

Cabinet

Date: Wednesday, 08 March 2023

Time: 16:30

Venue: Mancroft room, City Hall, St Peters Street, Norwich, NR2 1NH

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Agenda

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1 Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

2 Declarations of interest

(Please note that it is the responsibility of individual members to declare an interest prior to the item if they arrive late for the meeting).

3 Public questions/petitions

To receive questions / petitions from the public which have been submitted in accordance with the council's constitution.

4 Minutes

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To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2023.

5 LGA Corporate Peer Review of Norwich City Council – review findings, council response and next steps

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Purpose: This report presents the findings of the recent LGA Corporate Peer Review of the city council, together with the council's response to the recommendations and proposed next steps. The Peer Review feedback report is appended.

6 Town Deal Fund Programme Update

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Purpose: This report is to update Cabinet on the NCC Towns' Fund Programme. It provides an update on progress being made in delivery on the towns' fund programme, outlines the governance and oversight measures that have been put in place to manage the programme and gives an overview of the budget situation. It is intended that similar update will be provided annually for the duration of the programme. In addition to providing an overview of progress in relation to all projects, the report also seeks delegated authority to award a contract for the refurbishment and operation of The Digital Hub at Townshend House in order to minimise delay to that project.

7 Culture Action Plan

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Purpose: To seek approval of the Action Plan for Culture.

8	The tenant engagement, housing management and safer Norwich strategies	103 - 134
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Purpose: To seek approval for the adoption of the tenant engagement strategy, housing management strategy and safer Norwich strategy 2023-26.

9	Procurement Strategy Update	135 - 148
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Purpose: The Council's procurement strategy requires that each year, the Cabinet receives an update on how the strategy is being implemented. This report seeks to provide this update.

10	Pay Policy Statement 2023-24	149 - 164
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Purpose: To note and recommend to full Council the pay policy statement for 2023/24.

11	Adjustment to the general fund capital budget – The Halls	165 - 172
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Purpose: To adjust the general fund capital programme to provide additional funds for major repairs and upgrades to The Halls.

12	The award of contract for a decoration allowance scheme for new housing tenants	173 - 178
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Purpose: To seek approval to award a contract for a decoration allowance scheme for new housing tenants.

13	The award of four contracts for Asbestos Surveys, Asbestos Removals and Fire Risk Assessments (Compliance Improvement Programme)	179 - 188
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Purpose: To consider the award of four contracts for Asbestos Survey and analytical works, Asbestos Removal and Fire Risk Assessments as part of the Council's Compliance Improvement Plan.

To consider that, where any future contract variations be required which would constitute a Key Decision, these be delegated to the Executive Director of community services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Social Housing.

14 Housing Revenue Account contracts 2023-24 for housing maintenance and upgrades 189 - 196

Purpose: To consider the award of the following Housing Revenue Account contracts
2023-24 for housing maintenance and upgrades:

- Window Upgrades
- Domestic Heating Upgrades
- Domestic Electrical Inspections, Upgrades and Rewires
- Communal Estate Improvements
- External decorations

15 Write-off of irrecoverable debt 197 - 202

Purpose: To request write offs for irrecoverable commercial customer debts in excess of £50,000 in accordance with the council's financial regulations, following completion of all available debt recovery options.

16 Establishing a Joint Venture with Anglian Water and Norfolk authorities to provide environmental credits (Report to follow)

17 Exclusion of the public

Consideration of exclusion of the public.

EXEMPT ITEMS:

(During consideration of these items the meeting is not likely to be open to the press and the public.)

To consider whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of an agenda item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in Part 1 of Schedule 12 A of the Local Government Act 1972 or it being confidential for the purposes of Section 100A(2) of that Act.

In each case, members are asked to decide whether, in all circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption (and discussing the matter in private) outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

- *18 Establishing a Joint Venture with Anglian Water and Norfolk authorities to provide environmental credits - exempt appendix (para 3) (Report to follow)**

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