

COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 29 JANUARY 2015

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 29 January 2015. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Graham Watts.

LOCALISED COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME

Council **APPROVED** the Localised Council Tax Support Scheme for 2015/16.

RECORDED VOTES

In debating the motion considered at the previous meeting and referred to the Civic Affairs Committee regarding a proposal to introduce recorded votes for all votes taken at meetings of Full Council, except for decisions on appointments or decisions taken by affirmation, the motion was **LOST**.

PETITIONS SCHEME

Council **APPROVED** the revised Petitions Scheme.

ANNUAL PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2015/16

Council **APPROVED** the Annual Pay Policy Statement 2015/16.

NORTHSTOWE JOINT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Council **APPROVED** the following changes to the Independent Group's membership on the Northstowe Joint Development Control Committee:

Councillor Douglas de Lacey to be appointed as Member of the Committee in place of Councillor Edd Stonham.

Councillor Edd Stonham to be appointed as a substitute on the Committee in place of Councillor Douglas de Lacey and be the first named substitute.

Councillor Neil Davies to retain his position as a substitute on the Committee and be the second named substitute.

MOTION TO RESCIND A PREVIOUS DECISION

Council **AGREED** the following motion:

“That the decision to include the words *‘subject to the deletion of the words ‘at the discretion of the Chairman’ at paragraph 11 of the Standing Orders set out in Annex A’* in resolution (a) of the item on the Greater Cambridge City Deal Governance Arrangements be rescinded.”

MOTION STANDING IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR ROBIN PAGE

This motion was **WITHDRAWN**.

MOTION STANDING IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR JAMES HOCKNEY

Council **AGREED** the following motion:

“This Council has significant concerns about the proposed closure of Natwest Bank in Histon. This is due to the effect it will have on residents in the local area having to travel into Cambridge. Depriving one of the larger communities in the district and surrounding villages of a retail banking service is a regressive and unwelcome step. This motion requests that the Chairman of the Council writes to Natwest on these grounds.

This motion requests that the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development identifies all remaining banks in South Cambridgeshire villages and writes to them, inviting them to engage with the Council.

This motion further requests that the Chairman of the Council writes to Natwest urging them to postpone their decision and instead to engage with the local community to find a way to save the bank. The Chairman should also draw this matter to the attention of the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills who is in discussions with the main retail banks about retaining local branches.”

