

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK**COUNCIL****Minutes from the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 28th April 2016
at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn**

PRESENT: Councillor C Manning (Chairman)
Councillors B Anota, Miss L Bambridge, A Beales, R Bird, R Blunt, Mrs C Bower, A Bubb, Mrs S Buck, J Collop, Mrs S Collop, P Colvin, C Crofts, N Daubney, I Devereux, Mrs S Fraser, P Gidney, I Gourlay, G Hipperson, P Hodson, M Hopkins, M Chenery of Horsbrugh, Lord Howard, M Howland, C Joyce, P Kunes, A Lawrence, B Long, G McGuinness, J Moriarty, Mrs E Nockolds, M Peake, D Pope, P Rochford, C Sampson, M Shorting, T Smith, Mrs S Squire, M Storey, A Tyler, G Wareham, Mrs E Watson, Mrs J Westrop, D Whitby, A White, Mrs M Wilkinson and T Wing-Pentelow

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Beal, Mrs J Collingham, R Groom, H Humphrey, Mrs K Mellish, G Middleton, A Morrison, Miss S Sandell, Mrs V Spikings, D Tyler, Mrs A Wright and Mrs S Young.

C:97 THE LATE COUNCILLOR MIKE TILBURY

Council stood for a minute's silence in memory of the Late Councillor Mike Tilbury who had sadly passed away suddenly on 24 April 2016.

C:98 PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Father Ling.

C:99 MINUTES

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 March 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

C:100 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillors J and S Collop declared a personal interest in CAB154: Review of Members Allowances.

C:101 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed Council that he had sent a letter of condolence to Mrs Isobel Tilbury following the sad death of Councillor Mike Tilbury. He had also sent greetings to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

C:102 URGENT BUSINESS

None

C:103 **PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

The Mayor invited the following posers of Public Questions to come forward to ask their question:

1) Question from Diane Westwood.

I would like to request that the Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk follow the example of other councils throughout the UK banning the release of balloons and sky lanterns on their land and urge other councils and landowners to do the same.

Balloons have caused the deaths of many species of wildlife. Turtles eat balloons because when deflated they resemble jellyfish or squid. Dolphins and a pygmy sperm whale have been killed by balloons off the US coast.

Discarded latex balloons can take months or years to biodegrade. Foil balloons may never biodegrade.

Animals can choke or become blocked by ingesting balloons, or starve when the stomach becomes clogged with balloon waste. Balloon ribbons can cause entanglement and kill birds.

Strong coastal winds can carry balloons to farmland. A farmer 50 miles from London lost a bullock when the animal choked on a balloon that was released from a school in the city as part of a charity fundraiser. The farmer won compensation from the school.

Sky lanterns are a threat because of the amount of wooden buildings and caravans in the area, but animals have died from these too. Animals have died from accidental ingestion of wire from lanterns and birds have been killed. Lanterns have landed on animals with devastating results.

Balloon and sky lantern releases are opposed by the RSPCA, Marine Conservation Society and the National Farmers Union.

In response, Councillor Pope said: "Although I cannot recall there being any specific requests from individuals or organisations to release balloons and lanterns from Borough Council owned land, I would imagine that this has happened on occasions without consent. I believe that this is an important issue for West Norfolk owing to the agricultural nature of the area and the existence of the Wash estuary which is an important wildlife area, particularly for migrating birds.

I am happy to discuss this issue with my Cabinet colleagues to see if it is feasible for us to put in place some control measures, at least on Council owned sites. Once I have had the opportunity to look into this matter I will come back to you with my thoughts. Thank you for raising this with me."

2) Question from Joanne Rust

Although the Borough Council passed over its housing stock to Freebridge Housing Association in 2006 and no longer owns these properties, it does retain the responsibility for housing residents in need in our area. Housing

associations are aware that right to buy and universal credit will have an impact on their viability. Through the Borough Council Liaison Group or any other such means, what discussions have taken place between the two organisations to assess the impact and the necessary mitigation when Freebridge is forced to sell off housing stock.

