



THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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28<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### Notice of Town Council Meeting

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of Thorpe St Andrew Town Council to be held at the Town Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 at 7.30pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

*Thomas Foreman*

Thomas Foreman Clerk to the Council

### AGENDA

- 1 Attendance book and apologies for absence.
  - 2 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.
  - 3 To confirm the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022
  - 4 Announcements (For information only)  
To receive announcements from
    - (i) The Town Mayor
      - a. Reflection on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II
    - (ii) The Clerk
  - 5 Public participation –To consider a motion to suspend the meeting to allow members of the public the opportunity to address the meeting limited to 3 minutes each.
    - (i) Norfolk Constabulary
    - (ii) County and District Councillors  
Report from Councillor John Ward
    - (iii) Members of the public
  - 6 Finance
    - (i) Payments List – to be tabled
    - (ii) Bank Reconciliation Statement-to be tabled
    - (iii) Notice of Conclusion of External Audit - Attached
  - 7 Draft Minutes of the Events and Media Committee - to follow
  - 8 Review of Standing Orders – Report attached
  - 9 Cricket Maintenance Costs – Report to follow
  - 10 Chief Executive Officer Recruitment and Locum Contract – Verbal report
  - 11 Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan
- Future Agenda Items. (Not for discussion)

**Town Clerk – Dr Thomas Foreman**

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**THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7:30PM**

**1 PRESENT:**

Miss S Lawn (Town Mayor)	Mr J Fisher
Mrs J Fisher (Deputy Town Mayor)	Mr M Lake
Mr J Emsell	Mr S Snelling
Mr P Berry	Ms M Friend
Mr L Reeves	Mr J Ward
Mrs T Mancini-Boyle	

**APOLOGIES:**

Mr J Boast, Mr F Bowe, Mr T Garner

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr T. Foreman (Locum CEO), and two members of the public

**a. One-minute silence following the death of Cllr Nigel Shaw**

The Town Council held a one-minute silence in memory of Cllr Nigel Shaw whose death occurred in the preceding month. Following this, a tribute was given by Fr J Stewart, and both officers and Councillors shared memories of his time on the Council. Dr T Foreman explained that as this was a death which occurred whilst serving as a Councillor, the statutory steps were being undertaken by the District Council.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

**3 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.

**4 ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

To receive announcements from

- (i) The Town Mayor- Miss S Lawn updated the Town Council on her activities during the previous month. This included judging the Thorpe in Bloom competition and wished to place on record her appreciation to Thorpe Plant Centre for sponsoring the event.
- (ii) The Clerk- Dr T Foreman updated the meeting on a number of meetings which had taken place, particularly with allotment holders and associations during the previous month.

**5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –TO CONSIDER A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE MEETING TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE MEETING LIMITED TO 3 MINS EACH**

The Meeting was suspended following a proposal from Miss S Lawn, seconded by Mrs J Fisher.

- (i) Norfolk Constabulary – The Locum CEO provided an overview of the work undertaken by the Safer Neighbourhood team over the past month.
- (ii) County and District Councillors – The meeting noted to the report of Mr J Ward and Mr I Mackie. Mr J Fisher provided an update on youth justice and highway matters. Mrs T Mancini-Boyle provided an update on the

move by Broadland District Council to the Horizon Building and also explained the importance of distancing the Council from a recent article in the Evening News which contained incorrect information about the sewage leak at River Green.

- (iii) Members of the public – one member of the public spoke about the Neighbourhood Plan and the ongoing sewage issue at River Green. Dr T Foreman provided a response to both matters.

## **6 FINANCE**

- (i) Payments List was agreed and signed as a true record.
- (ii) Bank Reconciliation Statement was agreed and signed as a true record.

## **7 DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS.**

- (i) Planning and Environment Meeting – noted

## **8 ALLOTMENT GARDEN RULES**

The Town Council considered the report outlining the results of the allotment garden rule consultation. There was broad support within the feedback, with changes made to the draft document to reflect matters that had been raised. Input from the Town Council solicitors was also included with amendments reflected in the final version. It was proposed by Miss S Lawn, seconded by Mrs J Fisher and on a show of hands with all in favour **RESOLVED** that the new allotments rules be adopted from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 and be reviewed within 12 months in line with other policy documents.

## **9 LIGHTING TOWER PURCHASE**

Dr T Foreman provided details of quotations for hiring a lighting tower for upcoming events and for use by the Council as part of its standard duties. This was considered alongside quotations for the purchase of a lighting tower outright. It was proposed by Mr J Fisher, seconded by Mr P Berry and on a show of hands with all in favour **RESOLVED** that the Town Council purchase a lighting tower outright at a cost not to exceed £3,500 plus VAT.

## **10 TO PASS A RESOLUTION TO SIGN UP TO THE CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE**

The Town Council considered the report recommending a resolution to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge. There was strong support for the details contained within the correspondence about work which had been undertaken by organisations including NALC and the SLCC. It was proposed by Miss S Lawn, seconded by Mr P Berry and on a show of hands with all in favour **RESOLVED** that the Town Mayor agree to each of the commitments within the Civility and Respect Pledge and sign the document on behalf of the Town Council.

## **11 TO CONSIDER A MOTION TO EXCLUDE PRESS AND PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960, AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SS 100 AND 102 DUE TO THE DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

It was proposed by Mrs J Fisher, seconded by Mr S Snelling and on a show of hands with all in favour **RESOLVED** to close the meeting to press and public.

## **12 STAFFING MATTERS**

Dr T Foreman introduced matters relating to staffing. It was proposed by Miss S Lawn, seconded by Mrs J Fisher and on a show of hands with all in favour **RESOLVED** to delegate power to the Locum CEO to make staffing payments for work covered during the ongoing period of staff shortage to a total not to exceed £8,000.

**Future Agenda Items.** (Not for discussion)

With no further business the meeting closed at 20.40hrs

Signed

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

19<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## **Report from Councillor John Ward**

### **Broadland District Council**

The proposed new McDonalds on Mousehold Lane, on which BDC was a consultee, was rejected by Norwich City Council by 6 votes to 5, despite their Planning Committee recommending it for approval. It is likely to go to appeal.

BDC is looking to replace Member's ipads when the new intake of Councillors joins in May. A number of devices are currently on trial to decide what is best. I, myself, am trialling a Dell Laptop.

South Norfolk D.C. Offices are now up for sale. All their staff are expected to join with BDC staff at Thorpe Lodge over the next few weeks prior to the move to the new Horizon building at Postwick.

