



NORWICH
City Council

NORWICH CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, 28 June 2011

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 22 March and 17 May 2011.

6. Questions to Cabinet members/Committee chairs

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

7. Appointment of representatives to outside bodies

(Report of the Head of law and governance)

Purpose – To consider appointments to outside bodies.

8. Annual scrutiny review

(Report of the Head of law and governance)

Purpose – To receive the annual scrutiny review for 2009-11

9. Standards annual report

(Report of the Chair of Standards Committee)

Purpose – To note the annual report of the chair of the Standards committee

10. Motion – Statutory duties

Councillor Offord to move:-

A review of statutory duties is being undertaken by the Department for Communities and Local Government. This review is considering over 1200 responsibilities on local government identifying those that are 'unnecessary' and that are 'no longer needed' which includes, among others, a review of the 1908 'Small Holdings and Allotment Act.'

Council **RESOLVES** to write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government expressing concern that these duties are under review and requesting assurances that these vital functions provided by the council are not lost.

11. Motion – Directly elected police commissioners

Councillor Jeraj to move -

The government is proposing to replace the Norfolk Police Authority with a directly-elected Police Commissioner. Given the diverse policing needs in Norwich and Norfolk, having a single-person in charge reduces the scope for bringing the experience of a cross section of society to police work. It could create friction between the authorities in addressing the long-term crime and disorder issues in Norwich and may impact on the Safer Norwich Partnership and the city council's community safety work. It will also inevitably affect the council in undertaking its statutory responsibility of providing resources to the Returning Officer to deliver the election of a Police Commissioner.

Council, therefore, **RESOLVES** to write to the Home Secretary and the two Norwich MPs calling for the proposal to replace the Norfolk Police Authority with a directly-elected Police Commissioner, to be abandoned.

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