



Waveney District Council

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Council

Membership: All Councillors

Members are invited to a meeting of **Council** in the **Conference Room, Riverside, Lowestoft** on **Wednesday, 23 September 2015 at 6.30 pm.**

An Agenda is set out below.

Part One - Open to the Public

1. **Apologies**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Minutes**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the last meeting held on 22 July 2015.
(Pages 1 to 12)

4. **Communications**

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

6. **Notices of Motion**

Councillor N Webb has submitted the following Notice of Motion:

This Council supports the retention of the Lowestoft Magistrates Court, the County Court and the Family Court in the light of the proposed closure of the Court Complex by the Ministry of Justice, which would undermine both local justice and local businesses. The Council calls on the administration to use all necessary influence and resources to support local businesses and the local community in their campaign to ensure that the Ministry of Justice's proposals to close the Court Complex are challenged so that this valuable facility is retained.

7. **Questions from Members**

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

- (a) Question from Councillor I Graham to the Cabinet Member for Operational Partnerships & Lowestoft Rising

National figures have shown an increase in the last two years of flytipping. Can you inform the Council as to the flytipping situation in Waveney, the costs involved to remove it, and the number of prosecutions resulting from flytipping over the years 2013/14 and 2014/15?

(b) Question from Councillor S Barker to the Leader of the Council

On the 24th/25th July 2015, the residents of Pakefield and Carlton Colville suffered disruption and heartbreak due to flooding with 30 households severely affected – this terrible incident has cost many families not only their treasured possessions but also their peace of mind and security. A Report is being undertaken by Suffolk County Council led by Cllr Matthew Hicks under the auspices of the Flood & Water Management Act of 2012. Can the Leader of the Council share with us the evidence his administration is submitting to the investigation and what solutions are being promoted by WDC to ensure that this distressing incident does not reoccur?

(c) Question from Councillor A Green to the Cabinet Member for Operational Partnerships & Lowestoft Rising

The Cabinet's decision on 15 July 2015 to charge for the organic waste collection has caused some disquiet in the community. How many of the 55,200 households that are currently serviced is it anticipated will opt-in to the chargeable fortnightly service?

(d) Question from Councillor L Gooch to the Leader of the Council

What is the administration doing to address the impending resettlement of refugees?

(e) Question from Councillor J Murray to the Cabinet Member for Community Health & Safety

Since the last Waveney District Council meeting in July 2015, Southwold Hospital has closed due to staff shortages and concerns about patient safety. During the recent consultation on the proposed closures of Southwold Hospital and Patrick Stead Hospital the Chief Executive of Health East Andy Evans (Gt. Yarmouth & Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group) sought to reassure concerned residents that "the closure of Southwold Hospital will not happen until the new facilities in the local community are ready". What representations has Cllr Rudd made to Mr Andy Evans on behalf of the local community regarding the closure of Southwold Hospital?

(f) Question from Councillor S Logan to the Leader of the Council

It has been widely reported that the company Mouchel based in Woking has been given the task of researching and submitting the business case for the 3rd Crossing in Lowestoft to the Government. Mouchel's company slogan is 'Building Good Relationships'. How is Mouchel going to build good relationships to enable the company to gather the information it needs from local businesses, local elected representatives and the local community to enable the company to submit a successful business case?

8. Petitions

No petitions have been received.

9. Questions from the Electorate

The following questions have been submitted by the Electorate, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.

(a) Question from G Douce to the Cabinet Member for Operational Partnerships & Lowestoft Rising

I am concerned about the rumours of increased use of zero-hours contracts at Waveney Norse. What is the council doing to ensure that the use of zero-hours contracts is not exploitative and also not at the detriment of permanent staff?

(b) Question from A Skipper to the Cabinet Member for Operational Partnerships & Lowestoft Rising

It has been brought to my attention that it appears that permanent staff in refuse collection at Waveney Norse are being assigned to green-bin rounds and other staff placed on blue and black-bin rounds. Naturally I am concerned that this appears to be posturing for a possible redundancy process when the green bins are cut. As a partner in the joint venture with Waveney Norse, what is the council doing to ensure that no more jobs are lost in Waveney through the cutting of the green bin service?

(c) Question from A Cousin to the Cabinet Member for Operational Partnerships & Lowestoft Rising

What provision is in place for the collection, re-deployment, re-cycling or disposal of unwanted green bins? Please tell us what the cost and impact of this cut will be in terms of the environment, redundancy packages, administration, billing and enforcement action in the event of non-payments?

(d) Question from R Cousin to the Cabinet Member for Resources & Welfare Reforms

What is the projected cost for the enforcement action resulting from additional fly-tipping that may occur as a result of removing this service that many believe has already been paid for through their council taxes? I would like to know how this cost compares to the value of saving the green bin service.

(e) Question from J Webber to the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Will the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee tell me why the issue of green bins being cut - and jobs potentially being put at risk has not been properly, thoroughly, and satisfactorily scrutinised at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee given the potential ramifications and costs that this may incur in the future? Will the Overview and Scrutiny Committee also commission a full robust consultation about this matter and transparently analyse the results?

10. Suffolk Devolution (REP1292)

Report of the Leader of the Council (Pages 13 to 31)

11. Joint Food and Health & Safety Service Plan 2015/16 (REP1228)

Report of the Cabinet Member for Community Health & Safety (Pages 32 to 89)

12. Treasury Management Outturn Report 2014/15 and Mid Year Report 2015/16 (REP1235)

Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources & Welfare Reforms (Pages 90 to 98)

13. Code of Corporate Governance Review (REP1216)

Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources & Welfare Reforms (Pages 99 to End)

Close



Stephen Baker, Chief Executive

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