On 15.9.22 Cllr Judy Leggett and I, joined the on-line Police Community Meeting with PC Graham Gill and Sgt Oliver Ketteridge. After some discussion the priorities were set as 1. Anti-Social behaviour, 2. Speeding. The police will also be paying more spot visits to schools at peak times to check on inconsiderate parking.

### **Norfolk County Council**

Barkers Lane junction with Wilkes Farm Drive will be closed 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> October for resurfacing works.

As a Councillor I attended the following events in the past week:-

11<sup>th</sup> September, The Proclamation of King Charles III at County Hall led by HM Lord Lieutenant The Lady Dannatt MBE.

15<sup>th</sup> September, The funeral of Brenda Ferris at St. Peter Mancroft Church. Brenda had been a member of my Joint Museums Committee for many years, representing the Norwich Contemporary Art Society.

16<sup>th</sup> September, Commemoration of the Battle of Britain at County Hall, led by Chairman Cllr Karen Vincent. This year's event was scaled back in deference to Her late Majesty.

18<sup>th</sup> September, Civic Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving for the life of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Thorpe St. Andrew Parish Church..

## Thorpe St Andrew Town Council

### Notice of conclusion of audit

#### Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2022

Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

<p>1. The audit of accounts for <b>Thorpe St Andrew Town Council</b> for the year ended 31 March 2022 has been completed and the accounts have been published.</p> <p>2. The Annual Governance &amp; Accountability Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the area of <b>Thorpe St Andrew Town Council</b> on application to:</p> <p>(a) <u>Rachel McCarthy, Operational Manager / RFO</u>  <u>Town Hall, Fitzmaurice Park, Pound Lane,</u>  <u>Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich, NR7 0UK.</u></p> <p>(b) <u>9am - 3pm Mon - Tues</u>  <u>9am - 5pm Wed - Fri</u></p> <p>3. Copies will be provided to any person on payment of £ <u>1</u> (c) for each copy of the Annual Governance &amp; Accountability Return.</p> <p>Announcement made by: (d) <u>Rachel McCarthy om / RFO</u></p> <p>Date of announcement: (e) <u>27/09/22</u></p>	<p><b>Notes</b></p> <p>This notice and Sections 1, 2 &amp; 3 of the AGAR must be published by 30 September. <b>This must include publication on the smaller authority's website.</b> The smaller authority must decide how long to publish the Notice for; the AGAR and external auditor report must be publicly available for 5 years.</p> <p>(a) Insert the name, position and address of the person to whom local government electors should apply to inspect the AGAR</p> <p>(b) Insert the hours during which inspection rights may be exercised</p> <p>(c) Insert a reasonable sum for copying costs</p> <p>(d) Insert the name and position of person placing the notice</p> <p>(e) Insert the date of placing of the notice</p>
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## Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2021/22

We acknowledge as the members of:

*THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL*

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022, that:

	Agreed		
	Yes	No*	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<i>prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.</i>
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<i>made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.</i>
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<i>has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.</i>
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<i>during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.</i>
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<i>considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.</i>
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<i>arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.</i>
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<i>responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.</i>
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<i>disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.</i>
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			<i>has met all of its responsibilities where, as a body corporate, it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.</i>

\*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

*13-06-2022*

and recorded as minute reference:

*6 (iv)*

Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chairman

*[Signature]*

Clerk

*[Signature]*

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## Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2021/22 for

### THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2021 £	31 March 2022 £	
1. Balances brought forward	241 368	356 177	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	507 660	518 758	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	76 258	111 130	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	(208 708)	(325 014)	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	(28 190)	(27 729)	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	(232 212)	(271 043)	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	356 176	362 279	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	361 640	373 343	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	3 511 649	3 526 671	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	315 213	295 526	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	Yes	No	N/A
			✓
			The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
			N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2022 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval



Date

08/06/22

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

13-06-2022

as recorded in minute reference:

6. (iv)

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved





## Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate 2021/22

In respect of

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council – NO0464

### 1 Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a **limited assurance review** is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is **not a full statutory audit**, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02) as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website – <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/>.

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with Proper Practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2022; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

### 2 External auditor report 2021/22

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

None

### 3 External auditor certificate 2021/22

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2022.

External Auditor Name

**PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP**

External Auditor Signature

*PKF Littlejohn LLP*

Date

**25/09/2022**

\* Note: the NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on limited assurance reviews in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website ([www.nao.org.uk](http://www.nao.org.uk))

# THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL



**TOWN COUNCIL : 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

## **REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS**

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**Agenda Item: 8**

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### **Reason for this Report**

This report has been prepared to consider changes to the existing Standing Orders.

### **Background**

The Town Council has requested that the Standing Orders be considered with a view to making changes in the way information is disseminated given concerns raised by Councillors during the last meeting.

### **Result**

The Standing Orders are presented for review.

### **Advice**

The Town Council can make amendments to the Standing Orders, except to those items which are statutory and marked as such within the document.

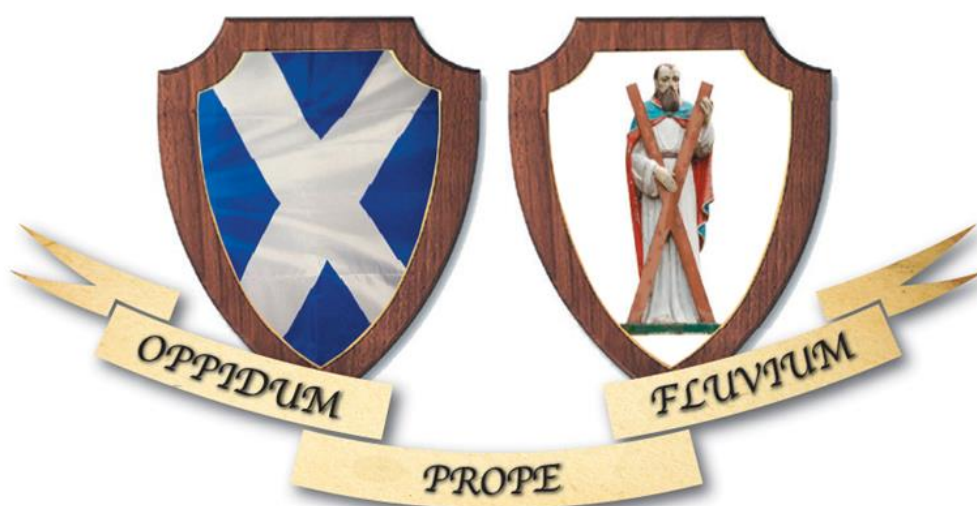
### **Legal Implications**

All decisions and actions taken by or on behalf of Thorpe St Andrew Town Council must (1) be within the local powers of the Authority; (2) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (3) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Authority; (4) be undertaken in accordance with the Authority procedural rules inc. Standing Orders and Financial Regulations; (5) be fully and properly informed; (6) be properly motivated; (7) be taken with regard to the fiduciary duty of the Authority to its residents; and (8) be reasonable and proper.

