

Borough Council of  
**King's Lynn &  
West Norfolk**



# **COUNCIL MEETING**

## ***Agenda***

Thursday, 1st September, 2022  
at 4.30 pm

In the Assembly Room  
Town Hall  
Saturday Market Place  
King's Lynn

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Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk** which will commence at **4.30 pm** on **Thursday, 1st September, 2022** in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn to transact the business shown below.

Yours sincerely

Lorraine Gore  
Chief Executive

#### **BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED**

**1. PRAYERS**

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**3. MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14 July 2022 (previously circulated).

**4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Please indicate if there are any interests which should be declared. A declaration of an interest should indicate the nature of the interest (if not already declared on the Register of Interests) and the agenda item to which it relates. If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared, the member should withdraw from the room whilst the matter is discussed.

**5. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive Mayor's communications and announcements.

**6. URGENT BUSINESS**

To receive any items of business which in the opinion of the Mayor are urgent.

**7. PROPORTIONALITY CHANGES (Pages 8 - 9)**

**8. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

To receive petitions and public questions in accordance with Standing Order 9.

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNCIL BODIES**

**(Members are reminded this is a debate, not a question and answer session)**

To consider the following recommendations to Council:

**1) Cabinet: 2 August 2022 (Page 10)**

CAB47: Contaminated Land Strategy

**10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

- 1) To consider the following Notice of Motion (8/22), submitted by Councillor A Kemp:

**Tourism and Heritage Assets**

This Council supports King's Lynn's heritage that defines Lynn as an international tourist destination. The Carnegie Library is one of Lynn's most prominent heritage assets that was built by the Council, on land belonging to the Council, on Tower Field near the Greyfriars Tower, in 1904 in Tudor Gothic architecture, with a turret that was used as an observation tower in the First World War and which houses the town's two book collections dating from Medieval Times.

Head Librarian Ray Wilson's book, History of Lynn Library, says : The site was excellent for library purposes, being situated centrally in the town, amongst Medieval surroundings, with ease of access from all parts of the town and the outlying Districts.

The previous Administration formed a plan to move the library to the old Argos shop.

The Library was acquired by statute by Norfolk County Council under local government reorganisation in 1974.

The County Council intends to consult the community for a community function for the building.

However, if community groups do not come forward that can afford to buy the Carnegie, or take on a full repairing lease, NCC says it would reassess the situation. This would put the future of the Carnegie at risk as a public building open to all.

If the library moves out of the Carnegie, Norfolk County Council will cease to fund its upkeep and repair.

If NCC declare the building is surplus to service requirements, the Council policy is disposal.

The law says disposals of local government property should be at market

value, and leases are at full market rent.

NCC recently expressed the intention to save Holt Hall Education Centre for a community use, but then sold it off to the highest bidder for private use.

This Council does not want to Lynn to lose a key heritage asset open to the public, residents and tourists and asks the Cabinet to make a formal agreement with Norfolk County Council to safeguard its future as a heritage asset.

- 2) To consider the following Notice of Motion (9/22), submitted by Councillor A Tyler

'This Council is very saddened by the recent loss of John Collop, an effective, principled and long-standing councillor and friend to many here.

Therefore, at the first formal Council meeting since his untimely passing this Council initiates a lasting and befitting tribute to pay our respects to him and his family and give thanks for his years of service to the people of West Norfolk.

This Council therefore agrees steps will be put in place to ensure that one of the roads, community recreation or green spaces on a new Council related development in or near the ward he served so well coming forward will be named in his honour as a lasting tribute and reminder for all'

- 3) To consider the following Notice of Motion (10/22), submitted by Councillor Sandell:

'Like many other organisations, this Council recognises diversity training, like other training, is vitally important. It helps us understand the many varied communities, businesses and visitors we serve better, it inputs relevant legislation and evolving best practice and reassures people looking in that we as their Councillors are open to such important personal development.

We instruct officers to bring forward developmental diversity training at the earliest opportunity and agree to attend. This is not for some ethereal purpose, but to have real world benefit, helping us as a council make better strategies, policies and decisions for all.'

- 4) To consider the following Notice of Motion (11/22), submitted by Councillor Joyce:

"This Council recognises that the cost-of-living crisis is adversely affecting many local people, especially people on very low incomes.

This Council additionally notes that it has a very high General Reserve Fund

of over £8 million above the recommended level.

This Council further notes to increase the Council Tax Support Scheme to 100% to every eligible Council Taxpayer based on last year's figures will run to less than £30,000 to this Council.

Therefore, this Council approves increasing its Council Tax Support Scheme to 100% to every eligible Council Taxpayer."

## **11. CABINET MEMBERS REPORTS (Pages 11 - 33)**

In accordance with Standing Order 11, to receive reports from Cabinet Members moved en bloc, under Standing Order 11.2 Members of the Council may ask questions of Cabinet Members on their reports and Portfolio areas. The order of putting questions shall commence with a Member from the largest opposition group, proceeding in descending order to the smallest opposition group, followed by a non-aligned Member and finally a Member from the ruling group. This order shall repeat until the time for questions has elapsed or there are no more questions to be put.

The period of time for putting questions and receiving responses shall not exceed 50 minutes for all Cabinet Members, excluding the Leader

The period of time for putting questions and receiving responses to the Leader shall not exceed 15 minutes.

**(Councillors are reminded that this is a question and answer session not a debate.)**

**Corporate Services - Councillor B Long**

**Environment - Councillor P Kunes**

**Development - Councillor R Blunt**

**Finance – Councillor A Dickinson (report to follow)**

**Property – Councillor A Lawrence**

**People and Communities – Councillor Sam Sandell**

**Deputy Leader and Business, Culture & Heritage – Councillor G Middleton**

**Leader - Councillor Stuart Dark**

## **12. MEMBERS QUESTION TIME**

In accordance with Standing Order 11.2 (b), Members of the Council may ask any questions of the Chair of any Council Body (except the Cabinet).

Lorraine Gore  
Chief Executive