

Council

Members of the council are hereby summoned to attend the
meeting of the council to be held in the
council chamber, City Hall, St Peters Street, Norwich, NR2 1NH
on

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

19:30

Agenda

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1. Lord Mayor's announcements

2. Presentation of long service award

3. Declarations of interest

(Please note that it is the responsibility of individual
members to declare an interest prior to the item if they arrive
late for the meeting)

4. Questions from the public

5. Petitions

6. Minutes

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Purpose - To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the
meeting held on 23 February 2016.

7. Questions to cabinet members / committee chairs

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

8. Nominations for Lord Mayor and Sheriff 2016-17

Purpose - To receive nominations for the Lord Mayor and Sheriff for the next civic year.

9. Appointment of monitoring officer

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Purpose - To consider the appointment of the monitoring officer.

10. Motion – Lowering voting age to 16

Cllr Schmierer to move and Cllr Graham to second -

“16 and 17 year-olds are eligible to pay tax, but have no say in how it is to be spent through the democratic process at either local or national level.

Researchers at Edinburgh University have found high levels of political engagement among this age group. In the Scottish independence referendum, which widened the franchise to 16 and 17 year-olds, turnout among this age group hit 75%.

In 2013 the British Youth Council made votes at 16 in all public elections its core priority following an election which saw 478,000 11-18 year-olds vote.

Council therefore **RESOLVES** to write to the government, the leader of the opposition and our local MPs stating that Norwich City Council supports lowering the voting age for local and national elections, and to suggest Norwich as a possible pilot area for allowing 16 and 17 year-olds to participate in local government elections starting in May 2018.”

11. Motion – Protection of local pharmacies

Councillor Ackroyd to move and Councillor Lubbock to second:

“The future of chemists in Norwich seems uncertain after the government announced plans to cut funding and change the way prescriptions are dispensed, imposing a 6 per cent reduction in pharmacy funding.

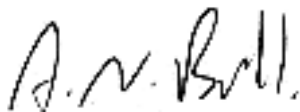
The All Party Pharmacy Group estimates that one in four shops could be forced to close.

Local pharmacists play a valuable role in our community and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society believes planned changes announced by the Department of Health on 17 December

2015 could lead to significant upheaval for local residents.

Council, therefore, **RESOLVES** to:

- a) support the view that that such attacks on the very fabric of our health system give a lie to Prime Minister David Cameron's statement that the NHS is "Safe in Our Hands."
- b) ask the leader of the council to write to our local MPs, asking them to call on the government to shelve these plans and protect this vital and highly valued service."



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COUNCIL

7.30pm – 9.40pm

23 February 2016

Present: Councillor Arthur (Lord Mayor), Councillors, Ackroyd, Bogelein, Bradford, Bremner, Brociek-Coulton, Button, Carlo, Coleshill, Driver, Grahame, Harris, Haynes, Henderson, Herries, Howard, Jackson, Jones, Kendrick, Lubbock, Manning, Maxwell, Neale, Packer, Peek, Price, Raby, Ryan, Sands (M), Sands (S), Schmierer, Stonard, Thomas (VA), Thomas (VI), Waters, Woollard and Wright

Apologies: The Sheriff and Councillor Blunt

1. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor said that since the last meeting she had attended a large number of varied engagements including the Holocaust Memorial Service; a celebration of the 35th anniversary of Big C; the launch of the Vikings Guide to Deadly Dragons at the Castle Museum; opening of the King's Lynn Mart; a fundraising event for the civic charity celebrating Chinese New Year; the mayoral court for Freeman of the City of Norwich which continued a 700 year old tradition and she had also opened a post office in a pub!

Together with 60 other people, including the sheriff, she had slept out in cardboard boxes on a very cold February night to raise money for the YMCA.

The outstanding event in the last month had been hosting the presentation of the Legion D'Honneur by the Maire of Blainville-Sur-Orme to four Royal Norfolk Regiment Normandy veterans and a widow of a fifth. The medals were presented on behalf of the French President to men who had landed on Sword beach and marched inland to free the town.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2A. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No questions had been received.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2016 subject to Councillor Boswell being added to the list of those present.

