



NORWICH
City Council

NORWICH CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, 20 July 2010

7.30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Lord Mayor's Announcements**
- 2. Announcement by the Leader**
- 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 29 June 2010.

- 7. Questions to Executive Members/Committee Chairs**
(A printed copy of the questions and replies will be available at the meeting)
- 8. Issues Consequential to the High Court Decision Quashing the Norfolk Structural Orders**
(Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services)

Purpose – To consider implications of the High Court decision quashing The Norfolk Structural Changes Order on constitutional issues until the thirteen vacancies on the Council are filled.

9. Scheme of Delegations and Proper Officers

(Report of the Head of Legal & Democratic Services)

Purpose - To adopt changes to the Council's constitution as recommended by the Executive at its meeting held on 30 June 2010, by amending the Scheme of Delegation to Officers (Appendix 8 of the Council's constitution) to reflect organisational changes resulting from the Corporate Efficiency Programme and the Statutory and Proper Officer Appointments (Appendix 9 of the Council's constitution).

10. Changed Use of Reserves

(Report of the Head of Finance)

Purpose - To give the Chief Executive authority to draw down, from the general fund reserve, such monies that are required to support the achievement of the new savings programme identified as a result of the new government spending policy.

11. Consultation on Executive Arrangements

(Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services)

Purpose – To approve the consultation arrangements, introduction and operation of new forms of executive arrangements under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, as recommended by the Executive at its meeting on 30 June 2010.

12. Motion – VAT Rise

Councillor Waters to move -

'The increase in VAT from 17.5% to 20% announced in the Coalition Government's June Budget will mean the poorest fifth of people will spend on average of 13.8% of their disposable income on VAT, up 1.7 percentage points (ONS). This is more than twice as much as the richest fifth pay in VAT as a proportion of their disposable income (ONS).

The median resident earnings for full-time workers in Norwich are 13% lower than regional median earnings and 11% lower than national median earnings (The Norwich Monthly Economic Barometer for June 2010) . 10.5% of Norwich households also have an income below £10,000 per annum compared with 7.1% of households in England (CACI/Norfolk Data Observatory). Many of Norwich's citizens will therefore be disproportionately affected by the rise in VAT.

The Council therefore:-

RESOLVES due to the particular impact this proposed rise in VAT increase will have on those in Norwich least able to afford it, to-

- (1) write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer raising concerns about the proposed VAT increase.

- (2) request Norwich's two MPs to voice their opposition to the increase in VAT and to vote against it in Parliament. '

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