

Extraordinary Cabinet



Forest Heath
District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **Extraordinary Cabinet** held on
Wednesday 29 June 2016 at **7.22pm** at the **Council Chamber, District
Offices**, College Heath Road, Mildenhall IP28 7EY

Present: **Councillors**

Chairman James Waters

Vice Chairman Robin Millar

David Bowman

Stephen Edwards

Andy Drummond

Lance Stanbury

207. **Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

208. **Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Agreement (Report No: CAB/FH/16/028)**

The Cabinet considered Report No: CAB/FH/16/028, which sought an endorsement of the recommendations considered by Council in respect of the Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Agreement contained in Report No: COU/FH/16/012.

Although approved by Council on 29 June 2016 at its meeting immediately preceding this meeting, the decisions taken on the Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Agreement were technically considered to be executive decisions, hence Cabinet's separate consideration.

The Cabinet subsequently endorsed all eight recommendations previously considered and resolved by Council in Report No: COU/FH/16/012, as reproduced in Report No: CAB/FH/16/028.

With the vote being unanimous, it was

RESOLVED:

That:-

The following recommendations approved by Council on 29 June 2016, in respect of the Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Agreement contained in Report No: COU/FH/16/012, be endorsed:

1. That the Authority endorses the signing of the Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Agreement by the Leader.

2. That, on the basis of the Governance Review, and having regard to any impact on equalities explored in the Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA), the Authority concludes that the establishment of a Mayoral Combined Authority for Norfolk and Suffolk is the option which most fully permits the effective discharge of the functions that Government is prepared to devolve to this area.
3. That the Authority endorses and supports the publication of the draft Scheme for a Norfolk and Suffolk Mayoral Combined Authority as attached to this report for consultation purposes, subject to such final revisions as may be approved by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader, and prior to the commencement of the formal consultation exercise. Such formal consultation, on the Scheme, to commence once all Norfolk and Suffolk Councils have considered the matters in this report and, in any event, no later than the 4 July 2016. In the event that a Constituent Authority named in the attached Scheme does not agree to endorse the Deal Agreement and/or the Scheme, the Authority authorises, through its Chief Executive the relevant changes to be made to the Deal Agreement, the Scheme and the Governance Review to reflect that Authority's non-participation.
4. That the outcome of the consultation exercise is submitted to the Secretary of the State by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, by early September.
5. That Council meets by no later than 28 October 2016 to consider giving consent to an Order establishing a Mayoral Combined Authority for Norfolk and Suffolk.
6. Insofar as any of the matters referred to in Report No: COU/FH/16/012 concern the discharge of functions ancillary to the endorsing and signing of the Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Agreement and the publication of the Scheme, authority is delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader, to take all necessary steps and actions to progress the recommendations detailed in this report.
7. Negotiations on the Deal agreement have only recently been concluded and the Review and Scheme have been subject to last minute change. In the event that additional powers are required by the Combined Authority to deliver the Deal Agreement, authority is delegated to the Chief Executive, in agreement with the other Chief Executives across Norfolk and Suffolk to make the necessary changes to the Scheme.
8. That further reports are presented to the Authority as appropriate as the Devolution process develops.

The Meeting concluded at 7.23 pm

Signed by:

Chairman