In response Councillor Lawrence said:

“The Right to Buy enables people to get onto the housing ladder. It is the Council’s intention to continue to work closely with FCH to identify opportunities to develop or re-develop to ensure net increases in the number of affordable homes. I confirm the Council has been talking to Freebridge and other providers about Universal Credit and the 1% p.a. rent reduction announcement last year. Whilst some plans and projects will be changed there is a commitment to new development as in 2014/15 – 16 were sold whilst 27 were built and 2015/16 24 were sold and 40 new builds. Freebridge are well ahead at the moment and the Council will continue to talk to them.”

By way of supplementary, Mrs Rust asked : “Homelessness was a growing problem in the area and she had passed 3 homeless persons in the town today, the benefit cap would see more people on the streets, what assessment had the Council made of these things?”

Councillor Lawrence explained that people were made homeless for a variety of reasons and the Borough along with other organisations work to do the best for them. He encouraged people to get the homeless to contact the Council or the Purfleet Trust so they can be helped. At the same time he made reference to the fact that some people did say they were homeless when they weren’t which the Council was trying to sort out.

C:104 **CABINET MEMBERS REPORTS**

i **Culture Heritage and Health - Councillor Mrs E Nockolds**

Councillor Mrs Nockolds presented her report. Councillor Gourlay asked whether the Council had been consulted on the potential closure of the Fermoy Unit which he felt was an important unit dealing with Mental Health issues including attempted suicides. Councillor Mrs Nockolds explained that she wasn’t aware the Council had been consulted on the issue, although some discussions had been held with the Mind and the Health and Wellbeing Board as it was a responsibility of Norfolk County Council.

Councillor Chenery asked if Councillor Mrs Nockolds had received news of the statement by Michael Scott to say that the Fermoy would not be closed, to which Councillor Mrs Nockolds confirmed she had not received such news.

Councillor A Tyler asked if Councillor Mrs Nockolds was content with the resources and staffing levels put in place to extend the opening hours of the Museums. Councillor Mrs Nockolds confirmed she was and there was currently an advert for recruitment.

ii **Development - Councillor R Blunt**

Councillor Blunt presented his report. Councillor J Collop made reference to only 6 responses received on the CIL consultation event, and asked if he considered the method of consultation with King's Lynn with no parish sufficient. Councillor Blunt explained that the number of responses had now increased to 33. He undertook to let Councillor Collop know how many of those were from King's Lynn.

iii **Environment - Councillor B Long**

Councillor Long presented his report and explained that the total number of Brown Bins was now up to 22,554 which was an increase of 91 bins since December.

Councillor Joyce asked what steps were being taken to ensure that the motions passed at the County Council Waste Advisory Group would appear on the Environment and Transport agenda. Councillor Long explained that the automatic procedure would be to go to that Committee, he undertook to look into what the Motions were and to endorse as he saw fit. In response to Councillor Joyce's explanation that they were regarding no incineration in Norfolk, Councillor Long confirmed he would be happy to endorse this approach.

Councillor McGuinness made reference to abandoned trollies both around his home and along the banks of the Ouse which would be exposed during the GEAR run on Sunday. He had contacted Morrison's to report one but it had taken them over a week to collect it so asked if the trolley collector could be re-engaged. Councillor Long explained that the supermarkets had opted to collect their own trollies, so it was possible that the arrangement would have to be re-visited. Collection of trollies in the river would require a boat to retrieve them.

Councillor Gourlay asked what waste derived fuel was, to which Councillor Long responded that it was packed and shipped abroad for incinerating, which felt was not the best way to get rid of Norfolk's waste. He suggested that the County Council's Labour group be encouraged to lobby for the change.