### **Financial Implications**

There are **no** financial implications arising from this report.

# THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL



**THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL**

## **STANDING ORDERS**

**(inc PROVISION FOR VIRTUAL WORKING GROUPS)**

January 2022

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## 1. Rules of debate at meetings

- a Motions on the agenda shall be considered in the order that they appear unless the order is changed at the discretion of the chairman of the meeting.
- b A motion (including an amendment) shall not be progressed unless it has been moved and seconded.
- c A motion on the agenda that is not moved by its proposer may be treated by the chairman of the meeting as withdrawn.
- d If a motion (including an amendment) has been seconded, it may be withdrawn by the proposer only with the consent of the seconder and the meeting.
- e An amendment is a proposal to remove or add words to a motion. It shall not negate the motion.
- f If an amendment to the original motion is carried, the original motion becomes the substantive motion upon which further amendment(s) may be moved.
- g An amendment shall not be considered unless early verbal notice of it is given at the meeting and, if requested by the chairman of the meeting, is expressed in writing to the chairman.
- h A councillor may move an amendment to his own motion if agreed by the meeting. If a motion has already been seconded, the amendment shall be with the consent of the seconder and the meeting.
- i If there is more than one amendment to an original or substantive motion, the amendments shall be moved in the order directed by the chairman.
- j Subject to standing order 1(k), only one amendment shall be moved and debated at a time, the order of which shall be directed by the chairman of the meeting.
- k One or more amendments may be discussed together if the chairman of the meeting considers this expedient, but each amendment shall be voted upon separately.
- l A councillor may not move more than one amendment to an original or substantive motion.
- m The mover of an amendment has no right of reply at the end of debate on it.
- n Where a series of amendments to an original motion are carried, the mover of the original motion shall have a right of reply either at the end of debate of the first amendment or at the very end of debate on the final substantive motion immediately before it is put to the vote.
- o Unless permitted by the chairman of the meeting, a councillor may speak once in the debate on a motion except:
  - i. to speak on an amendment moved by another councillor;
  - ii. to move or speak on another amendment if the motion has been amended since he/she last spoke;
  - iii. to make a point of order;
  - iv. to give a personal explanation; or
  - v. in exercise of a right of reply.

- p During the debate of a motion, a councillor may interrupt only on a point of order or a personal explanation and the councillor who was interrupted shall stop speaking. A councillor raising a point of order shall identify the standing order which he considers has been breached or specify the other irregularity in the proceedings of the meeting he is concerned by.
- q A point of order shall be decided by the chairman of the meeting and his decision shall be final.
- r When a motion is under debate, no other motion shall be moved except:
- i. to amend the motion;
  - ii. to proceed to the next business;
  - iii. to adjourn the debate;
  - iv. to put the motion to a vote;
  - v. to ask a person to be no longer heard or to leave the meeting;
  - vi. to refer a motion to a committee or sub-committee for consideration;
  - vii. to exclude the public and press;
  - viii. to adjourn the meeting; or
  - ix. to suspend particular standing order(s) excepting those which reflect mandatory statutory requirements.
- s Before an original or substantive motion is put to the vote, the chairman of the meeting shall be satisfied that the motion has been sufficiently debated and that the mover of the motion under debate has exercised or waived his right of reply.
- t Excluding motions moved understanding order 1(r), the contributions or speeches by a councillor shall relate only to the motion under discussion and shall not exceed 3 minutes without the consent of the chairman of the meeting.

## 2. Disorderly conduct at meetings

- a No person shall obstruct the transaction of business at a meeting or behave offensively or improperly. If this standing order is ignored, the chairman of the meeting shall request such person(s) to moderate or improve their conduct.
- b If person(s) disregard the request of the chairman of the meeting to moderate or improve their conduct, any councillor or the chairman of the meeting may move that the person be no longer heard or excluded from the meeting. The motion, if seconded, shall be put to the vote without discussion.
- c If a resolution made under standing order 2(b) is ignored, the chairman of the meeting may take further reasonable steps to restore order or to progress the meeting. This may include temporarily suspending or closing the meeting.

### 3. Meetings generally

Mandatory for full Council meetings	●
Mandatory for committee meetings	■
Mandatory for sub-committee meetings	▲
Mandatory for Remote Meetings	★

- ★ a Meetings shall take place at a time and date as the Council shall determine in accordance with standing orders 3e and f (LAPCP Regulations 2020 Part 2 Reg 4(a)).
- ★ b Council may alter the frequency, move or cancel such meetings (LAPCP Regulations 2020 Part 2 Reg 4(a)).
- ★ c A meeting of a local authority is not limited to a meeting of persons all of whom, or any of whom, are present in the same places and any reference to a “place” where a meeting is held, or to be held, includes reference to more than one place including electronic, digital or virtual locations such as internet locations, web addresses or conference call telephone numbers. (LAPCP Regulations 2020 Part 2 Reg 5(1)).
- ★ d Members (including members of the public) in remote attendance attends the meeting at any time if all of the conditions in subsection are satisfied:  
(a) to hear, and where practicable see, and be so heard and, where practicable, be seen by, the other members in attendance,  
(b) to hear and where practicable see, and be so heard and, where practicable, be seen by, any members of the public entitled to attend the meeting in order to exercise a right to speak at the meeting, and  
(c) to be so heard and, where practicable, be seen by any other members of the public attending the meeting. (LAPCP Regulations 2020 Part 2 Regs 5 (2) (3) and (4))
- ★ e The minimum 3 clear days for notice of a meeting does not include the day on which notice was issued, the day of the meeting, a Sunday, a day of the Christmas break, a day of the Easter break or of a bank holiday or a day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning.
- ★ f The minimum 3 clear days public notice of a meeting does not include the day on which the notice was issued or the day of the meeting.
- ■ ★ g Meetings shall be open to the public unless their presence is prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons. The public’s exclusion from part or all of a meeting shall be by a resolution which shall give reasons for the public’s exclusion.  
Member and public access to documents and remote access of public and press to a local authority meeting to enable them to attend or participate in that meeting to enable them to attend or participate in that meeting my electronic means, including by telephone conference, video conference, live webcasts, and live interactive streaming. (LAPCP Regulations 2020 Part 2 Reg 6 (b) (c))
- ★ h A meeting being “open to the public” includes access to the meeting through remote means including (but not limited to) video conferencing, live webcast, and live interactive streaming and where a meeting is accessible to the public through such remote means the meeting is open to the public whether or not members of the public are able to attend the meeting in person; (LAPCP Regulations 2020 Part 2 Reg 13(a))



















