



**CABINET**

**17:30 to 18:50**

**11 October 2017**

Present: Councillors Waters (chair), Harris (vice chair), Davis, Herries, Kendrick, Maguire, Ryan and Stonard

Also present: Councillor Schmierer

**1. Declarations of interest**

Councillor Waters declared an 'other' interest in item 6, 'New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership Norfolk and Suffolk Economic Strategy' as he was the council's representative on the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership board.

Councillor Stonard declared an 'other' interest in item 8, 'Norwich Airport Industrial Estate', as he was the chair of Norwich Regeneration Company Ltd which could potentially be awarded a contract to develop housing as part of the regeneration of the industrial estate.

Councillor Kendrick declared a 'other' interest in item 8, Norwich Airport Industrial Estate, because he is a director of Norwich Regeneration Company Ltd which could potentially be awarded a contract to develop housing as part of the regeneration of the industrial estate.

**2. Public questions/petitions**

There were no public questions or petitions.

**3. Proposed variations to off-street car park fees and charges**

Councillor Kendrick, cabinet member for resources, presented the report.

Councillor Stonard, cabinet member for sustainable and inclusive growth said the review of charges aimed to ensure these were competitive in the market and generate income to maintain the car parks.

In response to a question from Councillor Schmierer, the director of regeneration and development explained that the methodology used when considering an increase to car parking charges took account of the need to reinvest in facilities, to keep competitive within the market and to ensure a vibrant city centre was maintained.

**RESOLVED** to approve the revised fees and charges as set out in appendix C and appendix D to the report, to take effect from 13 November 2017.

#### **4. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meetings held on 13 September 2017.

#### **5. The New Anglia Local Enterprise partnership is seeking Norwich City Council endorsement of its new Norfolk and Suffolk Economic Strategy.**

(Councillor Waters had declared an 'other' interest in this item.)

Councillor Waters, leader, presented the report.

In response to a comment from Councillor Schmierer, Councillor Waters, said the strategy referred to the creation of 46,000 jobs in the region. He had questioned the quality of these jobs with regard to details such as zero hour contracts or part time working. He said this was the beginning not the end of the process and referred to the report 'How to deliver great jobs – towards a regional industrial strategy for Norfolk and Suffolk' (see [here](#)) for further information.

**RESOLVED** to endorse the New Anglia Economic Strategy and further engagement on its implementation to ensure the delivery of inclusive growth for Norwich.

#### **6. Carbon footprint report**

Councillor Maguire, cabinet member for safe city environment, presented the report.

In response to a question from Councillor Schmierer, the environmental strategy manager said the number of electric vehicle charging points in Norwich and Cambridge were similar. Using a grant from Highways England the University of East Anglia (UEA) and Norwich City Council were working to install two rapid charges situated at the UEA.

**RESOLVED** to note the progress being made on the delivery of the council's carbon management programme.

#### **7. Norwich airport industrial estate**

(Councillor Stonard and Councillor Kendrick had declared a 'other' interest in this item.)

Councillor Stonard, cabinet member for sustainable and inclusive growth, presented the report.

In response to a question from Councillor Schmierer, the head of city development said the figures in the report were preliminary but were positive in terms of rental returns. Redevelopment offered clear benefits in terms of regeneration and

economic development. Some buildings on the estate could no longer be let due to their condition. There was a lack of good quality industrial units in Norwich and these would cater for that demand.

**RESOLVED** to:

- (1) Agree to commission Carter Jonas to procure a joint venture partner to regenerate and manage the airport industrial estate
- (2) Agree that the brief for this work be brought back to cabinet for approval
- (3) Agree that the appointment of any joint venture partner is subject to a full business case
- (4) Agree to establish a subsidiary of Norwich Regeneration Ltd to develop land at Hurricane Way for housing.

**8. Revenue budget monitoring 2017/18 period 5**

Councillor Kendrick, cabinet member for resources, presented the report.

**RESOLVED** to note the financial position as at 31 August 2017 and the forecast outturn 2017/18.

**9. Municipal Bonds Agency borrowing framework agreement**

Councillor Kendrick, cabinet member for resources, presented the report.

In response to a question from Councillor Schmierer, the chief finance officer stated borrowing amounts would be clearer in January and February. The prudential code applied to councils and prior to agreeing an amount to borrow the prudential indicators would be applied internally. A list of councils which had borrowed from the fund would be shared with Councillor Schmierer.

**RESOLVED** to approve the council's entry into the UK Municipal Bonds Agency (UK MBA) framework agreement and its accompanying schedules including the joint and several guarantee.

**10. Treasury Management Full Year Review Report 2016-17**

Councillor Kendrick, cabinet member for resources, presented the report.

**RESOLVED** to recommend that council:

- (1) Approves the actual 2016/17 prudential and treasury indicators in this report; and;
- (2) Notes the Annual Treasury report for the year 31 March 2017.

**11. Exclusion of the public.**

**RESOLVED** to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of items \*12 to \*14 (below) on the grounds contained in the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

**\*12. Housing related support – Key decision (Paragraph 4)**

Councillor Harris, cabinet member for social housing presented the report.

The head of neighbourhood housing would inform ward councillors of the timetable for consultation with tenants.

In response to a question from Councillor Schmierer, the head of neighbourhood housing advised all providers were members of the housing alliance and this was the forum to discuss changes. Joint working with other shelter housing providers could be considered in the future.

**RESOLVED** to approve the proposed changes to service provision contained in the report following a service review.

**\*13. Managing assets (housing) – Key decision (Paragraph 3)**

Councillor Stonard, cabinet member for sustainable and inclusive growth, presented the report.

**RESOLVED** to approve the disposal of property assets listed in appendix 1 of the report.

**\*14. Managing assets (housing revenue account) – Key decision (Paragraph 3)**

Councillor Waters proposed to defer consideration of this item to a later meeting.

**RESOLVED** to defer consideration of item \*14, managing assets (housing revenue account) to a later meeting.

CHAIR