

## **Report from District Councillor, Peter Terrington, 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. 2012**

**Proposed Coop Retail Store:** The planning officer is hoping to bring the application before the Development Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**Coach/Lorry parking:** The Polka Road lorry park will revert to “Free” parking from 28<sup>th</sup> Sept and the signs will be changed accordingly, pending a decision on the use of the site.

**Community Asset Transfer Policy:** I have again asked for a decision on the request by WTC for transfer of the NNDC owned section of the “Drying Grounds”. Awaiting the result.

**North Norfolk Renewables Partnership:** The Chief Executive and the portfolio holder for Business Enterprise and Economic Development met with a representative of Warwick Energy recently. I am awaiting a report.

**NNDC Policy on Coastal Management:** The Council has approved a new approach to Integrated Coastal Zone management. This will involve greater stakeholder consultation.

**Coastal Issues Forum:** Coastal Town and Parish Councils will be able input into the new coastal strategy through regular CIF meetings.

### **LOCALISATION OF COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT: LOCALISATION OF COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT:**

The Government requires councils to consult on their draft scheme for council tax support that they intend to operate from April 2013 by January 2013. The Council is resolved:

1. To establish a politically balanced working party to consider options for a local scheme.
2. That the Chief Financial Officer in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder and Leader be given Delegated Authority to determine the consultation process and draft scheme.
3. To publish a draft council tax support scheme for consultation, in order to meet the statutory timetable to approve a final scheme before the end of January 2013 and to model the affordability as part of the Councils medium term financial planning.

The Council has also written to Norman Lamb and Keith Simpson to achieve variation on the localisation of council tax policy in order to lessen the adverse effects on people of North Norfolk.

**RESPONSE TO NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK** – In response to the NPPF, Council resolves to support the inclusion of elements of market housing within rural exception schemes.

The Council resolves to support a revised policy approach to the reuse of rural buildings in response to the NPPF, subject to considering the introduction of an affordable housing tariff in respect of the enhanced value arising from conversion to permanent residential use and further consideration of the potential impacts arising from the loss of existing tourism and other business.

**North Norfolk HOUSING STRATEGY 2012-15 (MAKING BEST USE OF THE EXISTING HOUSING STOCK):**

The Council is to consider how to use the flexibilities of the Localism Act to maximise the number of households with a housing need who are housed through the housing register which have strong connections to North Norfolk.

- Determine discounts for empty homes and second homes and premiums for empty homes.
- Using loans to support residents to undertake essential maintenance to their homes
- Using enforcement where appropriate and necessary to ensure standards in the housing stock and reduce the number of empty homes.

**PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT – DELIVERY OF ANNUAL ACTION PLAN QUARTER 1**

Two additional planning assistants be recruited on a temporary basis for a 12 month period. Additional support for planning enforcement, is progressed with the Borough Council of Kings Lynn & West Norfolk.