



COUNCIL (EXTRAORDINARY)

18:30 to 19:45

26 November 2019

Present: Councillor Thomas (Va) (Lord Mayor), Ackroyd, Bogelein, Brociek-Coulton, Button, Carlo, Driver, Fulton-McAlister (E), Fulton-McAlister (M), Giles, Grahame, Harris, Huntley, Jones, Kendrick, Lubbock, Maguire, Manning, Maxwell, McCartney-Gray, Neale, Oliver, Osborn, Packer, Peek, Price, Ryan, Sands (M), Sands (S), Sarmezey, Schmierer, Stonard, Stutely, Thomas (Vi), Utton, Waters, Wright and Youssef

Apologies: Councillor Davis

1. Lord Mayor's Announcements

The Lord Mayor introduced the meeting, he had attended a number of events in the city over the last month. (A full list is appended to these minutes at appendix A.) He highlighted the excellent events he had attended for the living wage and white ribbon campaigns.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Kendrick and Stonard declared an other interest in item *7 below as directors of Norwich Regeneration Limited.

3. Constitutional review

Councillor Kendrick moved the recommendations as set out in the report seconded by Councillor Waters.

RESOLVED, unanimously, to adopt the following changes to the constitution:

- (1) to amend Appendix 1, Council rules and procedures by:
 - (a) inserting after rule 63, the following new rule 64:
 64. Amendments to recommendations or motions set out in the council agenda shall only be considered if they have been delivered in writing to the director of resources by 17:00 on the day preceding the meeting.
 65. The exceptions to the above rule are:

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- (a) technical amendments may be moved to correct factual errors;
 - (b) the director of resources will have discretion to permit amendments from members if the director of resources is satisfied that the need for the amendment could not have been anticipated before the 17:00 deadline and that advance notice of such amendments was given as soon as reasonably practical.”
- (b) inserting additional wording to current rule no 16:

“If there is opposed business to take after two hours have elapsed since the beginning of the meeting, a short break of up to ten minutes will be taken before continuing with the business of the meeting.”
- (2) to insert the Planning Applications Committee Procedures and Delegations at Appendix 11 of the constitution;
- (3) to amend Article 5 – Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and Sheriff by deleting the text in 5.1.2 and replacing it with “Any sitting councillor can be nominated for the position of Lord Mayor”.
- (4) to agree in principle to amending the structure of the constitution to make it more user friendly by placing the relevant articles and appendices together rather than having a section for all articles and all appendices; and making a single pdf version of the constitution available on the council’s website;
- (5) to note recent changes made to the constitution under Article 15 or by resolution of full council as set out in Appendix A to this report.

(Councillor Fulton-McAlister (E) joined the meeting at this point)

4. Appointment of an interim chief finance officer and section 151 officer

Councillor Waters moved the recommendations as set out in the report seconded by Councillor Kendrick.

RESOLVED, unanimously, to appoint Hannah Simpson as interim chief finance officer and section 151 officer.

5. Appointment of chief executive officer and head of paid service

Councillor Waters moved the recommendations as set out in the report seconded by Councillor Harris.

RESOLVED, unanimously, to:

- 1) approve the appointment of Stephen Evans as the Councils permanent chief executive and head of paid service, subject to satisfactory pre- employment checks;

- 2) delegate to the head of HR and learning, in consultation with the leader of the Council, the finalisation of the start date and all other matters relating to the appointment;
- 3) confirm that the appointment incorporates the statutory roles of returning officer and electoral registration officer with effect from the commencement of employment with the Council. Separate remuneration arrangements are in place for these roles; and
- 4) approve the appointment of Nikki Rotsos as the Council's interim chief executive and head of paid service.

***6. Exclusion of the Public**

RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of items *7 (below) on the grounds contained in the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

***7. Housing development at Rayne Park – (para 3)**

Councillor Stonard moved the recommendations as set out in the report seconded by Councillor Kendrick.

RESOLVED, with 31 voting in favour and seven abstentions to:

- 1) approve Norwich Regeneration Limited's Business Case for constructing 74 new homes in sections 2, 3 and 4 of Rayne Park (Appendix One).
- 2) approve to lend up to £11.4m to Norwich Regeneration Ltd, on commercial terms; and
- 3) note that the approval of recommendations 1 and 2 above will have an impact on the Council's 2020/21 budget and MTFS position, as described in paragraphs 19 to 32.

