



NORWICH
City Council

NORWICH CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, 22 July 2008

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 meetings held on 24 June 2008.

6. Questions to Executive Members/Committee Chairs

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

7. Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies 2008/09

(Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services)

Purpose - To consider appointments to outside bodies for the current Civic Year.

8. Motion - Renewable Energy Tariff

Councillor Ramsay to move:

"This Council notes:

- that the UK produces less than 2% of its total energy from renewable energy sources and is at the bottom the European Renewable Energy 'league table'

- that countries in the European Union that have adopted a Renewable Energy Feed in Tariff such as Germany, Italy and Spain have seen a substantial rise in the percentage of their energy from renewable sources. If adopted in the UK this would facilitate a large increase in energy generated from local renewable sources in Norwich, by the Council, by residents and by local businesses, and hence would be a huge step towards the Council's agreed 6% carbon reduction targets.

Council asks the Executive, in consultation with the Climate Change Working Party, to consider whether supporting the amendment to the Energy Bill currently before Parliament that calls on Government to establish a Feed in Tariff within 12 months for the generation of local renewable heat, renewable power and renewable gas, is an appropriate way to help the Council meet its 6% carbon reduction target, and if so, to consider writing to:-

- (1) the Energy Minister, Malcolm Wicks MP, calling on the UK Government to act with urgency and to ensure the adoption of a Tariff for local energy under the current Energy Bill which will now be delayed over Summer;
- (2) our Norwich MPs urging them to support the amendment to the Energy Bill;
- (3) Friends of the Earth and the Renewable Energy Association informing them of the Council's support for their campaign on this issue."

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