- ★ i Being “present” at a meeting includes access through remote means mentioned in para (a) above. (LAPCP Regulations 2020 Part 2 Reg 13(b))
- ★ j Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda.
- ★ k The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 3(j) shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting.
- ★ l Subject to standing order 3(k), a member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes.
- ★ m In accordance with standing order 3(j) above, a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chairman of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given.
- ★ n A person shall raise his hand when requesting to speak and stand when speaking (except when a person has a disability or is likely to suffer discomfort). The chairman of the meeting may at any time permit a person to be seated when speaking.
- ★ o A person who speaks at a meeting shall direct his comments to the chairman of the meeting.
- ★ p Only one person is permitted to speak at a time. If more than one person wants to speak, the chairman of the meeting shall direct the order of speaking.
- q Subject to standing order 3(s), the recording, filming and reporting of all public meetings is permitted.
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- Meetings or parts of meetings from which the press and public are excluded may not be filmed or recorded.
- Members of the public and press are permitted to film or record meetings (to which they are permitted access) in a non-disruptive manner and from areas designated for the public. **No prior permission is required** however the Chairman at the beginning of the meeting could ask if anyone present wishes to record proceedings. The Council could assist by making reasonable facilities available to allow ease of recording as it might by providing a desk for a press reporter.
- ★ r The use of digital and social media recording tools, for example Twitter, blogging or audio recording is allowed so long as it is carried out in a non-disruptive manner.
- Disruptive behaviour could be any action or activity which disrupts the conduct of meetings or impedes others being able to see, hear or film the proceedings.
- This could include:
- moving to areas outside the areas designated for the public
  - excessive noise in recording, setting up or re-siting equipment during the meeting
  - intrusive lighting and use of flash photography: and
  - asking for statements made to be repeated for the purposes of recording.












The Chairman of the meeting, in accordance with Standing Order No. 2, can stop a meeting if any person is deemed to be disruptive.

Councils can ask that filming or recording is kept to a minimum, that is focuses on those making representations to the meeting and that members of the public are not inconvenienced, and all involved should be treated respectfully (as should be the case always!).

Any person or organisation choosing to film, record or broadcast any meeting of the Council will be responsible for any claims or other liability resulting from them so doing.

-  s The press shall be provided with reasonable facilities for the taking of their report of all or part of a meeting at which they are entitled to be present.
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-  t Subject to standing orders which indicate otherwise, anything authorised or required to be done by, to or before the Chairman of the Council may in his/her absence be done by, to or before the Vice-Chairman of the Council (if any).
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-  u The Chairman, if present, shall preside at a meeting. If the Chairman is absent from a meeting, the Vice-Chairman, if present, shall preside. If both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman are absent from a meeting, a councillor as chosen by the councillors present at the meeting shall preside at the meeting.
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-  v Subject to a meeting being quorate, all questions at a meeting shall be decided by a majority or councillors with voting rights present and voting.
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-  w The chairman of a meeting may give an original vote on any matter put to the vote, and in the case of an equality of votes may exercise his casting vote whether or not he/she gave an original vote. *See standing orders 5(i) and (j) for the different rules that apply in the election of the Chairman of the Council at the annual meeting of the council.*
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-  x Unless standing orders provide otherwise, voting on a question shall be by a show of hands, or Members to verbally announce their vote each in turn, or pressing a button to record their vote (LAPCP Regulations 2020 Part 2 Reg 6(a)). At the request of a councillor, the voting on any question shall be recorded to show whether each councillor present and voting gave his/her vote for or against that question. Such a request shall be made before moving on to the next item of business on the agenda. If 2 members request, voting shall be by signed ballot
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-  y The minutes of a meeting shall include an accurate record of the following:
  - i. the time and media used to conduct the meeting;
  - ii. the names of councillors present and absent;
  - iii. interests that have been declared by councillors and non-councillors with voting rights;
  - iv. whether a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights left the meeting when matters that they held interests in were being considered;
  - v. if there was a public participation session; and
  - vi. the resolutions made.

-  z (England) A councillor or a non-councillor with voting rights who has a disclosable pecuniary interest or another interest as set out in the council's code of conduct in a matter being considered at a meeting is subject to statutory limitations or restrictions under the code on his/her right to participate and vote on that matter. Where a Member is required to leave the meeting, the means of remote attendance and access is to be severed whilst any discussion or vote takes place in respect of the item or items of business which the member or co-opted member may not participate.
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 aa No business may be transacted at a meeting unless at least one-third of the whole number of members of the council are present and in no case shall the quorum of a meeting be less than 3.  
*See standing order 4d(viii) for the quorum of a committee or sub-committee meeting.*
-  bb If a meeting is or becomes inquorate no business shall be transacted and the meeting shall be closed.  
  
  
 The business on the agenda for the meeting shall be adjourned to another meeting.
-  cc A meeting shall not exceed a period of 2.5 hours.

## 4. Committees and sub-committees

- a Unless the council determines otherwise, a committee may appoint a sub-committee whose terms of reference and members shall be determined by the committee.
- b The members of a committee may include non-councillors unless it is a committee which regulates and controls the finances of the council.
- c Unless the council determines otherwise, all the members of an advisory committee and a sub-committee of the advisory committee may be non-councillors.
- d The council may appoint standing committees or other committees as may be necessary, and:
  - i. shall determine their terms of reference;
  - ii. shall determine the number and time of the ordinary meetings of a standing committee up until the date of the next annual meeting of full council;
  - iii. shall permit a committee, other than in respect of the ordinary meetings of a committee, to determine the number and time of its meetings;
  - iv. shall, subject to standing orders 4(b) and (c) above, appoint and determine the terms of office of members of such a committee;
  - v. may, subject to standing orders 4(b) and (c), appoint and determine the terms of office of the substitute members to a committee whose role is to replace the ordinary members at a meeting of a committee if the ordinary members of the committee confirm to the Proper Officer 7 days before the meeting that they are unable to attend;
  - vi. shall, after it has appointed the members of a standing committee, appoint the chairman of the standing committee;
  - vii. shall permit a committee other than a standing committee, to appoint its own chairman at the first meeting of the committee;
  - viii. shall determine the place, notice requirements and quorum for a meeting of a committee and a sub-committee which shall be no less than three;
  - ix. shall determine if the public may participate at a meeting of a committee;
  - x. shall determine if the public and press are permitted to attend the meetings of a sub-committee and the advance public notice requirements, if any, required for the meetings of a sub-committee;
  - xi. shall determine if the public may participate at a meeting of a sub-committee that they are permitted to attend; and
  - xii. may dissolve a committee

