

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 31 OCTOBER 2023
TO COUNCIL ON 23 NOVEMBER 2023**

CAB52 CORPORATE STRATEGY 2023-27

Cabinet considered a report appending the new corporate strategy for the period to the next local elections in 2027. It sets out the priorities of the new administration and how the achievement of these priorities and objectives would be monitored.

Following the Joint Panels meeting the Chair proposed that the following additions be made to the Plan, these were accepted by the Cabinet:

Under efficient and effective delivery of our services:

Add a penultimate bullet point - "Bring forward proposals to enable the King's Lynn Area Consultative Committee (KLACC) to be revised into a decision making body."

Add at the start of the last bullet point "Consider appropriate resources and then", before the "investigate the creation of a town council".

The Chair also drew attention to the comments of the Joint Panels meeting which considered the document.

Councillor Squire sought confirmation of a definition of a decision making body, to which the Monitoring Officer confirmed that the King's Lynn Area Consultative Committee would receive decision making powers, the parameters of which would have to be investigated and the Constitution changed to permit it.

Councillor Morley drew attention to the need to include:

Under Protect our environment: add to the last bullet point – "and rivers and streams" before the word "quality". This was agreed by the Cabinet.

Under standing order 34 Councillor Dark asked if the addition of the delegations for the KLACC were in place of the potential for a town council. Councillor Parish confirmed this was not the case. Councillor Dark also made comments on deliverability of the plan and detail to back up the Plan in practice.

Under standing order 34 Councillor Sandell asked if a review of the Parking Strategy was due to take place. Councillor Moriarty reminded members that the comment had not been introduced during the Panel consideration. The Chair commented that the Cabinet would be looking at income generation.

RECOMMENDED: That Council adopts the attached Corporate Strategy with the following amendments:

Under Protect our environment: add to the last bullet point – "and rivers and streams" before the word "quality".

Under efficient and effective delivery of our services:

Add a penultimate bullet point - "Bring forward proposals to enable the King's Lynn Area Consultative Committee to be revised into a decision making body."

Add at the start of the last bullet point “Consider appropriate resources and then”, before the “investigate the creation of a town council”

Reason for Decision

To establish the council’s policy framework for the term of the current administration, showing how the council will focus its resources over the next four years. The key priorities will be: • Promote growth and prosperity to benefit West Norfolk • Protect our environment • Support our communities • Efficient and effective delivery of our services

CAB55 NORFOLK COUNTY DEAL RESPONSE

A report was presented which reminded Cabinet that the Borough Council of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk (BCKLWN) agreed at the Council meeting on 30 March 2023 to make a clear public position on the County Deal for Norfolk before Norfolk County Council (NCC) made a final decision at the NCC Council meeting on 12 December 2023.

In commenting on the issue, Councillor Beales reminded members that the council did not have a vote on the matter and all it could do was encourage the County Council to try to get a better deal.

Under standing order 34 Councillor Dark commented that the motion had asked officers to check to see if the proposed Deal would effect the Council’s sovereignty or power, which it didn’t. He commented that if the Deal was agreed the County Council would have a considerable amount of money going forward, so the council should continue to engage as much as possible and allow officers to continue to negotiate.

Under standing order 34 Councillor Kemp did not support the County Deal, she commented that it brought no funding to the Borough and took some power away from the Districts. She considered that with the issues the District councils were facing it would not help the long term funding issues as the fund was not sufficient.

Councillor de Whalley shared those concerns.

Councillor Morley commented on the lack of financial support from the Government, and the council did not want to be disadvantaged by any inability to raise money.

Councillor Rust commented that devolved responsibility brought additional work to organisations. She commented that money received for the UKSPF was the equivalent of what would previously have been sought and supplied from the EU.

Councillor Squire commented that if she were being asked to support the County Deal she would not, but reminded members that this report was about ensuring the borough was there to discuss issues going forward.

The Chair reported that no District leader was happy with the proposal or had a vote on it, but he was being pragmatic about it as it was not about whether this council like it or not.

RECOMMENDED: That the Leader and Chief Executive continue to engage in the County Deal discussions with NCC on behalf of BCKLWN with a focus on

- this council's powers and sovereignty remain undiminished;
- West-Norfolk will have a fair say in the priorities being set for any new funding under the 'deal'
- West-Norfolk will have a fair opportunity to access such funding to secure the best deal for west Norfolk
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- That BCKLWN gives it's support to NCC to negotiate with Government to secure the best deal for Norfolk subject to 1. above

Reason for Decision

To respond to the Motion agreed at the Council meeting on 30 March 2023 (Minute 6/23).