



NORWICH CITY COUNCIL

Members of the council are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the council, to be held in the council chamber, City Hall

Tuesday 24 September 2013

7.30pm

AGENDA

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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 meetings held on 23 July 2013.

6. Questions to cabinet members/committee chairs

(A printed copy of the questions and replies will be available at the meeting)

7. Treasury management annual report 2012-13

(Report of Chief finance officer)

Purpose - To update council on the Treasury Management Annual Report 2012/13.

8. Capital Programme and Plan - Push the pedalways

(Report of Deputy chief executive (Operations))

Purpose - To approve changes to the capital plan and capital programme following the successful application for a cycle city ambition grant.

9. Motion – Norfolk Pension Fund

Councillor Wright to move:

“The Norfolk Pension Fund, of which Norwich City Council is a member, has investments totalling nearly £2.1bn (latest published figures as at 31/03/12).

The investment strategy is diverse and, based on latest published information, includes investments in a wide variety of companies including Imperial Tobacco.

Council **RESOLVES** to:

- 1) recognise the importance of the Norfolk Pension Fund as a potential source of investment in the local economy; particularly for encouraging house building, when bringing forward derelict brown field sites for development in Norwich; giving emphasis to the positive impact of local house building on employment and training opportunities, creating local jobs and providing work for local companies in Norwich.
- 2) ask Councillor Waters, as Vice Chair of The Pensions Committee of the Norfolk Pension Fund, to call on the fund to cease investments in companies such as Imperial Tobacco where the business activity is counter to the objectives of promoting health and wellbeing

10. Motion – Pay day loan companies

Councillor Jackson to move:

Council **RESOLVES** to ask the cabinet, where the law so allows, not to :-

- (1) permit council assets or facilities to be used for advertising by ‘payday loan’ companies; or
- (2) use external facilities where ‘payday loan’ companies are advertised, for council services or events.

11. Motion – Shale gas extraction

Councillor Grahame to move:

There are potential environmental and health-related concerns associated with the extraction of shale gas by the process of hydraulic fracturing, or 'fracking'. The process of 'fracking' itself contributes to climate change from intensive energy use and the release of methane. Although the extraction of shale gas within Norwich is unlikely to happen in the near future, the potential impact of fracking upon Norwich residents and their environment could be considerable.

Council, therefore, **RESOLVES** to ask the cabinet to adopt a policy of lodging objections to any applications for shale gas extraction in the area surrounding Norwich, where it could have a significant impact upon the environment, water supply and/or amenity of Norwich residents.

12. Motion – Community public houses

Councillor Stammers to move:

Norwich has lost a number of community pubs in recent years. It is possible through the Sustainable Communities Act for the council to be given more power to determine if pubs should be demolished or converted into other uses and this could save many valued community pubs.

Council **RESOLVES** to ask cabinet to :-

- (1) submit a proposal to the government under the Sustainable Communities Act that the Secretary of State help protect community pubs in England by ensuring that planning permission and community consultation are required before community pubs are allowed to be converted to betting shops, supermarkets, pay-day loan stores or other uses, or are allowed to be demolished; and
- (2) work together with Local Works and the Campaign for Real Ale to gain support for the proposal from other councils in the region and across the country.



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