# Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 24 February 2022 (10.30 am – 7.30 pm)

#### Membership

#### **COUNCILLORS**

Mike Quigley MBE (Chairman) Roger Jackson (Vice-Chairman)

Reg Adair Tom Hollis

Mike Adams Mike Introna - apologies

Pauline Allan
Sinead Anderson
Callum Bailey

Richard Jackson
Eric Kerry - apologies
Bruce Laughton

Matt Barney Johno Lee
Chris Barnfather David Martin

Ben Bradley MP John 'Maggie' McGrath

Richard Butler
Anne Callaghan BEM
André Camilleri
Scott Carlton
Steve Carr

Andy Meakin
Nigel Moxon
John Ogle
Philip Owen
Michael Payne

John Clarke MBE Sheila Place - apologies

Neil Clarke MBE Mike Pringle

Robert Corden Francis Purdue-Horan
John Cottee Mrs Sue Saddington

Jim Creamer Dave Shaw

Eddie Cubley Helen-Ann Smith Debbie Darby Sam Smith

Sam Deakin - apologies

Dr John Doddy - apologies

Bethan Eddy

Boyd Elliott

Sybil Fielding

Tom Smith

Tracey Taylor

Nigel Turner

Roger Upton

Lee Waters

Sybil Fielding

Kate Foale

Stephen Garner

Glynn Gilfoyle

Lee Waters

Michelle Welsh

Gordon Wheeler

Jonathan Wheeler

Keith Girling Daniel Williamson - apologies

Penny Gowland Elizabeth Williamson

Errol Henry JP John Wilmott
Paul Henshaw Jason Zadrozny

## **HONORARY ALDERMEN**

Terence Butler John Carter Mrs Kay Cutts MBE

## **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Anthony May (Chief Executive) Marjorie Toward (Chief Executives) Sara Allmond (Chief Executives) Peter Barker (Chief Executives) Carl Bilbey (Chief Executives) (Chief Executives) David Hennigan Michael Higginson (Chief Executives) James McDonnell (Chief Executives) Keith Palframan (Chief Executives) (Chief Executives) Phil Rostance (Chief Executives) Nigel Stevenson

Sue Batty (Adult Social Care and Public Health)
Jonathan Gribbin (Adult Social Care and Public Health

Colin Pettigrew (Children and Families)

Adrian Smith (Place)

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Upon the Council, convening, prayers were led by the Chairman's Chaplain.

#### 1. MINUTES

**RESOLVED: 2022/007** 

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 November 2021 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

# 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

- Councillor Dr John Doddy (other reasons)
- Councillor Mike Introna (other reasons)
- Councillor Eric Kerry (medical/illness)
- Councillor Sheila Place (medical/illness)
- Councillor Daniel Williamson (medical/illness)

Councillors John Clarke MBE, Samantha Deakin, Nigel Turner and Elizabeth Williamson submitted apologies that they would arrive late to the meeting.

# 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

# 4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

None

## 5. COLLINGHAM BY-ELECTION RESULT AND MEMBERS OF GROUPS

Councillor Chris Barnfather introduced the addendum report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2022/008 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Bruce Laughton.

Following a debate, the Chairman put the motion to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried and it was:-

#### **RESOLVED: 2022/008**

- 1) That the outcome of the by-election held in the Collingham Division be noted.
- 2) That it be noted that Councillor Debbie Darby has joined the Independent Alliance Group of the Council.

Councillor Nigel Turner arrived at 10.45am and Councillor Tracey Taylor arrived at 10.50am during consideration of this item.

#### 6. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Councillor Chris Barnfather introduced the addendum report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2022/009 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Bruce Laughton.

The Chairman put the motion to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried and it was:-

#### **RESOLVED: 2022/009**

That the revised allocation of committee seats set out in Appendix A of the report be confirmed.

Councillor Andy Meakin arrived at 10.55am during consideration of this item.