Councillor Mrs Buck thanked Councillor Long for ensuring the rubbish in North Lynn had been cleared, but unfortunately it was beginning to accumulate again. Councillor Long confirmed he had received notification from a resident of that fact. Consideration was being given to taking legal action in the locality.

Councillor Mrs Buck asked if the Council would provide a rat catcher for north Lynn, to which it was explained that the vermin control was carried out by a commercial vermin controller.

iv **Housing and Community - Councillor A Lawrence**

Councillor Lawrence presented his report. Councillor A Tyler asked for an update on the issues with the Discovery Centre following the withdrawal of

the after school drop- in centre. Councillor Lawrence confirmed the Centre was looking for further funding for the service.

Councillor Gourlay concurred with the concern expressed about the Discovery Centre funding issues. Councillor Lawrence confirmed that the Board was working hard, having put new governance in place to find new funding arrangements or sponsors. Councillor Gourlay suggested that the press be asked to publicise helping the Discovery Centre.

Councillor Joyce asked what the financial impact on the Borough Council was of the 40 houses sold under tight to buy. Councillor Lawrence responded that the majority went to central government with admin fees going to the Council. Councillor Joyce suggested this could be checked.

v **ICT, Leisure and Public Space - Councillor D Pope**

Councillor Pope presented his report. Councillor McGuinness complimented the new pay by phone parking metre in the town. Councillor Pope confirmed it was now up and running on the short term and multi storey. Councillor Buck explained that it hadn't been working when she had tried to use it, she asked what the extra fee for using the service was. Councillor Pope suggested that if it wasn't working it should be reported, and the 20p additional fee for the phone booking was per transaction.

Councillor Mrs Wilkinson asked for detail of the meeting with Matthew Henry in the list of meetings attended. Councillor Pope explained that the meeting related to a planning application at Welney.

Councillor Gourlay asked if the Council had had any input into the changes to the disabled parking bays at the hospital turning them into 20 minute bays which he felt were not good for disabled people. Councillor Pope explained that the hospital decide which bays would go where and what fees they would charge, and the Council carried out the administration and the enforcement of the parking, therefore any comments should be addressed to the hospital. In response to further questions on the Hospital parking, Councillor Daubney called a point of Order, that the hospital parking was not within the Council's control.

vi **Special Projects - Councillor Lord Howard**

Councillor Lord Howard presented his report. There were no questions.

vii **Deputy Leader and Regeneration and Industrial Assets - Councillor A Beales**

Councillor Beales presented his report. Councillor Smith asked if there was now a sign in place for a single point of contact if residents had any concern about the lorries at Lynnsport. Councillor Beales confirmed that there was now a sign in place following the churning of some ground by lorries which had now been resolved.

Councillor J Collop asked for an update on the meeting regarding Broadband. Councillor Moriarty asked if a further pre council briefing could be delivered by

the County Council on the subject matter. Councillor Beales explained that the roll out that the Council had invested in was going better than originally envisaged, although inevitably some areas were a problem, which the County Council was being pressed to try to resolve. Once the information was available in a non-commercially sensitive format he agreed to let Members have the detail.

Councillor Buck commented on the concern of some residents about disruption to wildlife on the Lynnsport building site. Councillor Beales explained that all the planning applications were subject to Environmental Impact Assessments and ecology reports etc, and officers were liaising with the IDB who were complying with the requirements of the planning permission. Councillor Mrs Buck also asked if the Lynnsport 3 site which was currently being used as a store would be returned to a green site if no planning permission was given. Councillor Beales confirmed it would be if no permission was obtained.

Councillor Bird asked for an update on the car park at the Princess Theatre and McCarthy and Stone building and which budget the access work behind them was being taken from. Councillor Beales drew attention to the delegated decision which had recently passed through the system, permitting access work to be carried out behind the Princess Theatre and the development, which had come from a reserve budget for maintenance asset, if further detail was required Councillor Beales undertook to give that information.