4. CORPORATE PLAN 2015-2020

Councillor Waters moved and Councillor Harris seconded the recommendations in the annexed report.

RESOLVED, with 24 voting in favour, none against and 13 abstentions, to note –

- (1) the corporate plan 2015-20;
- (2) that a review of the corporate plan 2015-20 will be undertaken within six months to consider the need to reflect any changes in national financing arrangements to both general and housing revenue funds.

5. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET AND NON-HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016-17

Councillor Stonard moved and Councillor Maxwell seconded the recommendations in the annexed report.

Councillor Schmierer moved and Councillor Neale seconded the following amendment –

“To reduce the level of general reserves by £45000 and use this money to employ an officer on a one-year trial basis to pursue external funding for the council”

RESOLVED with 16 voting for (Ackroyd, Bogelein, Boswell, Carlo, Grahame, Haynes, Henderson, Howard, Jackson, Jones, Lubbock, Neale, Price, Raby, Schmierer and Wright), 22 against (Arthur, Bradford, Bremner, Brociek-Coulton, Button, Coleshill, Driver, Harris, Herries, Kendrick, Manning, Maxwell, Packer, Peek, Ryan, Sands(M), Sands(S), Stonard, Thomas(VA), Thomas (VI), Waters and Woollard and no abstentions, the amendment was declared lost.

Councillor Carlo moved and Councillor Price seconded the following amendment –

“To reduce the grounds maintenance budget by £37000 and allocate this amount to the replanting of street trees outside conservation areas”

RESOLVED with 16 voting for (Ackroyd, Bogelein, Boswell, Carlo, Grahame, Haynes, Henderson, Howard, Jackson, Jones, Lubbock, Neale, Price, Raby, Schmierer and Wright), 22 against (Arthur, Bradford, Bremner, Brociek-Coulton, Button, Coleshill, Driver, Harris, Herries, Kendrick, Manning, Maxwell, Packer, Peek, Ryan, Sands(M), Sands(S), Stonard, Thomas(VA), Thomas (VI), Waters and Woollard and no abstentions, the amendment was declared lost.

RESOLVED to exclude the public to enable debate on appendix 5, which appears on the agenda as item *9, because it would disclose information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person as in paragraph 3 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Following the debate the public were invited back into the council chamber.

RESOLVED with 25 voting in favour (Ackroyd, Arthur, Bradford, Bremner, Brociek-Coulton, Button, Coleshill, Driver, Harris, Herries, Kendrick, Lubbock, Manning, Maxwell, Packer, Peek, Ryan, Sands(M), Sands(S), Stonard, Thomas (VA), Thomas (VI), Waters, Woollard and Wright), 8 against (Boswell, Carlo, Haynes, Henderson, Neale, Price, Raby and Schmierer) and 5 abstentions (Bogelein, Grahame, Howard, Jackson and Jones), to approve –

- (1) cabinet's recommendations for the 2016-17 financial year –
 - (a) to set the council's budgetary requirement for the 2016-17 financial year to £16.120 million (para 6.1 in annex A);
 - (b) the proposed general fund budgets for 2016-17 taking into account the savings, income and other budget movements set out in appendices 2 and 5 (item *9 on the agenda);
 - (c) to set the council's council tax requirement for 2016-17 at £8.495 million and set council tax at £244.01 for Band D, which is an increase of 1.95% (para 5.5 in annex A), the impact of the increase for all bands is shown in table 7.2 of Annex A;
 - (d) to set the Norwich City Council precept on the council tax collection fund for 2016-17 at £8.375 million calculated in accordance with sections 32-36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011 (as shown in para 7.1 of annex A);
 - (e) to set the prudent level of reserves for the council at £4.273 million in accordance with the recommendation of the chief finance officer (as shown in para 8.11 of annex A); and
 - (f) the proposed non-housing capital programme 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as shown in table 10.3 of annex A);
- (2) calculate the aggregate of all the precepts of the collection fund in accordance with sections 32-36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011 (shown in annex B) taking into account precepts notified by Norfolk County Council and the Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk.