#### 7. ANNUAL BUDGET 2022/23

**ADULT SOCIAL CARE PRECEPT 2022/23** 

**COUNCIL TAX 2022/23** 

**MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2022/23 TO 2025/26** 

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 TO 2025/26

**CAPITAL STRATEGY 2022/23** 

Councillor Richard Jackson introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2021/010 below, which was jointly seconded by Councillor Ben Bradley MP and Councillor Bruce Laughton.

Councillor Jim Creamer moved the Labour Group's amendment which is set out in Appendix A to the minutes, which was seconded by Councillor Kate Foale.

Council Lee Waters moved the Independent Alliance Group's amendment which is set out in Appendix B to the minutes, which was seconded by Councillor Tom Hollis.

The Council adjourned from 12.25pm to 1.37pm to consider the amendments and break for lunch.

Councillors John Clarke MBE and Elizabeth Williamson joined the meeting when it reconvened after lunch.

#### STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Following the adjournment, the Chairman read out the following statement from Councillor Ben Bradley MP – Leader of the Conservative Group, Councillor Kate Foale – Leader of the Labour Group and Councillor Jason Zadrozny – Leader of the Independent Alliance on behalf of the Council:-

"On behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council, elected members unanimously condemn the actions of Vladimir Putin and the Russian Government and express our horror at the disregard for human life, national sovereignty, and the international rule of law.

This Council stands with the people of Ukraine and their friends and relatives living in Nottinghamshire. This is an unprovoked attack on a sovereign nation by a rogue state. The people that will suffer the most will be civilians on both sides.

We express our unity and support for the democratically elected Government and the people of Ukraine and call on the UK Government and its NATO allies to offer the maximum possible support, humanitarian aid and military support for the Ukrainian people."

#### 7. CONTINUED

Councillor Richard Jackson, the Mover of the Motion, confirmed that he would not accept the amendments. The Motion and amendments were then debated.

Councillor Samantha Meakin joined the meeting at 3.20pm.

Councillor Steve Carr submitted his apology that a personal matter had arisen and left the meeting at 4.10pm.

The following Members left the Chamber for more than 10 minutes during consideration of this item:-

Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 11.13am and returned at 12.02pm Councillor Matt Barney left the Chamber at 11.50am and returned at 12.02pm Councillor Pauline Allan left the Chamber at 2.08pm and returned at 2.21pm Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 2.24pm and returned at 2.48pm Councillor Michelle Welsh left the Chamber at 2.46pm and returned at 2.59pm Councillor Stephen Garner left the Chamber at 2.47pm and returned at 3.49pm Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 2.49pm and returned at 3.54pm Councillor Jonathan Wheeler left the Chamber at 2.56pm and returned at 3.12pm Councillor Johno Lee left the Chamber at 2.57pm and returned at 3.08pm Councillor John Ogle left the Chamber at 3.01pm and returned at 3.16pm Councillor John Clark MBE left the Chamber at 3.11pm and returned at 3.31pm Councillor Michael Payne left the Chamber at 3.20pm and retuned at 4.03pm Councillor Errol Henry left the Chamber at 3.23pm and returned at 3.40pm Councillor Sue Saddington left the Chamber at 3.30pm and returned at 3.43pm Councillor Dave Shaw left the Chamber at 3.30pm and returned at 3.43pm Councillor Pauline Allan left the Chamber at 3.45pm and returned at 4.19pm Councillor Michelle Welsh left the Chamber at 3.55pm and returned at 4.08pm Councillor Kate Foale left the Chamber at 3.56pm and returned at 4.07pm Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 3.57pm and returned at 5.41pm Councillor Tom Hollis left the Chamber at 3.57pm and returned at 4.26pm Councillor John Cottee left the Chamber at 4.07pm and returned at 4.18pm Councillor Matt Barney left the Chamber at 4.19pm and returned at 4.55pm Councillor Samantha Deakin left the Chamber at 4.26pm and returned at 4.40pm Councillor Tom Hollis left the Chamber at 4.42pm and returned at 5.17pm Councillor Samantha Deakin left the Chamber at 4.45pm and returned at 5.37pm Councillor Debbie Darby left the Chamber at 4.45pm and returned at 5.37pm Councillor Johno Lee left the Chamber at 4.53pm and returned at 5.26pm Councillor Tom Smith left the Chamber at 5.02pm and returned at 5.19pm Councillor Scott Carlton left the Chamber at 5.02pm and returned at 5.16pm Councillor Boyd Elliott left the Chamber at 5.03pm and returned at 5.16pm Councillor Roger Upton left the Chamber at 5.05pm and returned at 5.19pm Councillor Sue Saddington left the Chamber at 5.06pm and returned at 5.21pm Councillor Jonathan Wheeler left the Chamber at 5.07pm and returned at 5.25pm Councillor Dave Shaw left the Chamber at 5.09pm and returned at 5.35pm Councillor John Clarke MBE left the Chamber at 5.10pm and returned at 5.35pm Councillor Neil Clarke MBE left the Chamber at 5.25pm and returned at 5.50pm Councillor Tracey Taylor left the Chamber at 5.25pm and returned at 5.37pm Councillor Matt Barney left the Chamber at 5.36pm and returned at 5.50pm Councillor Errol Henry left the Chamber at 5.36pm and returned at 5.48pm Councillor Sinead Anderson left the Chamber at 5.39pm and returned at 5.55pm Councillor Samantha Deakin left the Chamber at 6.06pm and returned at 6.38pm Councillor Helen-Ann Smith left the Chamber at 6.06pm and returned at 6.38pm

