



# Council

**Membership: All Councillors**

Members are invited to the last meeting of **Waveney District Council** in the **Conference Room, Riverside, Lowestoft on Wednesday, 20 March 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 of the last meeting held on 23 January 2019. (Pages 1 to 23)

(b) To note and confirm as a correct record, the Minutes of the last Charity Board meeting held on 14 November 2018 (Pages 24 to 26)

### **4. Communications**

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

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

(a) Councillor Beavan has submitted the following Notice of Motion:

“This Council welcomes the progress made in the consultation about Southwold Harbour, and urges the Joint Committee to remain open to discussions with stakeholders about the constitution of a new, inclusive, independent and effective management committee subject to an agreed budget, rather than withdrawing behind close doors again to produce a fait accompli.”

(b) Councillor Bee, Leader of the Council, has submitted the following Notice of Motion:

“Waveney District Council has been in existence since 1974 and during that time Members and Officers have worked hard for the Council and the communities of Waveney. I would

therefore like to put on record my thanks to all Members and Officers, past and present, for their hard work and commitment over the last 45 years.”

## 7. Questions from Members

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

(a) Question from Councillor D Beavan to the Leader of the Council

Whilst welcoming the reduction in price of the Southwold Fire Station by the County Council to enable affordable homes, I wonder if the Police and Crime Commissioner has also replied to this Council's letter, sent following the acceptance of my motion by the last Council meeting, seeking justification for their high price for the police station that we gave them.

(b) Question from Councillor P Light to the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Resources

How many employees does WDC have in February 2019 and what is the present monthly salary for these and how does this compare to like figures for February 2015?

(c) Question from Councillor P Light to the Cabinet Member for Resources

What has been the financial outlay in expenditure, all associated costs, and loss of income, relating to the land behind the Town Hall on Mariners Street?

(d) Question from Councillor I Graham to the Cabinet Member for Operational Partnerships

In September 2015, I asked for information about incidents of fly-tipping in Waveney, the costs of removal and the number of prosecutions resulting from fly-tipping. What are the figures for each of the years since May 2015 to date?

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

With reference to Item 12 on the Agenda at the Full Council Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016, regarding the use of IT, the following was reported and I quote:

‘It was therefore suggested that the use of paper copies of the Agenda Papers for Members be phased out, commencing with Cabinet, Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Audit & Governance Committee meetings. Members would instead receive a zipped folder by email, containing all of the papers, which they could then either access via the internet during the meetings or they could download the meeting papers in advance and save the files onto their IT equipment.

And it was resolved:

1. The Council takes a phased approach to reducing the amount of paper copies, starting with the Cabinet, Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Audit & Governance Committees.’

It is now over two years since that ‘resolution’ and despite the fact that regular Forward Planning advice is sent out via e-mail, members still receive other hard copies of papers by

post, particularly for the Cabinet. These documents are frequently heavy and thus costly having to be delivered to all 48 members.

May I ask why this phased approach to reducing the papers hasn't appeared to have happened, and what has been the cost since November 2016 of the posting out of any WDC material to Members?

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

In February 2016 the most recent Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission Report was published. It warned that "Britain has a deep social mobility problem, which is getting worse for an entire generation of young people." It also highlighted significant differences between age cohorts and a widening geographical divide. The report also looked at how well the poorest children did at school, university and in the job and housing market. Waveney was placed in 318 position out of 324 Local Authorities in England. What measures have this Council taken to improve that situation since then, given that there are almost 5,000 children living in households across Waveney (3,500 in Lowestoft alone), where families are in receipt of out-of-work benefits and that 15% of all children in the District live in low-income families?

(g) Question from Councillor M Pitchers to the Leader of the Council

In July 2016 Councillor Elliott asked what the Council was doing to encourage more sustainable travel (ie car sharing, public transport, walking and cycling) to Riverside? Given that the car park is full to bursting every time I visit Riverside, what progress has been made on this since then?

(h) Question from Councillor T Gandy to the Leader of the Council

In September 2016 a Motion was put to this Council by Councillor Keith Patience on behalf of the Labour Group, asking for support for the WASPI Campaign. This was supported unanimously. The Leader stated that Peter Aldous M.P. was taking a Petition to Parliament on the matter, and that "he would also write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on behalf of the Council, raising the concerns of the Council and asking for the transitional arrangements for the women adversely affected to be reconsidered." What was the outcome of that letter as we don't appear to have ever had any report back to this body?

(i) Question from Councillor Y Cherry to the Cabinet Member for Housing

In November 2016 a question was asked about provision for the Homeless, and we were assured that Severe Weather Emergency Provision would be hosted by the Access Community Trust. We have also had the Thin Ice Project this winter, which came to an end on 28 February 2019. Bearing in mind the recent encampment on the Battery Green Roundabout, what further support will be given to address this obviously growing problem of people living rough, particularly around Lowestoft?

(j) Question from Councillor M Cherry to the Cabinet Member for Tourism & Economic Development

In February 2017 a "funding boost" from the Arts Council to Suffolk County Council was announced for the promotion of culture and tourism. What evidence is there of this having actually benefitted Waveney?

(k) Question from Councillor J Smith to the Cabinet Member for Resources

In November 2017 a question was asked relating to Government support for Councils to pursue owners of moving vehicles for littering without evidence of who was driving. How many Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued since then, and have there been any Prosecutions?

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

In January 2018 and July 2018 I asked questions relating to the Sustainability Transformation Partnerships and making sure the public were made aware of the proposed changes to NHS Services across Waveney, given the lack of information and publicity. Why have residents of Waveney still been denied a full and open consultation on future plans for Waveney and East Suffolk, which will directly affect their access to NHS services?

(m) Question from Councillor J Craig to the Leader of the Council

Since before 2014, I have been working to support a number of residents in my Ward who have had issues with cladding installed under the Community Energy Savings Programme. This has now resulted in the eventual intervention of Peter Aldous M.P., who raised this in the House of Commons recently. Will the Leader of the Council join me in congratulating Philip and Diane Smith of Seago Street, whose tenacious pursuit of this issue has enabled residents complaints to be taken seriously, and explain what measures are now being taken by Waveney District Council to move this forward beyond the Merger?

**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. Presentation on the Lowestoft Flood Risk Management Project**

To receive a presentation on the Lowestoft Flood Risk Management Project from Sharon Bleese, Coastal Manager South, and Troy Doherty, Project Manager from Balfour Beatty, the Lowestoft Flood Risk Management Project Contractors.

**11. Adoption of the Waveney Local Plan (REP1972)**

Report of the Cabinet Member for Planning & Coastal Management (Pages 27 to 32)

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**Part Two – Exempt / Confidential**

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There are no Exempt or Confidential items for consideration in this part of the agenda.

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Stephen Baker, Chief Executive

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