

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet** held at Thorpe Lodge, 1 Yarmouth Road, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich on **Tuesday 6 August 2019** at **6.00pm** when there were present:

Mr S A Vincent – Policy (Chairman)

Portfolio holders:

Mrs J K Copplestone	Economic Development
Mr J J Emsell	Transformation and Organisational Development
Mrs L H Hemsall	Planning
Mrs J Leggett	Environmental Excellence
Mrs T M Mancini-Boyle	Finance
Mr F Whymark	Housing and Wellbeing

Mr Adams, Mr Beadle and Mr Murrell also attended the meeting for its duration.

Also in attendance were the Managing Director, Assistant Director Governance and Business Support (Monitoring Officer), Environmental Protection Manager, Revenues and Benefits Manager, Projects and Training Officer, Planning Projects and Landscape Manager and the Committee Officer (JO).

22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER PROCEDURAL RULE NO 8

Member	Minute No & Heading	Nature of Interest
Mr Whymark	28 - Public Service Co-Operation Agreement with Norfolk County Council to Bring £1.2m Investment to the Bure Valley Path and Railway	Local Choice Non Pecuniary Interest, Norfolk County Councillor for Coltishall and Wroxham.

23 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

24 REPRESENTATIONS FROM NON CABINET MEMBERS

The Chairman agreed that, at his discretion, all non-Cabinet Members in attendance be allowed to join the debate at the relevant point of the proceedings on request.

25 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee advised Members on the views expressed by the Committee when it reviewed the Cabinet Agenda on 30 July 2019, as each item was considered.

26 ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE PANEL

Cabinet received the Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Excellence Panel held on 27 June 2019

27 HOUSEHOLD WHEELED BIN CHARGING FOR NEW PROPERTIES

The report proposed options for the introduction of a charging policy for household waste bins for new developments, in accordance with legislation, to enable the Council to cover significant ongoing and rising costs of supplying them, which currently stood at £31,000 per year.

Breckland, Great Yarmouth, King's Lynn and West Norfolk, Norwich and South Norfolk already had in place charges for the provision of bins to both new and existing households. Broadland was only proposing to charge for providing bins at new developments.

A charge of £50.30 for two 240 litre bins would cover the £31,000 cost to the Council. An alternative option, proposed by the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Excellence, was to include a ten percent surcharge within the price model, rounded off to the nearest pound, to build in resilience for cost fluctuations throughout the year. The total charge would then be £55.00.

The Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee advised the meeting that the Committee had a wide range of views on the matter. Concerns had been raised that if a developer or a housing association chose not to pay for the bins the cost would fall on the new homeowner.

At the suggestion of the Managing Director it was agreed that paragraph 4.6 in the report be amended to ensure that if the developer opted not to pay the cost of bins at social housing it would fall to the Registered Providers.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

To charge for the provision of waste bins to new properties at cost plus an additional 10 percent surcharge to build resilience into the price, by agreeing to the use of the enforcement powers available under the EPA 1990 to require householders to use the specified types of wheeled bin or be refused a waste collection.

Reasons for decision

To introduce charges for the provision of wheeled bins for household waste for new properties.

28 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION 2020/21

The report proposed options to mitigate the impact of Universal Credit on the Council Tax Reduction (CTR) Scheme.

The CTR Scheme was required to be reviewed annually and any proposed changes that had the potential to reduce a claimant's entitlement to a reduction in Council Tax would be subject to consultation with stakeholders.

Work had been conducted with staff at South Norfolk on a tolerance scheme, which would reduce administration and maintenance of CTR claims, where Universal Credit was in payment.

In response to concerns about any possible sharp reductions in Council Tax support for some residents, Members were reassured that officers had discretion under the provisions of the Local Government Finance Act to assist households facing financial hardship and would continue to monitor the impact of the scheme on claimants once it was adopted.

RESOLVED

- (1) To commence with an eight week consultation with residents and stakeholders on the introduction of an income tolerance for CTR claimants who receive the Housing element of UC; and
- (2) Note the work officers will continue to undertake across the two Councils on processes to mitigate the wider impact of Universal Credit on Council Tax billing and collection.

Reasons for decision

To meet legislative requirements.

29 PUBLIC SERVICE CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT WITH NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL TO BRING £1.2M INVESTMENT TO THE BURE VALLEY PATH AND RAILWAY

The report sought approval to sign up to a Public Service Cooperation Agreement with Norfolk County Council to access £1.2m from an Interreg Visitor Economy Fund to invest in refurbishment projects along the Bure

Valley Path and with the Bure Valley Railway 1991 Ltd.

There was a four year period when this funding could be spent, which required commencement in September 2019, which was the reason that the Agreement had not been finalised. However independent legal opinion had been sought from Birketts solicitors, who had found the principle of the Agreement to be sound.

Members expressed some concerns about the incomplete parts of the Agreement, but were advised that they were being asked to agree to the principle of the Agreement being signed and that it would only be physically signed once the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development was satisfied that it met with the requirements of the Council.

RESOLVED

To approve the signing of the Public Service Cooperation Agreement with Norfolk County Council for a 10 year period; and delegate authority to the Director of Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development to agree anything other than changes to the principle of the agreement.

Reasons for decision

To enter into an agreement with the County Council to enable funding to be invested in the District.

30 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

To exclude the press and public from the meeting for the remaining business because otherwise, information which was exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 would be disclosed to them.

31 EXEMPT MINUTES

The exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The meeting closed at 6.34 pm