

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



COUNCIL MEETING

Agenda

Thursday, 23rd February, 2023
at 4.30 pm

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

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15 February 2023

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, 23rd February, 2023** 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 1 December 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. STATUTORY ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (Pages 9 - 56)

a) THE FINANCIAL PLAN 2023/2027 AND COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION 2023/24 (Document attached)

Pursuant to Minute CAB117: Financial Plan 2022/2027 of the Cabinet Meeting held on 7 February 2023, the “Financial Plan 2022/2027 and Council Tax Resolution 2023/2024” the document attached as a supplementary to the agenda for consideration and decision includes an updated summary of the Financial Plan 2022/2027, the County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner - Council Tax for 2023/2024 and details of Parish Precepts and Internal Drainage Boards levies for 2023/2024.

NOTE: In accordance with Statutory Instrument 2014 No. 165, Local Government, England, The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, any decision taken on the Council’s Budget or Council Tax setting must be taken with a recorded vote

b) CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 7 FEBRUARY 2023 (document attached)

CAB118 : Treasury Management Policy
CAB119: Capital Strategy 2023-24
CAB120: Capital Programme 2023-24

7. URGENT BUSINESS (Page 57)

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

CAB131: Minor Updates to Delegated Authorities for Revenues

A decision needs taking under the proposals in the recommendations on 24 February 2023.

8. BUSINESS OUTSTANDING FROM 26 JANUARY 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

1) Notices of Motion from 26 January 2023

Notices of Motion

i) To consider the following Notice of Motion (2/23), submitted by Councillor T Parish (Resuming adjourned part heard on 26 January 2023):

‘This Council receives a full briefing on the County ‘devolution’ Deal currently being considered by NCC and, in particular, the impact and ramifications it is likely to have on this Borough Council and its’ inhabitants. The briefing to be shared with officers and employees of the authority.’

ii) To consider the following Notice of Motion (1/23), submitted by Councillor T Parish:

This Council recognises that a very significant commercial campaign to create a barrier across The Wash, for diverse purposes, has been launched and clearly states that the Council's view on the matter is neutral until sufficient information is available, from all appropriate sources, and that this has been considered fully and impartially.

Further, this Council will act as a receptacle and conduit for local comments and opinion about the proposal and provide help and support to local organisations to enable them to make their case for support or rebuttal. The Council will do this via a Task Group set up well prior to the May elections with the brief to determine the framework for such actions and support so that a new administration can easily pick up and continue the work.

iii) To consider the following Notice of Motion (3/23), submitted by Councillor A Kemp:

The Borough Council and the Government's Devolution Deal

In 2016, this Council voted against the Government's Devolution Deal for an Elected Mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk, and an extra tier of Local Government.

Now Govt has offered a new Devolution Deal with an Elected Mayor for Norfolk, but none of the £600 million funding offered over 30 years for infrastructure or the new powers, would come to this Council or the Districts, but would all go to the County Council.

The Elected Mayor would become the County Council Leader and would have extensive Housing powers, Rights of Compulsory Purchase and Land Assembly for development, and could set up a "Mayoral Development Area" in any part of Norfolk, and a "Mayoral Development Corporation".

But Housing is the function of the Local Planning Authority.

The Devolution Deal would take away powers and funding from the District Council and centralise too much power in the hands of the County Council.

This Council will write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Levelling Up to make its views clear that it does not agree with the Deal.

2) Cabinet Members reports - to January 2023 only (Pages 58 - 83)

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 from that period of time. 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 H Humphrey

Environment - Councillor P Kunes

Development - Councillor R Blunt

Finance – Councillor A Dickinson

Property – Councillor A Lawrence

People and Communities – Councillor S Sandell

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

Leader - Councillor S Dark

3) 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).

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: 8 February 2023 (Pages 84 - 87)

CAB129: Hunstanton Multi User Hub and Transport Interchange

CAB130: Officer Delegated Decisions – Call In

CAB132: Council Meeting Arrangements

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

- i) To consider the following Notice of Motion (4/23), submitted by Councillor Dark

One year on from the Putin regime's illegal and immoral invasion of Ukraine that has caused intolerable death, destruction and misery this council thanks all those locally who have opened their homes and hearts to the 400 refugees who have settled in West Norfolk and the staff of our reception centre and partner agencies who have worked so hard to support them. We also recommit our condemnation of the war, call for its cessation and withdraw of the invading forces and our support to the Ukrainian people for as long as is needed.

- ii) To consider the following Notice of Motion (5/23), submitted by Councillor Dark

The Medworth Incinerator, Wisbech is currently at the 'interested party' submission hearing stage. This application is continuing to be brought forward causing concern to residents, despite in principle opposition from this council, Norfolk County Council and several other councils. It is now several months since our earlier widely supported motion stating our council's opposition to this scheme. At this important stage we clearly re-state our opposition to reassure residents of our consistency in this and instruct officers to continue this approach in their submissions and interactions on this issue.

12. CABINET MEMBERS REPORTS (Pages 88 - 109)

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Leader - Councillor S Dark – to follow

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Chief Executive