## 5. Ordinary council meetings

- a In an election year, the annual meeting of the council shall be held on or within 14 days following the day on which the new councillors elected take office.
- b In a year which is not an election year, the annual meeting of a council shall be held on such day in April or May as the council may direct. This is now optional and if councils are able to hold this meeting then it should go ahead (LAPCP Regulations 2020 Part 6(c)).
- c If no other time is fixed, the annual meeting of the council shall take place at 6pm. (LAPCP Regulations 2020 Part 6(c)).
- d (England) In addition to the annual meeting of the council, at least three other ordinary meetings shall be held in each year on such dates and times as the council directs.
- e The first business conducted at the annual meeting of the council shall be the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman (if any) of the Council. This no longer applies until May 2021 (LAPCP Regulations 2020 Part 6(c)).
- f The Chairman of the Council, unless he/she has resigned or becomes disqualified, shall continue in office and preside at the annual meeting until his/her successor is elected at the next annual meeting of the council.
- g The Vice-Chairman of the Council, if any, unless he/she resigns or becomes disqualified, shall hold office until immediately after the election of the Chairman of the Council at the next annual meeting of the council.
- h In an election year, if the current Chairman of the Council has not been re-elected as a member of the council, he/she shall preside at the meeting until a successor Chairman of the Council has been elected. The current Chairman of the Council shall not have an original vote in respect of the election of the new Chairman of the Council but must give a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.
- i In an election year, if the current Chairman of the Council has been re-elected as a member of the council, he/she shall preside at the meeting until a new Chairman of the Council has been elected. He/she may exercise an original vote in respect of the election of the new Chairman of the Council and must give a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.

- k Following the election of the Chairman of the Council and Vice-Chairman (if any) of the Council at the annual meeting of the council, the business of the annual meeting shall include:
- i. In an election year, delivery by the Chairman of the Council and councillors of their acceptance of office forms unless the council resolves for this to be done at a later date. In a year which is not an election year, delivery by the Chairman of the Council of his/her acceptance of office forms unless the council resolves for this to be done at a later date;
  - ii. Confirmation of the accuracy of the minutes of the last meeting of the council;
  - iii. Receipt of the minutes of the last meeting of a committee;
  - iv. Consideration of the recommendations made by a committee;
  - v. Review of delegation arrangements to committees, sub-committees, staff and other local authorities;
  - vi. Review of the terms of reference for committees;
  - vii. Appointment of members to existing committees;
  - viii. Appointment of any new committees in accordance with standing order 4 above;
  - ix. Review and adoption of appropriate standing orders and financial regulations;
  - x. Review of arrangements, including any charters and agency agreements, with other local authorities and review of contributions made to expenditure incurred by other local authorities;
  - xi. Review of representation on or work with external bodies and arrangements for reporting back;
  - xii. (England) In an election year, to decide with a view to the council becoming eligible to exercise the general power of competence in the future;
  - xiii. Review of inventory of land and assets including buildings and office equipment;
  - xiv. Confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks;
  - xv. Review of the council's and/or staff subscriptions to other bodies;
  - xvi. Review of the council's complaints procedure;
  - xvii. Review of the council's procedures for handling requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection Act 1998;
  - xviii. Review of the council's policy for dealing with the press/media; and
  - xix. Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the full council up to and including the next annual meeting of full council.

## 6. Extraordinary meetings of the council committees and sub-committees

- a The Chairman of the Council may convene an extraordinary meeting of the council at any time.
- b If the Chairman of the Council does not or refuses to call an extraordinary meeting of the council within 7 days of having been requested in writing to do so by 2 councillors, any 2 councillors may convene an extraordinary meeting of the council. The public notice giving the time, place and agenda for such a meeting must be signed electronically by the 2 councillors.
- c The chairman of a committee or a sub-committee may convene an extraordinary meeting of the committee or the sub-committee at any time.
- d If the chairman of a committee or a sub-committee does not or refuses to call an extraordinary meeting within 7 days of having been requested by to do so by 2 members of the committee or the sub-committee, any 2 members of the committee and the sub-committee may convene an extraordinary meeting of a committee and a sub-committee.

## 7. Previous resolutions

- a A resolution shall not be reversed within 6 months except either by a special motion, which requires written notice by at least 6 councillors to be given to the Proper Officer in accordance with standing order 9 below, or by a motion moved in pursuance of the recommendation of a committee or a sub-committee.
- b When a motion moved pursuant to standing order 7(a) has been disposed of, no similar motion may be moved within a further 6 months.

## 8. Voting on appointments

- a Where more than 2 persons have been nominated for a position to be filled by the council and none of those persons has received an absolute majority of votes in their favour, the name of the person having the least number of votes shall be struck off the list and a fresh vote taken. This process shall continue until a majority of votes is given in favour of 1 person. A tie in votes may be settled by the casting vote exercisable by the chairman of the meeting.

## 9. Motions for a meeting that require written notice to be given to the Proper Officer

- a A motion shall relate to the responsibilities of the meeting which it is tabled for and in any event shall relate to the performance of the council's statutory functions, powers and obligations or an issue which specifically affects the council's area or its residents.
- b No motion may be moved at a meeting unless it is on the agenda and the mover has given written notice of its wording to the Proper Officer at least 7 clear days before the meeting. Clear days do not include the day of the notice or the day of the meeting.
- c The Proper Officer may, before including a motion on the agenda received in accordance with standing order 9(b), correct obvious grammatical or typographical errors in the wording of the motion.
- d If the Proper Officer considers the wording of a motion received in accordance with standing order 9(b) is not clear in meaning, the motion shall be rejected until the mover of the motion resubmits it in writing to the Proper Officer so that it can be understood at least 5 clear days before the meeting.
- e If the wording or subject of a proposed motion is considered improper, the Proper Officer shall consult with the chairman of the forthcoming meeting or, as the case may be, the councillors who have convened the meeting, to consider whether the motion shall be included in the agenda or rejected.
- f Subject to standing order 9(e), the decision of the Proper Officer as to whether or not to include the motion on the agenda shall be final.
- g Motions received shall be recorded in a book for that purpose and numbered in the order that they are received.
- h Motions rejected shall be recorded in a book for that purpose with an explanation by the Proper Officer for their rejection.

