



**NORWICH**  
City Council

**NORWICH CITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, 20 October 2009**

**7.30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

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

To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 September 2009.

- 6. Questions to Executive Members/Committee Chairs**  
(A printed copy of the questions and replies will be available at the meeting.)
- 7. 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 and 5 October 2009, and the Monitoring Officer.

## **8. Motion – Working Parties**

Councillor Wright to move:-

‘Council notes:

- the efforts made by the Council to involve and interest local people in what the Council does and the decisions it takes;
- the important discussion and decisions that take place in the working parties on issues such as waste collection, climate change, and public engagement;
- that there are, for legal, financial and other reasons, occasions when council debate and decision-making has to take place privately;

Council believes:

- that openness, transparency and access to information are key to the restoration of trust in local democratic processes;
- as much Council business as possible should be conducted publicly,

Council resolves to ask the Executive to explore new ways of opening up working party meetings to the public including uploading to the council website, where possible, all agendas, non-exempt reports and minutes.’

## **9. Motion – Sure Start in Norwich**

Councillor Wiltshire to move:

‘Council notes that:

- the City is served well by Sure Start Centres;
- by 2010 there will be a Sure Start Centre serving every community in Norwich;
- the stated aim of Sure Start is to improve the range and depth of services available to support parents and young children.

Council believes that:

- Sure Start should remain “within a Pram’s Push” of the Community;
- Sure Start has done well to connect particularly with hard-to-reach groups and those below the poverty line;
- large numbers of families in Norwich depend upon Sure Start;
- Sure Start, those who support it and are employed in it, should be congratulated for their work;

- it would unnecessarily worry large numbers of families if they were told that Sure Start was under threat of closure when in fact they were not and that both Councillors and Political Parties should not be involved in this.

Council resolves to-

- (1) welcome the declaration by Prime Minister Gordon Brown MP that Sure Start is a success of the government;
- (2) welcome the comments made by Conservative Leader David Cameron MP at the recent Conference in which he said: "Sure Start will stay, and we'll improve it";
- (3) welcome the statement made by LibDem Leader Nick Clegg MP that his party will "protect" Sure Start;
- (4) ask all members of the Council to use their good offices to promote the work done by Sure Start in positive terms;
- (5) ask the Leader of the Council to write to all of the City's Sure Start Centre's thanking them for their work and telling them of this motion.'

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