Councillor A Tyler asked for some information on the usage levels of the pontoons on the South Quay and what the Cabinet Member would deem as the biggest disappointment of the project. Councillor Beales agreed to provide the usage update via email and acknowledged that the level of usage had been disappointing on estimated figures, but it was rising. He also suggested that one of the post project reviews that scrutiny may wish to look at was the Pontoons.

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Leader and Resources - Councillor N Daubney

Councillor Daubney presented his last report as Leader of the Council. Councillor Rochford asked if there was any update on the Citizens Advice Bureau to which Councillor Daubney explained that the services of debt counselling, housing needs advice had been put out to tender to provide the advice which would continue to be funded by the Council. Funding from the County Council, via a service level agreement, preferably would continue to fund the generalist advice.

Councillor Joyce asked if the Leader was receiving support from other leaders on Devolution, to which Councillor Daubney commented that the discussions were complex and robust, and not all Leaders were in agreement with the process, but ultimately it would be the Council that took the decision on the matter.

Councillor J Collop congratulated the Leader on 9 years in the position with it being his last Council Meeting. Councillor Daubney thanked him for his kind words.

Following a question from Councillor Moriarty, Councillor Daubney explained that the information received from DCLG devolution wise was that if the County Council for the area eg: Norfolk, Suffolk or Cambridgeshire decided not to sign up then the Districts within their area couldn't sign up, however if a District decided to join after the initial deal they could then join and take the County strategic planning and transport functions with it.

Councillor Gourlay drew attention to the situation which was highlighted in the press about the Citizens Advice Bureau, he drew attention to the fact that a lot of their users were people with mental health issues, and he considered it was essential to have a fully functioning CAB in King's Lynn. Councillor Daubney explained that the Council had a responsibility to ensure there was a service provided in some form, but it was down to the best delivery of a first class robust service.

Councillor McGuinness in discussing the Devolution information, commented on the need for as much information as possible in order for council to take a decision. He asked whether West Norfolk would be worse off when involving the Norwich area and other cities. Councillor Daubney commented that it was a judgement that would have to be taken with all the information to hand. Government policy was to devolve power to the regions, the offer on the table being the best deal being offered by the Government, so it was essential that the Leaders worked together to get the best deal available for the region. He commented that the information for Members would be expanded once more information was available.

Councillor A Tyler asked when information would be available to discuss with the public to raise their awareness. Councillor Daubney confirmed that the information hadn't been easy to communicate, but there would be a great improvement to that as there was a lot of public information now coming through.

Councillor A Tyler asked if when freedom of information requests were submitted whether they were dealt with as quickly as they can be and without prejudice. Councillor Daubney confirmed they were dealt with as quickly as possible within the required policies and without prejudice.

Councillor Gourlay referred to the report of the Independent Panel for Allowances and their comment that they considered the Deputy Leader of the Opposition parties as insignificant roles not justifying payment. He asked what evidence had been taken into account to come to this conclusion. Councillor Daubney reminded Members that he had supported the view expressed by Councillor J Collop at the Cabinet meeting and had proposed that the allowance be re-instated. He reminded Members that it was the view raised by the Independent Panel, which the Council had a duty to take into account before agreeing any changes to the scheme.

Councillor Joyce in referring to the Leader's last full meeting as Leader he referred to the many goals which the Leader wished to bring for the area, however he asked if the Allowance proposals were covered in the budget, to which the Leader confirmed that would be covered in the budget.

Councillor Gourlay asked if the Environment and Community Panel had considered anything from the hospital relating to the parking charging at the hospital. Councillor Sampson confirmed that the Council had not been involved but only enforced the arrangements.

C:106 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNCIL BODIES**

i **Cabinet: 5 April 2016**

Councillor Daubney proposed the recommendations from the Cabinet meeting on 5 April 2016, which were seconded by Councillor Beales:

With regard to CAB153: Report of Scrutiny Structures and Policy Development Task Group, Councillor J Collop expressed concern about the recommendation 12 in the minutes, which he considered left opposition members with no other way to have things discussed, particularly if they had no representation on the body. He was disappointed that no Chair or Vice Chair positions were being offered to opposition members in the recommendations.

