



Economy and Environment Policy Committee

Minutes of a remote meeting of the Economy and Environment Policy Committee of South Norfolk Council held on Friday 7 August 2020 at 2.00 pm

Committee Members Present: Councillors: A Dearnley (Chairman), D Burrill, D Elmer, G Francis (for part of the meeting), K Hurn, J Knight (Vice Chairmen) T Laidlaw and R Savage.

Apologies: Councillors: B Bernard and C Brown

Other Members in Attendance: Councillors: M Edney and L Neal (for part of the meeting)

Officers in Attendance: Director of People and Communities (J Sutterby), Assistant Director Finance (R Fincham) Assistant Director Governance and Business Support (E Hodds) and Democratic Services Officer (L Arthurton).

1 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Growth, Infrastructure and Environment Policy Committee, held Friday 19 June 2020, were agreed as a correct record.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr R Savage declared an 'other' interest, as a recipient of a local government pension.

3 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was

RESOLVED: To exclude the press and public from the meeting under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 for the following item of business on the grounds that it involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended)

4 WASTE SERVICES REVIEW

The Director of People and Communities gave the Committee a presentation, which set out the final business case for a joint South Norfolk and Broadland Waste Service.

Members were advised that a preferred option for a joint delivery model that would best meet the requirements of the Council had been identified following an initial review of both Council's waste services in November 2019. A member-led Joint Working Group had been formed and had met regularly to shape and oversee the development of the project.

Nationally, a key driver for the project was the Government's forthcoming Resources and Waste Strategy which was likely to deliver some significant changes in requirements for waste collection and disposal over the next five years, whilst locally there was an increasing emphasis on partnership working to improve service delivery and reduce costs.

Following a thorough consideration of the recommendations before it, as well as the alternative options set out in the report it was;

RESOLVED:

To Recommend that Cabinet

1. Notes the final business case; and
2. Approves recommendations 2a and 2b, as set out in the report.
3. Alternatively, or in the event of a non-reciprocated decision by Broadland District Council, it was recommended that the options set out in paragraphs 5.1.1 and 5.1.3 of the report be explored.

(The meeting concluded at 3.57 pm)

Chairman