

<b>Report to</b>	Cabinet	<b>Item</b>
	10 December 2014	
<b>Report of</b>	Executive head of business relationship management and democracy	<b>5</b>
<b>Subject</b>	Transatlantic trade and investment partnership	

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### **Purpose**

To consider the transatlantic trade and investment partnership (TTIP) referred to cabinet by council.

### **Recommendation**

To:

- 1) seek assurance from government ministers involved in negotiating TTIP regarding the concerns around public procurement and public services, environment and food safety, the investment state dispute settlement and transparency and consultation;
- 2) seek the views of Norwich MPs and MEPs for the Eastern Region; and,
- 3) consider the response from government ministers at a future meeting.

### **Corporate and service priorities**

The report helps to meet the corporate priority "A prosperous city".

### **Financial implications**

**Ward/s:** All wards

**Cabinet member:** Councillor Waters- Deputy Leader and resources

### **Contact officers**

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### **Background documents**

None

# **Report**

## **Background**

1. On 22 July 2014 Council resolved to refer a motion concerning the transatlantic trade and investment partnership (TTIP) to cabinet for consideration.
2. On 23 September 2014, in response to a question, Cllr Waters indicated a report would be made to cabinet at the meeting in November. However, as information was still being gathered this report was deferred to the December meeting of cabinet.
3. On 25 November 2014 Cllr Waters responded to a question at council and the response is attached.

## **What is the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership?**

4. On 29 October 2014 the Local Government Information Unit published a policy briefing written by Janet Sillet on TTIP. This briefing is attached and provides an excellent summary of what TTIP is and the current issues, concerns and views. The briefing provides a balanced view of TTIP and considers different viewpoints.

## **Key issues to be considered**

5. The key issues are
  - a) Public procurement and public services
  - b) Environment and food safety
  - c) The investor state dispute settlement
  - d) Transparency and consultation

## **Public procurement and public services**

6. There are concerns that TTIP could result in no choice for the council as to how we deliver public services. There is particular concern around the NHS.

## **Environment and food safety**

7. There are concerns that key environmental regulations could be undermined and that TTIP will have an adverse impact on the environment.

## **The investor state dispute settlement**

8. There are concerns that public policy decisions could lead to the individual countries being sued.

## **Transparency and consultation**

9. There are concerns that the negotiations are being held with limited access to documents and that consultation has been biased towards transnational corporations. Further, although the UK parliament will be able to vote on the adoption of TTIP, it will be a straight yes/no vote with no option to make amendments.

## Integrated impact assessment



**NORWICH**  
City Council

The IIA should assess **the impact of the recommendation** being made by the report

Detailed guidance to help with completing the assessment can be found [here](#). Delete this row after completion

### Report author to complete

Committee:	Cabinet
Committee date:	10 December 2014
Head of service:	Anton Bull
Report subject:	The transatlantic trade and investment partnership (TTIP)
Date assessed:	28/11/2014
Description:	The transatlantic trade and investment partnership (TTIP)

	Impact			
Economic (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Finance (value for money)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other departments and services e.g. office facilities, customer contact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ICT services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Economic development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Financial inclusion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Social (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Safeguarding children and adults	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<u>S17 crime and disorder act 1998</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights Act 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Health and well being	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality and diversity (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Relations between groups (cohesion)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

	Impact			
Eliminating discrimination & harassment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Advancing equality of opportunity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Environmental (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Natural and built environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Waste minimisation & resource use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pollution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainable procurement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Energy and climate change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(Please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Risk management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Recommendations from impact assessment**

**Positive**

**Negative**

**Neutral**

**Issues**

At this stage all items have been assessed as neutral as further information will be requested.