



# Council

**Membership: All Councillors**

Members are invited to a meeting of **Council** in the **Conference Room, Riverside, Lowestoft** on **Wednesday, 23 January 2019 at 6.30 pm.**

An Agenda is set out below.

## **Part One - Open to the Public**

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### **1. Apologies**

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Members and Officers are invited to make any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Local Non Pecuniary Interests that they may have, in relation to items on the Agenda, and are also reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the Meeting, if it becomes apparent that this may be required, when a particular item or issue is considered.

### **3. Minutes**

- (a) To confirm as a correct record the Minutes from the meeting held on 19 September 2018 (Pages 1 to 13)
- (b) To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the last meeting held on 14 November 2018 (Pages 14 to 26)

### **4. Communications**

### **5. Announcements from the Chief Executive / Leader of the Council**

### **6. Notices of Motion**

Councillor D Beavan has submitted the following Notice of Motion:

"That this Council asks the County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner to reduce their asking price for the old Southwold Police and Fire Stations so that we can build local homes rather than holiday homes on this last significant building plot in the town."

Councillor M Cherry has submitted the following Notice of Motion:

"This Council calls on Suffolk County Council to put an immediate suspension to all plans to change the current Record Office Service at Lowestoft, and to hold Councillor Hicks to his offer of maintaining the Service in Lowestoft if suitable premises could be found, and appropriate funding obtained to sustain the Service for the foreseeable future. This Council, will take an active part in any such search for suitable premises and funding, in co-operation with Suffolk

County Council, Lowestoft Town Council and any other concerned bodies, including the Save Our Records Office Campaign. In addition, Waveney District Council will commit to ensuring that this commitment is continued after the creation of the new East Suffolk Council”.

Councillor J Craig has submitted the following Notice of Motion:

“This Council commits to help to obtain the funds to remove completely, or rectify, all sub-standard installations arising from the sub-standard work carried out as a part of the 2012 Harbour Ward Community Energy Saving Programme (endorsed by Waveney District Council) to the qualifying standard in accordance with BBA Certificate 07/4490. The Council will also liaise with Peter Aldous MP to enlist his full help. In addition, Waveney District Council will commit to ensuring that this support is continued after the creation of the new East Suffolk Council”.

## **7. Questions from Members**

The following questions have been submitted by Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11:

(a) Question from Councillor P Light to the Cabinet Member for Operational Partnerships

Waveney has had a proud reputation for the excellent recycling of domestic waste. Is it possible to hear of the percentage of domestic waste that was recycled in the months of September, October, and November during 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2018-19?

(b) Question from Councillor P Light to the Leader of the Council

Since the closure of Lowestoft Town Hall in May 2015 what is the full extent of the expenditure, costs and loss of income incurred by Waveney District Council?

(c) Question from Councillor J Murray to the Cabinet Member for Operational Partnerships

Could the Cabinet Member for Operational Partnerships inform the Chamber of the Council Procedures for dealing with, and treating, land contaminated by Japanese Knotweed, and whether these procedures are fully compliant with the National Code of Practice in protecting land and property values (in the current absence of statutory requirements) by the two industry trade bodies (PCA & INNSA).

(d) Question from Councillor A Green to the Leader of the Council

At the Full Council meeting on 16 November 2016, various questions were asked in regard to assets being transferred to the then proposed Lowestoft Town Council.

In particular, a response was made about the provision of CCTV and I quote: ‘With regard to CCTV within Lowestoft, clarification was provided that this was funded by local businesses, in conjunction with Lowestoft Vision and was an important community safety asset.’

Would the Leader of the Council either amend or clarify this, as I would suggest it is at best a totally misleading statement, particularly to members of the public, as the CCTV provision is funded within the precept budget by the residents of Lowestoft, and whilst I

welcome the funding stream mentioned in that November meeting, it contributes to less than 2% of the total cost.

(e) Question from Councillor L Gooch to the Cabinet Member for Community Health & Safety

As reported by the BBC in January 2019, children in the UK exceed the maximum recommended sugar intake for an 18 year old by the time they are 10, according to experts. This is based on their total sugar consumption from the age of two, says Public Health England (PHE). One month earlier, it was reported that children in the UK had 45,000 hospital operations on teeth in 2018.

In an effort to address this health crisis, Southwark Council has been promoting its campaign of 'Fizz Free February' to help other councils support their wider communities to safeguard their children's health. How will Waveney District Council engage with this campaign?

(f) Question from Councillor J Smith to the Cabinet Member for Community Health & Safety

According to the End Child Poverty coalition of charities study carried out earlier last year, nearly 30% of children within Waveney are living below the bread line. Do we expect this already negative trend to be further exacerbated by the cuts to Citizens Advice Bureau funding?

(g) Question from Councillor J Murray to the Cabinet Member for Operational Partnerships

Can the Council confirm that residents' annual parking permits are available for statutory health and care providers for an annual fee of £8.00?

(h) Question from Councillor J Smith to the Cabinet Member for Operational Partnerships

How many residents have been referred to external enforcement agencies for non payment of all outstanding debts in the last three years?

(i) Question from Councillor C Topping to the Cabinet Member for Operational Partnerships

Following the high tides and windy weather on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and due to the tide being locked, the Environment Agency issued Flood warnings from 11am on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – 11am on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019. This included all low lying land along the Tidal Waveney and our stretch of coast. The advice from the EA is category **Flood warning – Act**.

According to the press on the morning of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 'A WDC spokesman said: "Although our Operations Team were aware of the Environment Agency tidal forecasts, it was not anticipated that the water would reach some of the huts. A crane operator is now on site and once the waters recede, the huts will be returned to the promenade and an assessment will be made, with subsequent repairs made to any damage."

'Secretary of the South Lowestoft Beach Hut Association, was shocked they were even placed in such a location. He said: "It is surprising given the local knowledge that most people here have that they put them there this early in the season. It's easy to say but it should have been foreseen. We know the high tide comes at this time of year. You know if you put them on there it's a risk."

There must have been a safer place to temporarily put the beach huts, so why were they put onto the beach at this time of year where they would be at such a high risk of damage?

**8. Petitions**

No petitions have been received.

**9. Questions from the Electorate**

No questions have been submitted by the electorate as provided by Council Procedure Rule 10.

**10. Member Briefing on Sizewell C and other Energy Projects by Lisa Chandler, Energy Projects Manager**

**11. Authorisation of Officer to attend Magistrates and County Court (REP1949)**

Report of the Leader of the Council (Pages 27 to 29)

**12. Political Proportionality of the Council and Appointments to Committees, Working Groups and Outside Bodies (REP1946)**

Report of the Leader of the Council (Pages 30 to 33)

**13. Exempt/Confidential Items**

It is recommended that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act

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**Part Two - Confidential**

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**14. Confidential Minutes**

To confirm as a correct record the Confidential Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 November 2018 (Pages 34 to 35)

(Paragraphs 1 and 3 – Information relating to any individual and Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person including the authority holding that information.)

**Close**



Stephen Baker, Chief Executive

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