Following the debate, the amendments and motion were put to the meeting. A recorded vote was legally required for the amendment and the motion.

A recorded vote was taken on the Labour Group's amendment and it was ascertained that the following 14 Members voted 'For' the amendment:-

Pauline Allan Penny Gowland
Anne Callaghan Errol Henry
John Clarke MBE Paul Henshaw

Jim Creamer John "Maggie" McGrath

Sybil Fielding Michael Payne
Kate Foale Mike Pringle
Glynn Gilfoyle Michelle Welsh

The following 34 Members voting 'Against' the amendment:-

Reg Adair Keith Girling Richard Jackson Mike Adams Sinead Anderson Roger Jackson Callum Bailey Bruce Laughton Matt Barney Johno Lee Chris Barnfather Nigel Moxon Ben Bradley MP John Ogle Richard Butler Philip Owen André Camilleri Mike Quigley MBE Scott Carlton Sue Saddington Sam Smith Neil Clarke MBE Tom Smith Robert Cordon John Cottee Tracey Taylor Nigel Turner Eddie Cubley Roger Upton Bethan Eddy

The following 12 Members 'Abstained':-

**Boyd Elliott** 

Stephen Garner

Debbie Darby
Samantha Deakin
Tom Hollis
Dave Shaw
Helen-Ann Smith
Lee Waters

David Martin Elizabeth Williamson

Andy Meakin John Wilmott Francis Purdue-Horan Jason Zadrozny

The Chairman declared that the Labour Group's amendment was lost.

A recorded vote was taken on the Independent Alliance Group's amendment and it was ascertained that the following 12 Members voted 'For' the amendment:-

Gordon Wheeler Jonathan Wheeler

Debbie Darby Tom Hollis Samantha Deakin David Martin Andy Meakin Lee Waters

Francis Purdue-Horan Elizabeth Williamson

Dave Shaw John Wilmott Helen-Ann Smith Jason Zadrozny

# The following 34 Members voted 'Against' the amendment:-

Reg Adair Keith Girling Mike Adams Richard Jackson Sinead Anderson Roger Jackson Callum Bailev Bruce Laughton **Matt Barney** Johno Lee Nigel Moxon Chris Barnfather John Ogle Ben Bradley MP Philip Owen Richard Butler Mike Quigley MBE André Camilleri Sue Saddington Scott Carlton Sam Smith Neil Clarke MBE Tom Smith Robert Cordon John Cottee Tracey Taylor **Eddie Cubley** Nigel Turner Bethan Eddy Roger Upton **Boyd Elliott** Gordon Wheeler Stephen Garner Jonathan Wheeler

#### The following 14 Members 'Abstained':-

Pauline Allan Penny Gowland
Anne Callaghan Errol Henry
John Clarke MBE Paul Henshaw

Jim Creamer John "Maggie" McGrath

Sybil Fielding Michael Payne
Kate Foale Mike Pringle
Glynn Gilfoyle Michelle Welsh

The Chairman declared that the Independent Alliance Group's amendment was lost.

