



**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 23 July 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 26 March and 25 June 2013.

**6. Questions to cabinet members/committee chairs**

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

**7. Allocation of funding for riverside walk**

(Report of the Head of city development services)

**Purpose** - To request council to approve allocation of up to £260,000 from funding already claimed, to deliver a section of riverside walk for a cycling / pedestrian route between the city centre and Whitlingham Country park.

## 8. Motion – Funding local government

Councillor Haynes to move:

In June 2013, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced a further 10% reduction in central government funding to local government, on top of the existing cuts.

In light of the continued effect of the coalition government's cuts programme upon local residents, council **RESOLVES** to:-

- 1) note that there are alternatives to this ideologically driven attack on public services; and,
- 2) ask the government to reverse the ongoing reduction in grants to councils, which could be funded by other measures.

## 9. Motion – Declaration on racial discrimination

Councillor Arthur to move:

Norwich City Council condemns extremism and racist behaviour in all its forms and –

**RESOLVES** to ask the leaders of the three political groups to sign the following declaration, as community leaders:-

We in Norwich are proud of our diverse and multi-racial heritage, which we regard as a source of cultural, social and economic strength. We will work vigorously to combat all forms of racism in Norwich and to enshrine the principle that individuality and universality are the foundations of justice and peace.

We declare that:

- 1) We value the contribution that all communities make to the quality of life in Norwich and recognise ethnic and cultural diversity as a source of cultural, social and economic enrichment.
- 2) We endorse the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and are opposed to racism in all its forms.

We will encourage a changing culture within the public services and the wider community that recognises the unacceptability of all forms of racism and take action to combat it.

- 3) We acknowledge that progress towards a more just society may not always be smooth, but as partners we are committed to maintaining dialogue and resolving our differences.
- 4) We believe that all citizens should have the right to expect equal protection and equal treatment from all public services in our city.

- 5) We believe that our success will properly be measured not by our policies but by our actions in promoting equality for all the people of our city. We recognise the excellent work undertaken to develop our Equality Strategy and that collectively we do all we can to promote its values.
- 6) We call upon the residents of Norwich to support us in this by respecting the dignity of all people and by constant vigilance for any expression of racism or racial discrimination.

## 10. Motion – Housing strategy

Councillor Wright to move:

On 10th July 2013, Cabinet approved the Housing Strategy 2013-2018. Some key aspects of that strategy are:

- 1) The importance of the housing market for the city's economic wellbeing and prosperity.
- 2) The links between housing, health and wellbeing.
- 3) The advancement of equality of opportunity by ensuring the supply and choice of good quality homes across all tenures, types and sizes at different prices in different parts of the city

House building will also provide work for local companies creating local jobs and training opportunities.

Council **RESOLVES** to:-

- 1) recognise the importance of encouraging house building, particularly when bringing forward derelict brown field sites for development in Norwich.
- 2) asks Councillor Waters, as Vice Chair of The Pensions Committee of the Norfolk Pension Fund, to propose that the fund extends its investment portfolio by investing directly in the building of local affordable housing for either;
  - a) Private sale
  - b) Social rent
  - c) Private rent



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