## 10. Motions at a meeting that do not require written notice

- a The following motions may be moved at a meeting without written notice to the Proper Officer;
  - i. to correct an inaccuracy in the draft minutes of a meeting;
  - ii. to move to a vote;
  - iii. to defer consideration of a motion;
  - iv. to refer a motion to a particular committee or sub-committee;
  - v. to appoint a person to preside at a meeting;
  - vi. to change the order of business on the agenda;
  - vii. to proceed to the next business on the agenda;
  - viii. to require a written report;
  - ix. to appoint a committee or sub-committee and their members;
  - x. to extend the time limits for speaking;
  - xi. to exclude the press and public from a meeting in respect of confidential or sensitive information which is prejudicial to the public interest;
  - xii. to not hear further from a councillor or a member of the public;
  - xiii. to exclude a councillor or member of the public for disorderly conduct;
  - xiv. to temporarily suspend the meeting;
  - xv. to suspend a standing order (unless it reflects mandatory statutory requirements);
  - xvi. to adjourn the meeting; or
  - xvii. to close a meeting.

## 11. Handling confidential or sensitive information

- a The agenda, papers that support the agenda and the minutes of a meeting shall not disclose or otherwise undermine confidential or sensitive information which for special reasons would not be in the public interest.
- b Councillors and staff shall not disclose confidential or sensitive information which for special reasons would not be in the public interest.



## 12. Draft minutes

- a If the draft minutes of a preceding meeting have been served on councillors with the agenda to attend the meeting at which they are due to be approved for accuracy, they shall be taken as read.
- b There shall be no discussion about the draft minutes of a preceding meeting except in relation to their accuracy. A motion to correct an inaccuracy in the draft minutes shall be moved in accordance with standing order 10(a)(i).
- c The accuracy of draft minutes, including any amendment(s) made to them, shall be confirmed by resolution and shall be signed by the chairman of the meeting and stand as an accurate record of the meeting to which the minutes relate.
- d If the chairman of the meeting does not consider the minutes to be an accurate record of the meeting to which they relate, he/she shall sign the minutes and include a paragraph in the following terms or to the same effect:  
*“The chairman of this meeting does not believe that the minutes of the meeting of the ( ) held on [date] in respect of ( ) were a correct record but his/her view was not upheld by the meeting and the minutes are confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.”*
- e Upon a resolution which confirms the accuracy of the minutes of a meeting, the draft minutes or recordings of the meeting for which approved minutes exist shall be destroyed.

## 13. Code of conduct and dispensations

See also standing order 3(t).

- a All councillors and non-councillors with voting rights shall observe the code of conduct adopted by the council.
- b Dispensation requests shall be in writing and submitted to the Proper Officer as soon as possible before the meeting, or failing that, at the start of the meeting for which the dispensation is required.
- c A decision as to whether to grant a dispensation shall be made by a meeting of the council, or committee or sub-committee for which the dispensation is required, and that decision is final.
- d A dispensation request shall confirm:
  - i. the description and the nature of the disclosable pecuniary interest or other interest to which the request for the dispensation relates;
  - ii. whether the dispensation is required to participate at a meeting in a discussion only or a discussion and a vote;
  - iii. the date of the meeting or the period (not exceeding 4 years) for which the dispensation is sought; and
  - iv. an explanation as to why the dispensation is sought.
- e Subject to standing orders 13(b) and 13(d), dispensations requests shall be considered by the Proper Officer before the meeting or, if this is not possible, at the start of the meeting for which the dispensation is required
- f A dispensation may be granted in accordance with standing order 13(e) if having regard to all relevant circumstances the following applies:
  - i. without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited from participating in the particular business would be so great a proportion of the meeting transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business or
  - ii. granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the council's area or
  - iii. it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.

## 14. Code of conduct complaints

- a Upon notification by the District or Unitary Council or County Council that it is dealing with a complaint that a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights has breached the council's code of conduct, the Proper Officer shall, subject to standing order 11, report this to the council.
- b Where the notification in standing order 14(a) relates to a complaint made by the Proper Officer, the Proper Officer shall notify the Chairman of Council of this fact, and the Chairman shall nominate another staff member to assume the duties of the Proper Officer in relation to the complaint until it has been determined and the council has agreed what action, if any, to take in accordance with standing order 14(d).
- c The council may:
  - i. provide information or evidence where such disclosure is necessary to progress an investigation of the complaint or is required by law;
  - ii. seek information relevant to the complaint from the person or body with statutory responsibility for investigation of the matter;
- d Upon notification by the District or Unitary Council that a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights has breached the council's code of conduct, the council shall consider what, if any, action to take against him/her. Such action excludes disqualification or suspension from office.

## 15. Proper Officer

a The Proper Officer shall be either (i) the CEO or (ii) other staff member(s) nominated by the council to undertake the work of the Proper Officer when the Proper Officer is absent.

b The Proper Officer shall:

- i. at least 3 clear days before a meeting of the council, a committee and a sub-committee
  - a) serve on councillors a summons, by email, confirming the time, place and the agenda provided any such email contains the electronic signature and title of the Proper Officer. This shall also contain instructions how to link to the remote meeting.

*See standing order 3(e) for the meaning of clear days for a meeting of a full council and standing order 3 (e) for a meeting of a committee.*

- b) Provide, in a conspicuous place or publishing on the website of the body or, for a parish council, on the website of the principal council within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1972 [Councils website] public notice of the time, place and agenda (LAPCP Regulations 2020 Part 3 Reg 13(a)).

- ii. give public notice of the time, place and agenda at least 3 clear days before a meeting of the council or a meeting of a committee or a sub-committee (provided that the public notice with agenda of an extraordinary meeting of the council convened by councillors is signed by them);

*See standing order 3(b) for the meaning of clear days for a meeting of a full council and standing order 3(c) for a meeting of a committee.*

- iii. subject to standing order 9, include on the agenda all motions in the order received unless a councillor has given written notice at least 7 days before the meeting confirming his/her withdrawal of it;
- iv. convene a meeting of full council for the election of a new Chairman of the Council, occasioned by a casual vacancy in his/her office;
- v. facilitate inspection of the minute book by local government electors or if physical access is not permitted under the regulations access to electronic copies of the minutes;
- vi. receive and retain copies of byelaws made by other local authorities;
- vii. retain acceptance of office forms from councillors;
- viii. retain a copy of every councillor's register of interests;
- ix. be the Data Protection Officer and assist with responding to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Data Protection Act 2018, in accordance with and subject to the council's policies and procedures relating to the same;
- x. receive and send general correspondence and notices on behalf of the council except where there is a resolution to the contrary;
- xi. manage the organisation, storage of, access to and destruction of information held by the council in paper and electronic form;
- xii. arrange for legal deeds to be executed;  
*See also standing order 22.*
- xiii. arrange or manage the prompt authorisation, approval, and instruction regarding any payments to be made by the council in accordance with the council's financial regulations;
- xiv. record every planning application notified to the council and the council's response to the local planning authority in a book for such purpose;
- xv. refer a planning application received by the council to the Chairman or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman of the Council within 2 working days of receipt to facilitate an extraordinary meeting if the nature of a planning application requires consideration before the next ordinary meeting of the council

- xvi. manage access to information about the council via the publication scheme; and
- xvii. retain custody of the seal of the council (if any) which shall not be used without a resolution to that effect.  
*See also standing order 22.*
- xviii. *destroy any anonymous correspondence received without taking any further action*

## 16. Responsible Financial Officer

- a The council shall appoint appropriate staff member(s) to undertake the work of the Responsible Financial Officer when the Responsible Financial Officer is absent.

