

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



COUNCIL MEETING

Agenda

Thursday, 13th October, 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, 13th October, 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. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. PRAYERS

3. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 16)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 1 September 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 REVIEW (Pages 17 - 18)

8. MATTERS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING - COUNCIL LEADER REPORT (Pages 19 - 20)

9. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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

10. 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: 26 September 2022 (Page 21)

CAB69: Risk Management Policy

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 1) To consider the following Notice of Motion (12/22), submitted by Councillor C Morley:

"This Council recognises the support being given by the Government, to all householders, to help combat inflationary pressures and in particular, energy prices this winter.

However, and in accordance with its intention, as described in its Corporate Plan, to support the Health and Well-being of the people of West Norfolk, this Council intends to provide a Hardship Fund for householders in need over the next 2 years.

It will therefore withdraw £1m from its General Reserves for financial year 2023/4 to propagate the Fund and earmark £1m in its budget for 2024/5. The Fund will open on 1 April 2023 and close 31 March 2025.

It will be available to all households that meet a defined hardship criterion. This criterion will be formulated by an Informal Working Group and agreed by Council. It will be published in sufficient time for applications to commence and be vetted by the opening date."

- 2) To consider the following Notice of Motion (13/22) submitted by Councillor S Squire:

"In light of recent concerns over the Government's growth plans and the effect they may have on the environment, this council confirms its continued

commitment to the improvement, preservation and protection of the environment, habitat and biodiversity of West Norfolk.”

- 3) To consider the following Notice of Motion (14/22) submitted by Councillor T Parish:

This Council deplores recent announcements by Prime Minister Truss which, if carried through, will severely damage the environment and measures to protect and enhance bio diversity.

These include, diminishing Habitats Regulation rules; changes to current legislation protecting water quality; potentially scrapping the Environmental Land Management Proposals, and allowing fracking.

Given the abhorrence shown to the proposals by all notable environmental organisations, including the RSPB, which represent some millions of people including both residents of and visitors to West Norfolk, this Council will make its concerns known to the Prime Minister.

- 4) To consider the following Notice of Motion (15/22) submitted by Councillor C Morley:

"This Council resolves that, in view of its second failure to secure funds from the Heritage Lottery Fund for renovating the Guildhall complex and in recognition of paragraphs 3.26-3.28 of the Government's Town Fund Guidance Paper which confirm the objective of securing matching or contributory funds from business, to seek fiscal support from those companies which operate within the Town.

The extra revenues expected to be secured through this part of the Town Improvement Programme will bring opportunities for additional Town business and in particular to the retail sector"

12. CABINET MEMBERS REPORTS (Pages 22 - 46)

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

Property – Councillor A Lawrence

People and Communities – Councillor Sam Sandell

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

Leader - Councillor Stuart Dark - To follow

13. 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