

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



# **COUNCIL MEETING**

## ***Agenda***

Thursday, 19th October, 2023  
at 5.00 pm

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

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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, 19th October, 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 Meetings of the Council held on 24 August and 28 September 2023 (previously circulated).

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Page 8)**

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**

To receive petitions and public questions in accordance with Standing Order 9.

## **8. 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: 26 September 2023 (Pages 9 - 11)**

CAB42: Update to various Housing Standards policies to reflect procedural changes, best practice, case law and statutory guidance

CAB43: Members Allowances 2023/24

## **9. REPLACEMENT OUTSIDE BODY REPRESENTATIVES: QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL GOVERNORS COUNCIL & NORFOLK COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY SUB PANEL (Pages 12 - 14)**

## **10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **i) To consider the following Notice of Motion (14/23), submitted by Councillor Rust**

“This council notes the dire situation with NHS dentistry in King’s Lynn and West Norfolk. While the provision of dental services sits with the ICB and isn’t one that our Borough Council can control, we can seek to influence and shape the delivery of improved services and improved access to NHS dentists for our local community.

We know that a lack of access to NHS dentists impacts on other services such as more calls to NHS 111 and increased visits to Emergency Departments and general practice.

Norfolk and Waveney have the highest prevalence of dental decay in five-year olds in the region with King’s Lynn and West Norfolk having the second highest prevalence of dental decay in 5-year olds in Norfolk and Waveney.

King’s Lynn and West Norfolk also had the highest prevalence of 5-year olds with the dental decay affecting incisor teeth in 2022 in the Norfolk and Waveney ICS at 9.6% - higher than the national and regional prevalence.

The number of dentists in our area has declined at a greater rate when compared to the whole of the East and England. Yet our area has greater levels of need, more areas of deprivation and a higher number of older residents.

Our Council commits to taking action that will positively improve the local situation regarding NHS dentistry provision and actions will include:

Supporting the provision of Oral Surgery in King's Lynn, which is currently being provided in Wisbech, by locating a suitable council owned property for use.

Explore and support any funding initiatives in the Borough to provide premises for NHS dental services to operate from.

Write to the Department for Health and Social Care to establish a dental training school in Norfolk, mirroring the success of the School of Nursing based at The College of West Anglia.

Lobby for reform to the National dental contract to help reduce the number of NHS dentists giving up their contracts to deliver private contracts only.

Work with Norfolk County Council to establish preventative services such as school dentists.

**ii) To consider the following Notice of Motion (15/23), submitted by Councillor Dark**

This council recognises the very real threat posed by coastal erosion and sea intrusion to human life and our historic coastal communities, vital tourist industry, important farming industry and wildlife.

We applaud the recent decision taken at the County Council that as a county Norfolk will now press the Environment Agency, government and local MPs strongly to find and invest sufficient funding to cater for the current level of threat posed and to enhance provision for future years so that coastal defences are up to the task.

In support of this we now instruct this administration to write to the Environment Agency and relevant Ministers as a matter of urgency, with follow up engagement, to the effect that West Norfolk unequivocally stands alongside Norfolk County Council on this matter on behalf of its residents and that 'managed retreat' from existing coastal protections, allowing any loss of land to the sea or elements is not an acceptable short, medium or longer-term strategy or tactic.

**iii) To consider the following Notice of Motion (16/23), submitted by Councillor Joyce**

"This Council believes violence against women and girls is a problem for men and boys to fix, not a problem for women and girls to tolerate.

Therefore, this Council seeks to align itself with the values of the white ribbon campaign by becoming an

accredited white ribbon organisation and commits to never use, excuse or remain silent about men's violence against women."

**iv) To consider the following Notice of Motion (17/23), submitted by Councillor Dark**

'This council recognises the significant work undertaken by the volunteers of the Towns Board, officers and partners to date to secure multi-million pounds of external investment into Kings Lyn and to bring the associated transformational projects towards completion.

It instructs the new administration to get fully and unequivocally behind the Towns Board in its work at this crucial stage and in particular to do all it can to support the Internationally significant Guildhall project, by not withdrawing the £3m underwriting guarantee that full council had previously given to this project and allowing officers to continue actively supporting the Charitable Incorporated Organisation and Towns Board to achieve the funding necessary to complete it.

In furtherance of this securing the Guildhall project objective, this council now instructs officers to promptly explore creating a 'go fund me' type fundraising platform with the Towns Board, previously intended, to generate public and business donations off of the back of the recent significant media interest in this project and our area's historic principal Town.

**11. CABINET MEMBERS REPORTS (Pages 15 - 50)**

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 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.)**

**Business – Councillor A Beales**

**Climate Change and Biodiversity – Councillor M de Whalley (to follow)**

**Environment and Coastal - Councillor S Squire**

**Finance – Councillor C Morley**  
**Property & Corporate Services – Councillor B Anota**  
**People and Communities – Councillor J Rust**  
**Tourism Events and Marketing – Cllr S Ring**  
**Deputy Leader Development and Regeneration – Councillor J Moriarty**

**Leader - Councillor T Parish**

**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).

Lorraine Gore  
Chief Executive