

NORWICH CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, 21 April 2009

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 meeting held on 31 March 2009.

6. Questions to Executive Members/Committee Chairs (A printed copy of the questions and replies will be available at the meeting.)

7. Motion – Child Poverty

Councillor S Little to move:

"Council notes that:

- Save the Children an organisation better known for helping children in war-torn and famine-struck countries recently started distributing money to families in the UK for the first time, citing the increase in malnutrition amongst children as a key reason for doing so.
- Just over ten years ago, when he was Prime Minister, Tony Blair committed the UK to ending child poverty 'within a generation'.

- Although child poverty has decreased over the last ten years, it is unlikely that the Government's interim 2010/11 target to halve child poverty levels will be met without at least an additional £3 billion annual investment (according to various independent estimates, such as from the Institute for Fiscal Studies).
- Norfolk is the 5th most deprived County in England on the Government's child poverty index, and of the 26 SOAs (Super Output Areas) in Norfolk which are - by the index of Multiple Deprivation - in the most deprived 10% in England, 10 are in Norwich.

Council resolves to ask the Executive to consider and agree a plan to set out what the Council intends to do in Norwich - in partnership with other organisations where necessary - in order to achieve the goals as set out in the Child Poverty Action Group's Manifesto "Ending Child Poverty."

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