

Minutes of Consultation with Business Ratepayers and Voluntary sector Representatives about proposed Borough Council Budget Plans for 2021 – 2025 held on Friday 22 January 2020 at 3.50 pm in the Remote Meeting Room Zoom (Agenda Item 8 – King’s Lynn Town Deal Board)

PRESENT:

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| Graham Purkins (Chair) | - | Merxim |
| Michael Baldwin | - | Bank House, Norfolk Chamber |
| Nikki Broughton | - | Department of Work and Pensions |
| Lynn Collison | - | Collison Associates |
| Tim Drew | - | Recipharm |
| Vicky Etheridge | - | Discover King’s Lynn |
| Sharon Edwards | - | Discover King’s Lynn |
| Nova Fairbank | - | Norfolk Chamber |
| James Fowler | | |
| Hannah Grimes | - | Norfolk County Council |
| Robin Hanley | - | Norfolk County Council Museums Service |
| Mark Juniper | - | Ring Associates |
| Brendan Legrove | - | Greenyard Frozen |
| Jim Major | - | Brown and Co |
| David Pomfret | - | College of West Anglia |
| Harry Seaton | - | Fluential |
| Andrew Stevenson | - | Hawkins Ryan |
| Frank Thompson | - | Omex |
| Carly West-Burnham | - | Queen Elizabeth Hospital |
| James Wild | - | MP |
| Max Winkler | - | Omex |

Borough Council:

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| Councillor B Long | - | Leader |
| Councillor E Nockolds | - | Deputy Leader |
| Councillor G Middleton | - | Portfolio Holder, Business Development |
| Sharon Clifton | - | Communications Manager |
| Jemma Curtis | - | Regeneration Programmes Manager |
| Michelle Drewery | - | Assistant Director/Section 151 Officer |
| Lorraine Gore | - | Chief Executive |
| Duncan Hall | - | Assistant Director |
| Matthew Henry | - | Assistant Director |

The Leader explained that the Council had a statutory duty to consult with ratepayers as part of the budget preparation process and invited Michelle Drewery, the Assistant Director Resources/Section 151 Officer to address those present. The Leader added that Lorraine Gore, Chief Executive, Michelle, and himself would answer any questions raised.

The Assistant Director Resources/Section 151 Officer gave a PowerPoint presentation (a copy of which is attached to the minutes).

In conclusion, the Leader advised that it was not an easy time for Local Government going forward but added that he had spoken to other Leaders in the country and beyond and those councils were also in a similar position as the Borough Council. It was explained that some uncertainty would become reality and assist with future budget predictions. The Council had schemes and plans in place to generate income streams and an example given of the authority building properties, some of which would be available to rent which would in turn generate an income stream to the council. It was highlighted that the Council had identified a number of schemes to reduce the budget deficit but going forward presented challenging financial times for the Council.

There were no questions from those present.

The meeting closed at 4.10 pm