honorary Alderman, Mr Glyn Walden.

Cllr G Minshull referred to Mr Walden's many achievements during both his service as a councillor, and in his personal life. Mr Walden had been bestowed with the title of Honorary Alderman, from both Diss and South Norfolk Councils for his services. He had supported many charity events and projects, always with residents' interests at heart and never seeking personal glory. He gave special mention to the transformation of the Diss Corn Hall, a project that he believed would never have come to fruition without Mr Walden's determination and support.

Mr Walden was, he added, the man and councillor they should aspire to be; an inspiration to all.

Cllr M Gray agreed with Cllr Minshull's comments, adding that the Liberal Democrat Group had been very sorry to hear of Mr Walden's passing and wished to convey its sincere condolences to his family.

Members then stood and observed a minute's silence in memory of Mr Walden

3487 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee Clerk declared an interest on behalf of Debbie Lorimer, Jamie Sutterby, and Emma Hodds, with regard to item 4 on the agenda, the Senior Management Posts.

3488 SENIOR MANAGEMENT POSTS

Members considered the report of the Managing Director, which sought approval of the appointments made by the Joint Appointments Panel for the proposed joint senior management structure, across both Broadland and South Norfolk Councils.

Cllr J Fuller presented the report, referring members to Appendix A, which outlined the proposed appointments to the joint senior management structure.

Cllr Fuller believed the process to have been fair and consistent, and he thanked Unison, the East of England Local Government Association, and Penna for their support and guidance throughout the process.

Cllr Mason Billig, who had chaired the Joint Appointment Panel meetings, explained that the Panel had met on 4 separate occasions, with each candidate being interviewed for at least 1 hour and 15 minutes. She thanked all those members and candidates involved, explaining that it had been a rigorous process, and she believed that the correct candidates had been selected for appointment.

Cllr T Lewis endorsed both Cllrs Fuller's and Mason Billig's comments, adding that he had been impressed with the professional, independent guidance provided to the Panel throughout the interviews, and had also been grateful for the cross-party involvement in the process

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

1. To appoint Debbie Lorimer as the Director of Resources with immediate effect, noting that this is a joint appointment across both Councils.
2. To appoint Jamie Sutterby as the Director of People and Communities with immediate effect, noting that this is a joint appointment across both Councils.
3. To appoint Phil Courtier as the Director of Place with immediate effect, noting this is a joint appointment across both Councils.
4. To note the recommendation to Broadland District Council, that Debbie Lorimer be appointed as the Council's Chief Financial Officer (Section 151 Officer) from 28 May 2019 on the departure of Jill Penn the current Broadland District Council Section 151 Officer. This is a joint appointment across both Councils.
5. To note the recommendation to Broadland Council, that Emma Hodds be appointed as the Council's Monitoring Officer with immediate effect. This is a joint appointment across both Councils.

3489 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODY: TRANSPORT FOR NORWICH MEMBER GROUP

Cllr J Fuller explained the need for a temporary member appointment to the Transport for Norwich Member Group, explaining that the appointment would be reviewed at the Council's AGM on 22 May 2019.

It was unanimously

RESOLVED: To appoint Cllr K Mason Billig to the Transport for Norwich Member Group as the Council's representative for remainder of the municipal year 2018/19.

3490 RETIRING MEMBERS

Cllr J Fuller noted that this would be the last formal occasion for a number of members standing down at the forthcoming elections. He thanked all 14 members of the Council who were standing down from their roles, for their services to the Council. It had been a productive, civilised and cooperative term of office for both political parties, and he hoped that this conducive approach would continue in to the new term.

(The meeting concluded at 10.24am)

Chairman