

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



# **COUNCIL MEETING**

## ***Agenda***

Thursday, 31st October, 2024  
at 5.00 pm

Assembly Room  
Town Hall  
Saturday Market Place  
King's Lynn

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23 October 2024

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 **5.00 pm** on **Thursday, 31st October, 2024** in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn to transact the business shown below.

Yours sincerely

Kate Blakemore  
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 29 August 2024 (previously circulated).

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Page 7)**

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. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF LICENSING COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR (Page 8)**

**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: 17 September 2024 (Page 9)**

CAB46: Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy

**2) Cabinet: 17 October 2024 (Pages 10 - 11)**

CAB59: Hunstanton bus station and library proposals  
Recommendation 3

**10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

- i) To consider the following Notice of Motion ( 3/24 ), submitted by Councillor B Jones:

**Youth Council**

The borough Council believes that it is vital to engage young people in decisions that affect their lives and services that they receive. They are a huge part of our communities, but they are often left out of discussions about how to make things better now and for the future. Our future belongs to them and it is essential that their voice is heard and, that they feel included in the democratic process. Our local democracy will be stronger for it. It has been noted that Youth Advisory Board have a youth Council and that the QEH also are making strides for youth provision but we would like a joined up approach to avoid duplication of work.

In support of this, council resolves:

To acknowledge the work already been done by various youth agencies;

To commit to establishing a cross-party working group - led by the council youth champion and by the cabinet member for people and places - to meet with partner youth agencies to explore if setting up a borough youth council would provide the right vehicle for youth ideas to be fed into the council's policies.

ii) To consider the following Notice of Motion ( 4/24 ), submitted by Councillor A Ware:

### **White Ribbon Motion**

Violence and cruelty to women, whether mental, verbal or physical, and whether occurring within the workplace or outside of an organisation, is a serious, prevalent and preventable issue.

The Government has pledged to halve violence against women and girls in the next decade and has recently announced new police and justice system initiatives to achieve this. Working towards the same goals, White Ribbon UK is a charity which focuses on interventions in this area. It issues Accreditation to organisations which work towards transformational change within their staff culture, systems and communities.

Achieving White Ribbon Accreditation would demonstrate this Council's commitment to its residents in preventing and combating the harmful culture, attitudes and behaviours around toxic masculinity that perpetuate gender inequality and violence against women and girls.

This Council will therefore actively seek to gain White Ribbon Accreditation, and it will adopt policies, instigate projects and activities and work with partners to achieve this.

iii) To consider the following Notice of Motion (5/24) submitted by Councillor A Kemp:

### **Wisbech**

### **Incinerator**

This Council maintains its opposition to the Wisbech Incinerator. Not only is there no need for this facility due to overcapacity in the East of England, but the facility would lead to a breach of the Proximity Principle impacting on West Norfolk. The latest research confirms the anti Climate Change effects of incineration. The previous Conservative Government had said it would halt new incinerators. Council asks the Leader to write to the Labour Government and ask for the consents to be reviewed and withdrawn.

## **11. CABINET MEMBER'S REPORTS (Pages 12 - 66)**

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 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.)**

**Climate Change and Biodiversity – Councillor M de Whalley**

**Planning and Licensing – Councillor J Moriarty**

**Environment and Coastal - Councillor S Squire**

**Finance – Councillor C Morley**

**Events and Open Spaces– Councillor B Anota**

**People and Communities – Councillor J Rust**

**Deputy Leader Business and Culture – Cllr S Ring**

**Leader - Councillor A Beales**

## **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).

Kate Blakemore  
Chief Executive