



NORWICH
City Council

NORWICH CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, 29 June 2010

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 30 March 2010 and 18 May 2010.

6. Questions to Executive Members/Committee Chairs

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

7. Unitary status – Future of the Implementation Executive

(Report of the Chief Executive)

Purpose - To make recommendations on the future of the Implementation Executive (IE), in the light of the Government's Local Government Bill which will revoke the Structural Change Order for a Norwich unitary council.

8. Appointment of Representatives to Outside-Bodies

(Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services)

Purpose – To consider appointments to outside bodies.

9. Motion – Scrutiny

Councillor Stephenson to move:-

'Council,

RESOLVES,

- (1) to increase the involvement of councillors in scrutiny by establishing an appropriate number of committees or panels to fully cover the work of the Council;
- (2) to ask the Head of Legal, Regulatory and Democratic Services to convene a meeting of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Scrutiny Committee, scrutiny officer, representatives of the Corporate Management Team, and leaders of other political groups to explore ways of embedding scrutiny throughout the City Council.'

10. Motion – ICT Open Source Software

Councillor Makoff to move:-

'The recently published "Open Source, Open Standards and Re-Use: Government Action Plan" builds on existing policy for government departments to use open source software wherever it offers the best value for money and states that "where there is no significant overall cost difference between open and non open source products, open source will be selected on the basis of its additional inherent flexibility.
Council,

RESOLVES to ask the Executive:-

- (1) as part of the Strategic ICT Review agreed in this year's budget, to consider whether any of the software currently used within the Council could be replaced with better value for money open source alternatives;
- (2) to review policy and options on ICT procurement including:-
 - how to ensure that systems procured are able to adapt to unforeseen changes and advances in technology;
 - making it a requirement to assess the opportunities to use open source software, including the potential benefits, in a Total Cost of Ownership assessment;
 - the opportunities to the local economy that arise from using software that can be modified by local IT workers rather than being restricted to modification by large companies elsewhere;
 - whether the upgrade and exit/replacement cost of current proprietary systems could or should be included as a liability on the relevant Council balance sheets.'

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