



COUNCIL MEETING

Agenda

Thursday, 31st July, 2025
at 5.00 pm

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

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23 July 2025

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 July, 2025** 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 following meetings (previously circulated):

- 26th June 2025
- 17th July 2025 – Extraordinary Meeting – The Guildhall
- 17th July 2025 – Extraordinary Meeting – Award of Honorary Alderman Status.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Page 6)

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. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS (Page 7)

To receive petitions and public questions in accordance with Procedure Rule 20.

8. REVIEW OF PROPORTIONALITY (Pages 8 - 10)

9. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES (Pages 11 - 15)

Members are requested to liaise with their Group Leaders in advance of the Council meeting, should they wish to put themselves forward to serve on any Outside Bodies.

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: 21st July 2025

CAB36: Staff Cost of Living Pay Award

CAB37: Changes to Social Housing Allocations Policy

CAB39: Council Tax Discounts and Premiums Resolution*

CAB41: Leisure Facilities Feasibility Study

*please note the dispensation granted by the Standards Committee on 16th July 2025. Any Members with an Interest in CAB39 will be required to declare this at the meeting, but will not have to leave the room during consideration of the item and can contribute to the debate and vote on the matter.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

To consider the following Notice of Motion (2/25), submitted by Councillor Heneghan:

National Gambling Reform

This Council notes:

This council notes that gambling companies have been found to be targeting the least well-off areas for new sites. Residents have expressed concerns about this in King's Lynn and at present the borough council is effectively powerless to stop it.

Section 153 of the Gambling Act 2005 enshrines the 'Aim to Permit' principle, which requires councils to approve gambling licences where minimum criteria are met, regardless of local community opposition.

This Council resolves to:

- Join a growing coalition of 40+ other local authorities and write to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport calling for urgent reforms to restore decision-making powers to local authorities.
- Support the Six Point Plan for Gambling Reform:
 - Reform the 'Aim to Permit' policy to allow councils to refuse gambling premises that pose risks to local welfare and safety.
 - Place all gambling premises (including adult gaming centres and bingo halls) in a single planning category to prevent loopholes.
 - Give councils the power to consider local social and health factors, such as debt and proximity to schools, when reviewing planning applications.
 - Direct the proceeds from the new statutory levy on gambling operators, to independent public bodies and local health authorities for harm prevention and treatment.
 - Introduce greater restrictions on gambling advertising, sponsorships, and promotions – especially those reaching children and vulnerable groups.
 - Halt any proposals that further liberalise adult gaming centres, including spin speeds and staking levels on B3 machines.

12. CABINET MEMBERS REPORTS (Pages 16 - 55)

In accordance with Council procedure rule 8, to receive reports from Cabinet Members to be moved en bloc. Members of the Council may ask up to four 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, then non aligned members, 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 60 minutes for all Cabinet Members and the Leader

Climate Change and Biodiversity – Councillor M de Whalley

Culture and Events – Councillor S Lintern

Planning and Licensing – Councillor J Moriarty

Environment and Coastal – Councillor S Squire – TO FOLLOW

Finance – Councillor C Morley

People and Communities – Councillor J Rust

Parking and Open Spaces – Councillor P Bland

Deputy Leader and Business – Cllr S Ring

Leader – Councillor A Beales

13. MEMBER'S QUESTION TIME

In accordance with Procedure rule 9, Members of the Council may ask any questions of the Chair of any Council Body (except the Cabinet).

Kate Blakemore
Chief Executive