

REPORT TO CABINET

Open		Would any decisions proposed :			
Any especially affected Wards	Discretionary /	Be entirely within Cabinet's powers to decide		YES	
		Need to be recommendations to Council		NO	
		Is it a Key Decision		NO	
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Lead Officer: S Winter E-mail: <i>sam.winter@west-norfolk.gov.uk</i>		Other Officers consulted: M Chisholm, S Ashworth, L Gore, A Baker			
Financial Implications YES	Policy/ Personnel Implications YES	Statutory Implications /NO	Equal Impact Assessment NO	Risk Management Implications NO	Environmental Considerations NO

Date of meeting: 15 March 2022

BIODIVERSITY TASK GROUP

Summary

Cabinet is invited to set up a Biodiversity task group as agreed at the Council meeting on 10 September 2020

Recommendation

That a Task Group made up of 5 Members 3 Con, 1 Ind and 1 Lab, chaired by a Cabinet member be set up to give consideration to the issues identified in the notice of motion.

Reason for Decision

To respond to the Notice of Motion.

1 Background

Council at its meeting on 10 September 2020 agreed the following Notice of Motion. The report addresses the setting up of the Task Group.

Council was invited to consider the following Notice of Motion (3/20), proposed by Councillor S Squire and seconded by Councillor Long:

This council acknowledges that climate change is not the only challenge facing our natural environment. Therefore, this council agrees to ask Cabinet to set up a Cabinet task group, chaired by an appropriate portfolio holder, to work with our partners including Norfolk County Council and the Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership. Any recommendations on issues such as habitat protection and creation, the creation of a pollinator action plan and wildflower verges where possible, should be brought to Cabinet via the Environment & Community Panel before consideration at Council.

In debating the Motion Councillor Rust proposed an amendment that the task group should be proportional. This was seconded by Councillor Howman. On receiving

confirmation that the Task Group would be proportional Councillor Rust withdrew the amendment. Council voted on the Motion which was agreed.

RESOLVED: That the vote the Motion be approved.

2 Options Considered

Cabinet is invited to comply with the resolution from Council on 10 September 2020.

3 Policy Implications

Setting up the Task Group is in line with the Council's decision.

4 Financial Implications

There is a cost of approximately £35,000 for the work to prepare the plan. It has been confirmed that there are sufficient salary savings available in the current financial year that can cover this. Once agreed, further budget would need to be set aside to take forward the recommendations from the Plan.

5 Personnel Implications

There will be staffing implications as far as supporting the Group and any work arising from it and the reporting into other bodies.

6 Environmental Considerations

The Task Group is being set up to look at Environmental issues, but there are no environmental issues associated with this specific report.

7 Statutory Considerations

8 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

(Pre screening report template attached)

9 Risk Management Implications

The report complies with the council decision.

10 Declarations of Interest / Dispensations Granted

None

11 Background Papers

Council minutes 10 September 2020

Pre-Screening Equality Impact Assessment

Borough Council of
King's Lynn & West Norfolk



Name of policy/service/function	Setting up a task group				
Is this a new or existing policy/service/function?	Existing				
<p>Brief summary/description of the main aims of the policy/service/function being screened.</p> <p>Please state if this policy/service is rigidly constrained by statutory obligations</p>	Setting up a task group in accordance with Council decision 10.9.20				
Question	Answer				
<p>1. Is there any reason to believe that the policy/service/function could have a specific impact on people from one or more of the following groups according to their different protected characteristic, for example, because they have particular needs, experiences, issues or priorities or in terms of ability to access the service?</p> <p>Please tick the relevant box for each group.</p> <p>NB. Equality neutral means no negative impact on any group.</p>		Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unsure
	Age			x	
	Disability			x	
	Gender			x	
	Gender Re-assignment			x	
	Marriage/civil partnership			x	
	Pregnancy & maternity			x	
	Race			x	
	Religion or belief			x	
	Sexual orientation			x	
	Other (eg low income)				