6. HOUSING RENTS AND BUDGETS 2016-17

Councillor Harris moved and Councillor Woollard seconded the recommendations as set out in the annexed report.

RESOLVED with 35 voting in favour, none against and 1 abstention –

- (1) to approve cabinet's recommendations for the 2016-17 financial year to
 - (a) implement the minimum 1% rent reduction in accordance with legislation is anticipated to be approved as part of the welfare reform and work bill 2015/16 (paragraph 6.8 of annex A);
 - (b) approve the proposed Housing Revenue Account budget (paragraph 3.1 of annex A);
 - (c) approve the prudent minimum level of housing reserves (paragraph 7.6 of annex A);
 - (d) approve the proposed housing capital programme 2016-17 to 2020-21 (paragraph 9.1 of annex A);
 - (e) approve that garage rents remain unchanged (paragraph 6.13 of annex A);
- (2) approve a 1% rent reduction for supported housing rents in line with the reductions required for other rents (paragraph 4);
- (3) note that service charges will be determined under delegated powers in compliance with the constitution (paragraph 6.14 of annex A).

(Two hours having passed since the start of the meeting, the Lord Mayor asked if the remaining item could be taken as unopposed business.)

7. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2016-17

RESOLVED, unopposed, to approve cabinet's recommendations in relation to the following key elements of the report –

- (a) the capital prudential indicators and limits for 2016-17 to 2018-19 contained within paragraphs 10-15;
- (b) the minimum revenue provision (MRP) policy statement (paragraph 16) and the change to MRP policy as set out in annex 1;
- (c) the borrowing strategy 2016-17 to 2018-19 (paragraphs 21-25);
- (d) the treasury prudential indicators (paragraphs 26 -29), including the authorised limit (paragraph 27);
- (e) the investment strategy 2016-17 (paragraphs 30-55) and the detailed criteria included in appendix 3.

LORD MAYOR

Report to	Council	Item
	22 March 2016	
Report of	Executive head of business relationship management and democracy	9
Subject	Appointment of monitoring officer	

Purpose

To consider the appointment of the monitoring officer.

Recommendation

To appoint Rachel Crosbie as the monitoring officer.

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority value for money services

Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications from this report.

Ward/s: All Wards

Cabinet member: Councillor Stonard - Resources and income generation

Contact officers

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Background documents

None

Report

1. Hugh Ferguson is currently the council's monitoring officer and is provided as part of the council's agreement with npLaw.
2. NpLaw have been through reorganisation and have contacted the council to suggest a change to the current monitoring officer arrangements.
3. NpLaw have proposed Rachel Crosbie to be the monitoring officer for the council.
4. Once a new monitoring officer is appointed, in line with the constitution they then nominate deputy monitoring officers from npLaw to ensure resilience for the council.

Integrated impact assessment



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The IIA should assess **the impact of the recommendation** being made by the report

Detailed guidance to help with completing the assessment can be found [here](#). Delete this row after completion

Report author to complete

Committee:	Council
Committee date:	22 March 2016
Head of service:	Anton Bull
Report subject:	Appointment of monitoring officer
Date assessed:	4/3/2016
Description:	Appointment of monitoring officer

	Impact			
Economic (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Finance (value for money)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other departments and services e.g. office facilities, customer contact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ICT services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Economic development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Financial inclusion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Social (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Safeguarding children and adults	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<u>S17 crime and disorder act 1998</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights Act 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Health and well being	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality and diversity (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Relations between groups (cohesion)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

	Impact			
Eliminating discrimination & harassment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Advancing equality of opportunity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Environmental (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Natural and built environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Waste minimisation & resource use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pollution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainable procurement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Energy and climate change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(Please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Risk management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Recommendations from impact assessment
Positive
Negative
Neutral
Issues