Councillor McGuinness informed Council that he would vote against the recommendations following the removal of the opposition majority role at Cabinet Scrutiny Committee, and no offer of chairmanships because the opposition still needed to hold the Administration to account.

Councillor Joyce said he would vote against the recommendations because he considered that every member, not just opposition members should be able to place items onto an agenda for discussion.

Councillor Beales commented that the Administration were keen to involve the Opposition and that even if they did not have to have a representative on the particular body to put an item forward, the recommendation was that the Opposition could put an item forward for discussion on the agenda. He reminded Members that this had been introduced to take into account of Opposition concerns. Councillor Beales also reminded Members of the introduction of the Panels choosing their own Chairs and Vice-Chairs which gave the opportunity for any Member of the Panel who was good enough to potentially be appointed.

In summing up, Councillor Daubney explained that at the previous Annual Council meeting proportionality had been restored across the Panels, it had been widely acknowledged that scrutiny wasn't working, Members should participate in the scrutiny process and make their points known, he also reminded Members that the recommendation 12 had been introduced to take into account concerns raised by Councillor J Collop. He considered that the recommendations were a genuine attempt to improve the scrutiny process.

Councillor Joyce wished for his vote against to be recorded for the reason that he considered all members should be able to place items onto an agenda.

On being put to the vote the recommendations were agreed.

With regard to CAB154: Review Of Members Allowances Councillor McGuinness moved the following amendment which was seconded by Councillor J Collop.

Councillor McGuinness commented that he had moved the amendment following the comments of the staff received on the proposed increases when staff had been awarded 1%, whereas the proposal was for an 8% increase. He stated that his preference would be for a 0% increase:

- i) In respect of report of independent panel, amending the public services discount figure in 6.1.1. from 20% to 25.6%, the overall effect of which will result in a 1% increase to the members basic allowance (from £5,140 to £5,191)
- ii) The rest of the members allowances scheme being amended as per the table below, to ensure that all special responsibility allowances are linked to the members basic allowance (and therefore to a formula as recommended by the independent panel).

Allowance/SRA	Current	Proposed	Per amendment	Link to Formula
Members Basic Allowance	£5,140	£5,581	£5,191	
Leader/Chairman of Cabinet	£14,760	£15,348	£14,922	Basic Allowance *2.875
Vice Chairman	£8,070	£8,441	£8,207	55% Chair/Leader SRA
Cabinet Member	£6,600	£6,907	£6,715	45% Chair/Leader SRA
Assistant to the Leader	£870	£870	£879	43.5% of Policy Review Panel Chair
Chair CSC	£2,000	£2,148	£2,022	13.55% Leader SRA
Vice Chair CSC	£870	£859	£880	43.5% Chair CSC SRA
Chair Policy Review Panels	£2,000	£2,148	£2,022	13.55% Leader SRA
Vice Chair Policy Review	£870	£859	£880	43.5% Chair Panel SRA
Chair Planning Committee	£5,050	£5,594	£5,596	37.5% Leader SRA
Vice Chair Planning	£2,200	£2,445	£2,238	40% Chair Planning SRA
Chair Licensing and Appeals Board	£5,050	£5,050	£5,111	34.25% Leader SRA
Vice Chair Licensing and Appeals	£2,200	£2,445	£2,223	43.5% Chair L&A SRA
Chair Standards Committee	£760	£767	£769	5.15% Leader SRA
Vice Chair Standards	£380	£307	£384	50% Chair Standards SRA
Co-optee Standards	£200	£200	£204	26.5% Chair Standards SRA
Mayor	£5,800	£5,800	£5,857	39.25% Leader SRA
Deputy Mayor	£2,030	£2,030	£2,050	35% Mayor SRA
Larger Oppn Grp Leader	£680	£680	£746	5% Leader SRA
Larger Oppn Grp Dep Leader	£340	£340	£373	50% Oppn Leader SRA
Other Oppn Grp Leader	£400	£460	£448	3% Leader SRA
Other Oppn Grp Dep Leader	210	210	£224	50% Oppn Leader SRA

- iii) That the formula at 6.1.1 of the independent panel report is maintained in future years to ensure that the members allowances scheme is linked to staff pay awards.

