



NORWICH
City Council

NORWICH CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, 29 September 2009

7.30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Lord Mayor's Announcements**
- 2. Presentation of Long Service Award**
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
- 4. Questions from the Public**
- 5. Petitions**
- 6. Minutes**

To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 July 2009.

- 7. Questions to Executive Members/Committee Chairs**
(A printed copy of the questions and replies will be available at the meeting.)
- 8. Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk**
(Report of the Director of Regeneration and Development)

Purpose - This report to Council recommends that having considered all the evidence, and taking account of the recommendations of the Greater Norwich Development Partnership Policy Group Council approve the Joint Core Strategy covering the Local Planning Authority areas of Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk and publish it for public representations on 'soundness' under the relevant plan-making procedures.

9. Changes to the Constitution

(Report of the Constitution Working Party)

Purpose – To adopt changes to the Council's constitution as recommended by the Constitution Working Party at its meeting held on 14 September 2009.

10. Motion - Representation on the Housing Improvement and Corporate Improvement and Efficiency Boards

Councillor Watkins to move:-

'Council notes:

- the importance of the Housing Improvement and Corporate Improvement and Efficiency Boards;
- whilst these boards may not be official decision making bodies, they will play a central role in advising on the formation of policy;
- the Scrutiny Committee recommended (16 July) that the Executive appoint a representative from the Scrutiny Committee to serve on both the Housing Improvement and Corporate Improvement and Efficiency Boards and the Audit Committee recommended (22 June) that the Executive appoint a non-executive member from one of the minority parties who is not a member of scrutiny to each of the Housing Improvement and Corporate Improvement and Efficiency Boards
- the Executive decided (22 July) not to appoint a non-Executive member or a representative of the Scrutiny Committee to these boards.

Council considers that:

- deliberation on the housing and efficiency programmes must be open, transparent and those participating should be accountable for the outcome;
- in order to fulfil their role, opposition councillors need not just to consider and analyse recommendations but they also need to understand where these recommendations came from and what other proposals were considered.

Council resolves to ask the Executive to:

- (1) appoint a representative/s from the Scrutiny Committee and/or the Audit Committee to the Housing Improvement Board and to the Corporate Improvement and Efficiency Board;
- (2) allow opposition councillors to attend and observe these board meetings;
- (3) ensure that the agenda, minutes and reports of these board meetings are available to all Councillors through e-councillor.'

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