## 17. Accounts and accounting statements

- a “Proper practices” in standing orders refer to the most recent version of Governance and Accountability for Local Councils – a Practitioners’ Guide (England).
- b All payments by the council shall be authorised, approved and paid in accordance with the law, proper practices and the council’s financial regulations.
- c The Responsible Financial Officer shall supply to each councillor as soon as practicable after 30<sup>th</sup> June, 30<sup>th</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> December in each year a statement to summarise:
  - i. the council’s receipts and payments for each quarter;
  - ii. the council’s aggregate receipts and payments for the year to date;
  - iii. the balances held at the end of the quarter being reported

and which includes a comparison with the budget for the financial year and highlights any actual or potential overspends.

- d As soon as possible after the financial year end at 31<sup>st</sup> March, the Responsible Financial Officer shall provide:
  - i. each councillor with a statement summarising the council’s receipts and payments for the last quarter and the year to date for information; and
  - ii. to the full council the accounting statements for the year in the form of Section 1 of the annual return, as required by proper practices, for consideration and approval.
- e The year end accounting statements shall be prepared in accordance with proper practices and applying the form of accounts determined by the council (receipts and payments, or income and expenditure) for a year to 31<sup>st</sup> March. A completed draft annual return shall be presented to each councillor before the end of the following month of May. The annual return of the council, which is subject to external audit, including the annual governance statement, shall be presented to council for consideration and formal approval before 30<sup>th</sup> June.

## 18. Financial controls and procurement

- a The council shall consider and approve financial regulations drawn up by the Responsible Financial Officer, which shall include detailed arrangements in respect of the following:
  - i. the keeping of accounting records and systems of internal controls;
  - ii. the assessment and management of financial risks faced by the council;
  - iii. the work of the independent internal auditor in accordance with proper practices and the receipt of regular reports from the internal auditor, which shall be required at least annually;
  - iv. the inspection and copying by councillors and local electors of the council's accounts and/or orders of payments; and
  - v. procurement policies (subject to standing order 18(c), including the setting of values for different procedures where a contract has an estimated value of less than £25000.
- b Financial regulations shall be reviewed regularly and at least annually for fitness of purpose.
- c Financial regulations shall confirm that a proposed contract for the supply of goods, materials, services and the execution of works with an estimated value in excess of £25000 shall be procured on the basis of a formal tender as summarised in standing order 18(d).
- d Subject to additional requirements in the financial regulations of the council, the tender process for contracts for the supply of goods, materials, services or the execution of works shall include, as a minimum, the following steps:
  - i. a specification for the goods, materials, services or the execution of works shall be drawn up;
  - ii. an invitation to tender shall be drawn up to confirm
    - (i) the council's specification
    - (ii) the time, date and address for the submission of tenders
    - (iii) the date of the council's written response to the tender and
    - (iv) the prohibition on prospective contractors contacting councillors or staff to encourage or support their tender outside the prescribed process;
  - iii. the invitation to tender shall be advertised in a local newspaper and in any other manner that is appropriate;
  - iv. tenders are to be submitted in writing in a sealed marked envelope addressed to the Proper Officer;
  - v. tenders shall be opened by the Proper Officer in the presence of at least one councillor after the deadline for submission of tenders has passed;
  - vi. tenders are to be reported to and considered by the appropriate meeting of the council or a committee or sub-committee with delegated responsibility.
- e Neither the council, nor a committee or a sub-committee with delegated responsibility for considering tenders, is bound to accept the lowest value tender.
- f Where the value of a contract is likely to exceed the threshold specified by the Office of Government Commerce (and which vary from time to time) the council must consider whether the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 apply and then comply with relevant EU procurement rules.

## 19. Handling staff matters

- a A matter personal to a member of staff that is being considered by a meeting of council is subject to standing order 11.
- b Subject to the council's policy regarding absences from work, the council's most senior member of staff shall notify the chairman of the Council or, if he/she is not available, the vice-chairman of absence occasioned by illness or other reason and that person shall report such absence at its next meeting.
- c The chairman of the Council or in his/her absence, the vice-chairman shall upon a resolution conduct a review of the performance and annual appraisal of the work of the CEO. The reviews and appraisal shall be reported in writing and is subject to approval by resolution by Full Council Subject to the council's policy regarding the handling of grievance matters, the council's most senior employee shall contact the chairman of the Council or in his/her absence, the vice-chairman in respect of an informal or formal grievance matter, and this matter shall be reported back and progressed by resolution of the Full Council
- e Subject to the council's policy regarding the handling of grievance matters, if an informal or formal grievance matter raised by the CEO relates to the chairman or vice-chairman of the Council, this shall be communicated to another member of the Council, which shall be reported back and progressed by resolution of Council
- f Any persons responsible for all or part of the management of staff shall treat the written records of all meetings relating to their performance, capabilities, grievance or disciplinary matters as confidential and secure.
- g The council shall keep all written records relating to employees secure. All paper records shall be secured, and locked and electronic records shall be password protected and encrypted.
- h Only persons with line management responsibilities shall have access to staff records referred to in standing orders 19(f) and (g) if so justified.
- i Access and means of access by keys and/or computer passwords to records of employment referred to in standing orders 19(f) and (g) shall be provided only to the CEO and/or the Chairman of the Council

## 20. Data Protection and Requests for information

- a For the purposes of the General Data Protection Regulations 2018, the Council is the Data Controller and the Proper Officer is the Data Protection Officer. Councillors on the Finance and Staff Committee and officers are required to undertake Data Protection training.
- b Requests for information held by the council shall be handled in accordance with the council's policy in respect of handling requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection Act 2018.
- c Correspondence from, and notices served by, the Information Commissioner shall be referred by the Proper Officer to the chairman of the council. The said Council shall have the power to do anything to facilitate compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## 21. Relations with the press/media

- a Requests from the press or other media for an oral or written comment or statement from the Council, its councillors or staff shall be handled by the CEO.