Councillor Daubney urged Members to reject the amendment reminding them that there had been ample opportunity to attend either the Independent Panel or the Resources and Performance Panel to put a point of view. He reminded

Members that the matter had been called in to Cabinet Scrutiny for consideration.

Councillor McGuinness, with the required number of supporters requested a recorded vote on the amendment as follows:

For	Against	Abstain
S Buck	B Anota	C Joyce
J Collop	L Bambridge	
S Collop	A Beales	
I Gourlay	R Bird	
G McGuinness	R Blunt	
J Moriarty	C Bower	
A Tyler	A Bubb	
M Wilkinson	M Chenery of Horsbrugh	
	P Colvin	
	C Crofts	
	N Daubney	
	I Devereux	
	S Fraser	
	P Gidney	
	G Hipperson	
	P Hodson	
	M Hopkins	
	Lord Howard	
	M Howland	
	P Kunes	
	A Lawrence	
	B Long	
	C Manning	
	E Nockolds	
	M Peake	
	D Pope	
	P Rochford	
	C Sampson	
	M Shorting	
	T Smith	
	S Squire	
	M Storey	
	G Wareham	
	E Watson	
	J Westrop	
	D Whitby	
	A White	
	T Wing-Pentlow	
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Cabinet Member	£6,600	£6,907	£6,986	45% Chair/Leader SRA
Assistant to the Leader	£870	£870	£914	43.5% of Policy Review Panel Chair
Chair CSC	£2,000	£2,148	£2,104	13.55% Leader SRA
Vice Chair CSC	£870	£859	£915	43.5% Chair CSC SRA
Chair Policy Review Panels	£2,000	£2,148	£2,104	13.55% Leader SRA
Vice Chair Policy Review	£870	£859	£915	43.5% Chair Panel SRA
Chair Planning Committee	£5,050	£5,594	£6,210	37.5% Leader SRA
Vice Chair Planning	£2,200	£2,445	£2,484	40% Chair Planning SRA
Chair Licensing and Appeals Board	£5,050	£5,050	£5,317	34.25% Leader SRA
Vice Chair Licensing and Appeals	£2,200	£2,445	£2,313	43.5% Chair L&A SRA
Chair Standards Committee	£760	£767	£799	5.15% Leader SRA
Vice Chair Standards	£380	£307	£400	50% Chair Standards SRA
Co-optee Standards	£200	£200	£212	26.5% Chair Standards SRA
Mayor	£5,800	£5,800	£6,093	39.25% Leader SRA
Deputy Mayor	£2,030	£2,030	£2,133	35% Mayor SRA
Larger Oppn Grp Leader	£680	£680	£776	5% Leader SRA
Larger Oppn Grp Dep Leader	£340	£340	£388	50% Oppn Leader SRA
Other Oppn Grp Leader	£400	£460	£466	3% Leader SRA
Other Oppn Grp Dep Leader	210	210	£233	50% Oppn Leader SRA

The Amendment was lost.

Councillor McGuinness proposed a further amendment as follows:

- i) In respect of report of independent panel, amending the public services discount figure in 6.1.1. from 20% to 22.6%, the overall effect of which will result in a 5.05% increase to the members basic allowance (from £5,140 to £5,191)
- ii) The rest of the members allowances scheme being amended as per the table below, to ensure that all special responsibility allowances are linked to the members basic allowance (and therefore to a formula as recommended by the independent panel).
- iii) That the formula at 6.1.1 of the independent panel report is maintained in future years to ensure that the members allowances scheme is linked to staff pay awards.

