



NORWICH
City Council

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, 25 November 2014

19:30

AGENDA

1 Lord Mayor's announcements

2 Declaration 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)

3 Questions from the public

4 Petitions

5 Minutes

5 - 30

To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2014.

6 Questions to cabinet members / committee chairs

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

7 Polling district review

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Purpose - To review polling districts, polling places and polling stations as required by the Representation of the people Act 1983 (as amended by the Electoral

Administration Act 2006) and the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006.

8 **Adoption of Norwich's local plan documents** 53 - 66

Purpose - To consider the conclusions of the inspector's reports of the examination into the *Development management policies local plan* and *Site allocations and site specific policies local plan* and to adopt the two local plans and associated policies map.

9 **Byelaw to manage skateboarding in the city** 67 - 80

Purpose - to consider:

- commencing a 12 week consultation process on a Public Space Protection Order to protect the city's War Memorial (and Memorial gardens) from damage caused by skateboarding (including roller-blading and non-motorised scooters).

and;

- ask the local skateboarding community to work with us to come up with joint solutions to issues caused by skateboarding (and other related activities), in the city centre area originally proposed, to ensure that it is a space that can be enjoyed by all.

10 **Review of the council's constitution - Code of governance** 81 - 104

Purpose - To consider the recommendation of the cabinet to amend the council's code of governance, in line with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA) statement on the role of the chief financial officer in local government.

11 **Motion – Blacklisting**

Councillor Waters to move and Councillor Barker to second the following motion:

Council **RESOLVES** to:-

1) deplore the illegal practice of 'blacklisting' within the construction industry

2) ask cabinet to amend its procurement procedures to

ensure that any company known to have been involved in blacklisting practices and not to have indemnified its victims, is not invited to tender for council contracts until it has identified the steps taken to:-

- a) remedy blacklisting for all affected workers
- b) ensure blacklisting will not happen again

12 **Motion – Devolution for Councils**

Cllr Wright to move and Cllr Ackroyd to second:

The enthusiastic participation shown by the people of Scotland in the democratic process leading to the referendum on 18 September, 2014 has resulted in increased discussion on the devolution of powers from central government in Westminster, including further devolution of powers to local areas of England.

The coalition government's City Deal programme, in which Norwich is participating, has gone some way to devolve power away from Whitehall to reflect better the needs of localities and regions.

Council **RESOLVES** to ask the leader of the council to write to our city MPs to lobby for urgent major devolution of power, including tax raising and spending, from central government to local areas of England, emphasising that:-

1) the devolution of powers and finance to English councils be carried out in ways that enhance and strengthen local democratic bodies including agreement that it shall be for local people and communities to decide their form of democratic leadership without having a specific model (for example directly elected mayors) imposed in return for more powers;

2) English devolution must include both cities and county areas, as the many councils not within city regions must also gain greater powers and finance in order to build successful and prosperous futures.



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