## 22. Execution and sealing of legal deeds

*See also standing orders 15(b)(xii) and (xvii).*

- a A legal deed shall not be executed on behalf of the council unless authorised by a resolution.
- b Subject to standing order 22(a), any 2 councillors may sign, on behalf of the council, any deed required by law and the Proper Officer shall witness their signatures. This shall be in addition to the Common Seal of the Council.

## 23. Communicating with District and County or Unitary councillors

- a An invitation to attend a meeting of the council shall be sent, together with the agenda, to the ward councillor(s) of the District and County Council representing the area of the council.
- b Unless the council determines otherwise, a copy of each letter sent to the District and County Council will be sent to the ward councillor(s) representing the area of the council.

## 24. Restrictions on councillor activities

- a. Unless authorised by a resolution, no councillor shall:
  - i. inspect any land and/or premises which the council has a right or duty to inspect; or
  - ii. issue orders, instructions or directions.



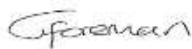
## 25. Standing orders generally

- a All or part of a standing order, except one that incorporates mandatory statutory requirements, may be suspended by resolution in relation to the consideration of an item on the agenda for a meeting.
- b A motion to add to or vary or revoke one or more of the council's standing orders, except one that incorporates mandatory statutory requirements, shall be proposed by a special motion, the written notice by at least 4 councillors to be given to the Proper Officer in accordance with standing order 9.
- c The Proper Officer shall provide a copy of the council's standing orders to a councillor as soon as possible after he has delivered his acceptance of office form.
- d The decision of the chairman of a meeting as to the application of standing orders at the meeting shall be final.

Approved on this day 7th FEBRUARY 2022



(Town Mayor)



(CEO)

Dear Parish Clerk,

**Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Pre-Submission  
Invitation to make representations**

I am writing to inform you that the County Council has published the Pre-Submission version of the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan (NM&WLP). This document has been published to allow representations on the soundness and legal compliance of the document to be made, over a six-week period, between **9am on 28 September to 5pm on 11 November 2022** (inclusive).

The NM&WLP contains policies which will be used to determine planning applications for minerals developments and waste management facilities in Norfolk and will cover the period up to 2038. When adopted, it will replace the existing Norfolk Minerals and Waste Core Strategy and Minerals and Waste Specific Site Allocations documents.

The NM&WLP has been through two public consultation stages; the Initial Consultation in 2018 and the Preferred Options Consultation in 2019.

The NM&WLP includes a forecast of the quantities of waste that need to be planned for over the plan period to 2038 and contains criteria-based policies to be used to determine planning applications that come forward for waste management facilities.

The NM&WLP includes the forecast quantities of sand and gravel, carstone and silica sand that need to be planned for during the period to 2038. Two sites are allocated for silica sand extraction, one site for Carstone extraction and 16 sites for sand and gravel extraction within the NM&WLP along with the policies to be used to determine planning applications for mineral extraction and associated development.

Full details of the allocated sites and policies are contained within the publication document. The publication document, background documents and a downloadable and printable representation form are available on Norfolk County Council's website at: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/nmwdp](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/nmwdp) on the "Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review" page.

Attached to this email is a list of the parishes in Norfolk where there is a proposed mineral extraction site in the Pre-Submission Publication document.

In addition to the publication document, the following documents which provide information to support the NM&WLP have also been published:

- Policies Map (illustrates the policies contained in the NM&WLP)
- Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (focuses on the environmental, social and economic issues relevant to the NM&WLP)
- Sustainability Appraisal Report and non-technical summary (shows social, environmental and economic impacts of the NM&WLP)
- Habitats Regulations Assessment Task 1 (of impacts on the UK National site network)
- Waste Management Capacity Assessment (contains data on current waste management capacity, waste movements, existing and forecast waste arising in Norfolk)
- Equality Impact Assessment (enables us to consider the likely impact of the NM&WLP on different groups of people)
- Statement of Common Ground (to confirm an understanding to support effective joint working with key partners)
- Statement of Consultation (contains how and who we consult, and a summary of the main issues raised)

These documents are available for public inspection, free of charge, within normal opening hours during the representations period, at:

- Norfolk County Council, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH
- Breckland District Council, Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, East Dereham, NR19 1EE
- Broadland District Council, Thorpe Lodge, Yarmouth Road, Norwich, NR7 0DU
- Great Yarmouth Borough Council, Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF
- Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn, PE30 1EX
- North Norfolk District Council, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EL
- Norwich City Council, City Hall, Bethel Street, Norwich, NR2 1NH
- South Norfolk Council, South Norfolk House, Swan Lane, Long Stratton, NR15 2XE
- The Broads Authority, Yare House, 62-64 Thorpe Road, Norwich, NR1 1RY

Where possible the County Council would prefer representations to be made directly to <https://norfolk.oc2.uk/> however, responses by post and email will also be accepted. Any representations that you make will be published on Norfolk County Council's website.

**All representations, using whatever method, must be made by 5pm on 11 November 2022.**

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified, at a specified address, of any of the following:

- that the NM&WLP has been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination by a Planning Inspector
- the publication of recommendations of the Planning Inspector appointed to carry out the independent examination of the NM&WLP
- the adoption of the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan

Following the end of the representations period, the Pre-Submission version of the NM&WLP, relevant background documents and the representations received will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State and considered as part of a public examination by an independent Planning Inspector.

Any enquiries should be made to [LDF@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:LDF@norfolk.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully



**Caroline Jeffery**

Principal Planner (Minerals and Waste Policy)

## Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan Pre-Submission Stage

The Pre-submission publication version of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan contains proposed mineral extraction sites within the following parishes: <b>Parish</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
Attlebridge	Mineral extraction site - MIN 202
Aylmerton	Mineral extraction site - MIN 69
Bawsey	Mineral extraction site - SIL 01
Beetley	Mineral extraction site - MIN 12, MIN 51, MIN 13, MIN 08
Buxton with Lamas	Mineral extraction site - MIN 37
Carbrooke	Mineral extraction site - MIN200
East Beckham	Mineral extraction site - MIN 208
East Winch	Mineral extraction site - MIN 40
Edgefield	Mineral extraction site - MIN 207
Frettenham	Mineral extraction site - MIN 37
Haddiscoe	Mineral extraction site - MIN 25
Horsham and Newton St Faiths	Mineral extraction site - MIN 96
Horstead	Mineral extraction site - MIN 64
Middleton	Mineral extraction site - MIN 06
North Walsham	Mineral extraction site - MIN 115
Spixworth	Mineral extraction site - MIN 96
Stanninghall	Mineral extraction site - MIN 65
Tottenhill	Mineral extraction site - MIN 206