In proposing his amendment Councillor McGuinness stated that there had been 5 occasions in the last 8 years where staff had been awarded a 1% pay rise totalling 5%, where Members Allowances had not changed.

In seconding the amendment Councillor J Collop commented that if allowances had been increased by a small amount more regularly there wouldn't be such an issue now. He commended the recommendation to link any increases with staff salaries in the future.

Councillor Moriarty confirmed that there had been opportunities to get involved, but not all Councillors had the time to be able to attend all the meetings. He questioned if it was wise to increase allowances for the first year of a Council Tax increase and the change in meeting cycles.

Councillor A Tyler expresses disappointment at the modest award for King's Lynn Area Committee Chairman, and no recommendation for the Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Beales reminded Members that the purpose of allowances was to attempt to encourage a wider age range of Councillors, the Panel representative had explained that the allowances were not supposed to be a salary, but to assist Members to play an important role within the community.

Councillor Joyce commented that if the Council wanted Councillors to come from all walks of life they should be rewarded.

Councillor Smith suggested that Councillor could propose the abolition of allowances should they wish.

In summing up Councillor Daubney thanked the Panel for their work which had been fully considered and reminded Members that in four years' time it would have to be considered again.

Councillor McGuinness, with the required number of supporters requested a recorded vote on the amendment as follows:

For	Against	Abstain
S Buck	B Anota	C Joyce
J Collop	L Bambridge	
S Collop	A Beales	
G McGuinness	R Bird	
J Moriarty	R Blunt	
A Tyler	C Bower	
M Wilkinson	A Bubb	
	M Chenery of Horsbrugh	
	P Colvin	
	C Crofts	
	N Daubney	
	I Devereux	
	S Fraser	
	P Gidney	
	I Gourlay	
	G Hipperson	
	P Hodson	
	M Hopkins	
	Lord Howard	
	M Howland	
	P Kunes	
	A Lawrence	
	B Long	
	C Manning	
	E Nockolds	
	M Peake	

	D Pope	
	P Rochford	
	C Sampson	
	M Shorting	
	T Smith	
	S Squire	
	M Storey	
	G Wareham	
	E Watson	
	J Westrop	
	D Whitby	
	A White	
	T Wing-Pentlow	
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The amendment was lost. On being put to the vote the substantive Motion was carried.

CAB156: Strategic Land Acquisition - King's Lynn was agreed without debate.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations from the Cabinet Meeting on 5 April 2016 be approved.

C:107 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

i) The Mayor invited a seconder for the following Notice of Motion (2/16), submitted by the Late Councillor J M Tilbury. Councillor Moriarty seconded the Motion:

“This Council opposes the imposition of an elected mayor upon East Anglia.”

In seconding the Motion Councillor Moriarty explained that the Motion was not against the idea of an elected Mayor, but of its imposition by the Government.

Councillor Daubney commented that he had discussed the Motion with the Late Councillor Tilbury when he had explained that it wasn't intended to stop the discussions on Devolution. Under Standing Order 14.6, Councillor Daubney proposed that the Motion be referred to Cabinet for consideration. This was seconded by Councillor Beales and agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Motion be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

ii) The Mayor invited the proposal for the following Notice of Motion (3/16) submitted by Councillor N J Daubney, and seconded by Councillor Beales:

“This Council wishes to properly and fully debate the acceptance or otherwise of devolved powers before end June 2016 taking account of all aspects, positive and otherwise of what is on offer for the residents and businesses of the Borough. This

Council request its Cabinet to make clear to those liaising with potential combined authority partners at both local and national levels the Councils opposition to acceptance of a directly elected Mayor.”

RESOLVED: That the Motion be approved.

The meeting closed at 8.51 pm