A recorded vote was then taken on the original motion and it was ascertained that the following 34 Members voted 'For' the motion:-

Neil Clarke MBE Reg Adair Mike Adams Robert Cordon Sinead Anderson John Cottee Callum Bailey **Eddie Cubley** Matt Barney Bethan Eddy Chris Barnfather **Boyd Elliott** Ben Bradley MP Stephen Garner Keith Girling Richard Butler André Camilleri Richard Jackson Scott Carlton Roger Jackson

Bruce Laughton
Johno Lee
Nigel Moxon
John Ogle
Philip Owen
Mike Quigley MBE
Sue Saddington

Sam Smith
Tom Smith
Tracey Taylor
Nigel Turner
Roger Upton
Gordon Wheeler
Jonathan Wheeler

The following 26 Members voted 'Against' the amendment:-

Pauline Allan David Martin

Anne Callaghan John "Maggie" McGrath

John Clarke MBE Andy Meakin
Jim Creamer Michael Payne
Debbie Darby Mike Pringle

Samantha Deakin Francis Purdue-Horan

Sybil Fielding

Kate Foale

Glynn Gilfoyle

Penny Gowland

Errol Henry

Dave Shaw

Helen-Ann Smith

Lee Waters

Michelle Welsh

Elizabeth Williamson

Paul Henshaw John Wilmott
Tom Hollis Jason Zadrozny

No Members 'Abstained'.

The Chairman declared the motion was carried and it was:-

#### **RESOLVED: 2021/010**

- 1) That the Annual Revenue Budget for Nottinghamshire County Council be set at £559.472 million for 2022/23 as set out in paragraph 17 of the report.
- 2) That the principles underlying the Medium Term Financial Strategy be approved as set out in table 9 in the report.
- 3) That establishment of a £15m earmarked reserve to fund costs associated with the highways review and the environment strategy as set out in paragraph 13 of the report.
- 4) That Finance Committee be authorised to make allocations from the General Contingency for 2022/23 as set out in paragraph 19 of the report.
- 5) That the 3.00% Adult Social Care Precept be levied in 2022/23 to part fund increasing adult social care costs as set out in paragraph 28 of the report.
- 6) That the County Council element of the Council Tax be increased by 1.00% in 2022/23. That the overall Band D tax rate be set at £1,644.09 with the various other bands of property as set out in paragraph 29 of the report.

- 7) That the County Precept for the year ending 31 March 2023 shall be £427,308,575 and shall be applicable to the whole of the District Council areas as General Expenses as set out in paragraph 32 of the report.
- 8) That the County Precept for 2022/23 shall be collected from the District and Borough councils in the proportions set out in table 7 of the report with the payment of equal instalments on the dates set out in table 8 of the report.
- 9) That the Capital Programme for 2022/23 to 2025/26 be approved at the total amounts below and be financed as set out in the report:

Year	Capital Programme
2022/23	£126.879m
2023/24	£56.692m
2024/25	£51.883m
2025/26	£43.513m

- 10) That the Capital Programme set out in paragraphs 51 637 of the report be approved.
- 11) That the Minimum Revenue Position policy for 2022/23 be approved as set out in appendix C of the report.
- 12) That the Capital Strategy including the 2022/23 Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Strategy be approved as set out in appendix D of the report.
- 13) That the Service Director Finance, Infrastructure and Improvement be authorised to raise loans in 2022/23 within the limits of total external borrowings as set out in paragraph 72 of the report.
- 14) That the Treasury Management Policy for 2022/23 be approved as set out in appendix E of the report.
- 15) That the Council delegates responsibility for the setting of Treasury Management Policies and Practices relating to Pension Fund cash to the Pension Fund Committee as set out in paragraph 71 of the report.
- 16) That the report be approved and adopted.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at XX.XX pm.

# **CHAIRMAN**