LORD MAYOR

Lord Mayor's announcements 26 November 2019

Events and meetings since the last Council meeting 24 Sept 2019

- (1) Attended Local Flavours Exhibition at Norfolk Showground
- (2) Attended 'Chatterbox' Charity for the blind. Talking newspapers
- (3) Gave a Speech to the Norwich & District Trades Council
- (4) Attended a MacMillan Coffee morning at Magdalen Gates Primary School
- (5) Gave speech at Future Projects AGM at Blackfriars Hall
- (6) Attended Norfolk & Norwich Art Circle Exhibition at the Hostry
- (7) Attended a Craft Fair at St Matthews Church, Telegraph Lane
- (8) Attended Norfolk Disability Pride
- (9) Launch of a new Fish & Chip Shop on Magdalen St

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- (10) Spoke at the Norwich Older Peoples Forum AGM
- (11) Visited a Leeway Women's Refuge
- (12) Chaired a Twinning Committee meeting
- (13) Attended presentation of British Empire Medals at The Great Hospital
- (14) Choral Evensong at Norwich Cathedral for Lord-Lieutenant Lady Dannett
- (15) Took part in filmed interview at City Hall for the BBC's Great British Railways
- (16) Attended launch of Norwich Street Aid
- (17) Norfolk & Norwich Association for the Blind AGM
- (18) Norfolk Safer Community Awards Ceremony with Norfolk Police
- (19) Edith Cavell Annual Commemorative Service, Norwich Cathedral & Deanery
- (20) Norfolk & Norwich Novi Sad Association Lunch
- (21) Special Evensong at Peter Mancroft Church for Prisons Week
- (22) Attended Education & Employment Conference at Drapers Hall, London
- (23) Attended The Matthew Project Next Steps Launch
- (24) Attended Doorway of Hope Service at Norwich Cathedral for Time Norfolk
- (25) Attended Norfolk Arts Awards Ceremony, St George's Theatre, Gt Yarmouth
- (26) Attended City College Graduation at Norwich Cathedral
- (27) Attended private viewing of "My People. My Country" with Chinese Community Centre
- (28) Launch of Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal at Roll of Honour, City Hall
- (29) Attended Charing Cross Centre AGM
- (30) Gave Talk to Young at Heart Group, Holy Trinity Church
- (31) Attended Open Concert with Norfolk County Youth Orchestra
- (32) Bench unveiling on Mousehold Heath in recognition of Cllr David Bradford's service
- (33) Attended Festival of Architecture Norwich & Norfolk [FANN19] at the Forum
- (34) Attended 'Your Own Place' training flat Open Day
- (35) Launch of Access Community Trust 'Sams eat.drink.meet' in Thetford

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- (36) Attended 'The Magnifi-scent Museum' exhibition at The Bridewell
- (37) Attended Freda Sheehy's Funeral at the Earlham Crematorium
- (38) Attended St John's Care Home for their 3rd Birthday celebration
- (39) Gave speech at City Club Annual Dinner at Blackfriars Hall
- (40) Attended the charity Card Shop for good causes at The Forum
- (41) Attended Civic Association committee meeting at City Hall

- (42) Attended Annual YMCA celebration at the Open
- (43) Attended Prize Giving for Norwich High School for Girls
- (44) Attended Bishop's Enthronement at Norwich Cathedral
- (45) Attended Remembrance Sunday Service at City Hall & Norwich Cathedral
- (46) Attended morning assembly at Lakenham School celebrating 100 year anniversary
- (47) Attended Armistice Day Remembrance at the War Memorial
- (48) Attended launch of White Ribbon with Leeway at The Nest in Horsford
- (49) Attended Ladies Luncheon Club at The Mecure Hotel
- (50) Attended Living Wage Week reception at The Forum
- (51) Attended opening at Maids Head Hotel of new wine bar
- (52) Attended Switch On of Christmas Lights at City Hall
- (53) Attended Theatre Royal's Centre Stage Event
- (54) Attended Mayors Reception at Cambridge Guildhall
- (55) Attended Prom Praise at Trinity Church
- (56) Attended Kinda Café's underground street
- (57) Visited Rouen for a 4 day visit
- (58) Attended White Ribbon events at City Hall x2
- (59) Met 9 Refugees and Asylum Seekers with UEA University of Sanctuary at City Hall
- (60) Visit to Acle Academy