



NORWICH
City Council

NORWICH CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday 19 July 2011

7.30pm

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 28 June 2011.

6. Questions to Cabinet members/Committee chairs

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

7. Future priorities and shape of the council

(Report of the chief executive officer)

Purpose – To advise council of the cabinet's approach to developing the future priorities and shape of the council.

8. Motion – Localising business rates

Councillor Wright to move –

“Last month, Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg announced the government would introduce legislation in the current Parliamentary session to localise the retention of business rates. He said this would provide a ‘dramatic new incentive’ for local authorities to encourage economic growth in their area and estimated that allowing business rates to be retained locally could mean councils have direct control of more than 80% of their budgets, rather than the 50% currently. He promised that no authority will receive less funding when the new arrangements are introduced than they would have done previously and also outlined plans to introduce tax increment finance, allowing local authorities to borrow against future income from the business rates to fund local development.

Council, therefore, **RESOLVES** to welcome the proposals and write to the two Norwich MPs outlining our support for localising business rates, introducing tax increment finance, and supporting the government's principle that no authority will receive less funding when the new arrangements are introduced than they would have done previously.”

9. Exclusion of the public

Consideration of exclusion of the public.

10. The future priorities and shape of the council – Annexes A-C and E

(Report of the chief executive officer)

Purpose – To advise members of the cabinet’s approach to develop the future priorities and shape of the council (Annexes A-C and E).

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