

Meeting **POLICY COMMITTEE**

Date **Wednesday 16 October 2019 (commencing at 10.30 am)**

membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Mrs Kay Cutts MBE (Chairman)

Reg Adair (Vice-Chairman)

Chris Barnfather
Joyce Bosnjak
Richard Butler
John Cottee
Samantha Deakin
Kate Foale
Stephen Garner
Glynn Gilfoyle
Tony Harper

Richard Jackson
Bruce Laughton
Philip Owen
John Peck JP
Mike Pringle
Alan Rhodes
Muriel Weisz
Jason Zadrozny

OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Nicki Brooks
Jim Creamer

John Longdon
Liz Plant

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May Chief Executives Department
Angie Dilley
Keith Ford
Kaj Ghattaora
Sue Milburn
Nigel Stevenson
Marjorie Toward
James Silverward

Adrian Smith Place Department
Andy Evans
Neil Gamble
Derek Higon
Nicola McCoy-Brown

Peter Bramhall Futures Group

1 MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 18 September 2019, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment:-

- Agenda item 3 – Declarations of Interest by Members and Officers – it was clarified that Councillor Bosnjak's private, non-pecuniary interest in agenda items 14 and 17 (Lindhurst Development Update and Exempt Appendix) were due to her being a local resident who lived near the Lindhurst Development site.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS.

None.

4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA) PEER CHALLENGE 2019

RESOLVED: 2019/093

- 1) That the positive findings of the 2019 LGA Corporate Peer Challenge be welcomed.
- 2) That the response to the Peer Challenge, as set out in the body of the report, be endorsed.
- 3) That further reports in respect of individual actions, which are part of the Council's response to the Peer Challenge, be submitted to the appropriate County Council committees and sub-committees.

5 THE FUTURE APPROACH TO TRANSFORMATION AND CHANGE WITHIN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLVED: 2019/094

That approval be given to:

- 1) The launch of a new and ambitious model of transformation and change across the Council, as set out in the body of the report;
- 2) The procurement of external partners, as set out in the body of the report, with authority delegated to the Section 151 Officer and Deputy Leader for this process;
- 3) The extension of the current interim staffing arrangements within the Transformation and Change team until 30 May 2020;

- 4) The establishment of a fixed term Executive Officer post (Band D), within the Chief Executive's Office until 31 December 2021.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 11 Members voted '**For**' the motion:

Reg Adair	Chris Barnfather
Richard Butler	John Cottee
Kay Cutts MBE	Samantha Deakin
Stephen Garner	Tony Harper
Richard Jackson	Bruce Laughton
Philip Owen	

The following 8 Members **abstained** from the vote:

Joyce Bosnjak	Kate Foale
Glynn Gilfoyle	John Peck
Mike Pringle	Alan Rhodes
Muriel Weisz	Jason Zadrozny

It was confirmed that the above motion was therefore carried.

6 ENERGY STRATEGY FOR COUNTY OFFICES

During discussions, Members requested further details of the potential energy savings resulting from the move away from the existing ICT servers to 'the Cloud'. Officers agreed to include details about this within the next update on this issue to Improvement and Change Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED: 2019/095

That the Energy Strategy for County Offices be approved.

7 CORPORATE PROPERTY TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: 2019/096

- 1) That the Property Transformation Phase 2 deliverables be approved.
- 2) That the development of the Council's corporate landlord model be approved.
- 3) That six monthly Property performance reports be presented to Policy Committee from 2020-21.

8 RENEWAL OF MANSFIELD BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID) FOR 2020-25

RESOLVED: 2019/097

- 1) That the renewal of the Mansfield BID for a further five year term be supported.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director - Place, in consultation with the Chairman of Policy Committee, to vote on behalf of the Council in the BID renewal ballot.

9 UPDATE ON THE WORK OF FUTURES GROUP

RESOLVED: 2019/098

That an update report be submitted to the Committee within 12 months and be included in the Committee's work programme.

10 VICTORY IN EUROPE (VE) DAY COMMEMORATIONS 2020

During discussions, Members agreed:

- the importance of also recognising Victory in Japan (VJ) Day on 15 August 2020;
- increasing the funding available from £65,000 to £70,000 to enable a civic reception to be arranged at County Hall for veterans;
- that County Council road closure fees should be waived to assist communities to celebrate VE Day and VJ Day;
- the importance of the role of Inspire in helping to celebrate and raise awareness about the wider war effort – for example, Bevin Boys.

In moving the recommendations, Councillor Mrs Cutts MBE agreed alterations to capture the Members' discussions, as resolved below.

RESOLVED: 2019/099

- 1) That proposals be developed for VE Day 75.
- 2) That Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee be requested to approve funding of up to £70,000.
- 3) That future updates on this area of work be submitted to Communities and Place Committee.
- 4) That appropriate publicity be undertaken as part of the programme of events.
- 5) That a civic reception be arranged for veterans.
- 6) That County Council road closure fees be waived for street parties to celebrate VE Day and VJ Day.

11 5G TESTBEDS AND TRIALS PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: 2019/100

- 1) That appropriate external bid writing support be commissioned.
- 2) That a further report be submitted to Policy Committee in the event of either or both concept proposals being invited to the interview stage.

12 GEDLING ACCESS ROAD (GAR) – LAND ACQUISITIONS

RESOLVED: 2019/101

That approval be given to the acquisition of land required for the Gedling Access Road, on the terms as set out in the exempt appendix, relating to 0.005 acres of land at 6 Chartwell Gove, Mapperley, 0.120 acres of land at the walled garden and woodland on land east of Gedling House off Wood Lane, Gedling and 0.152 acres of Crown land off Mapperley Plains.

13 INVESTING IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: LOCAL AUTHORITY ACCELERATED CONSTRUCTION FUND UPDATE

During discussions it was highlighted that the list of elected Members Affected within the report was inaccurate. Officers agreed to correct this and ensure that the relevant Members had been consulted.

RESOLVED: 2019/102

- 1) That the proposed funding offers from Homes England for Lowmoor Road (£1.6m) and Cauldwell Road (£1.6m) sites be accepted and authority be delegated to the Corporate Director – Place, Service Director – Finance, Infrastructure and Improvement and the Group Manager, Legal, Democratic and Complaints, to finalise the completion of the funding agreements.
- 2) That a variation to the capital programme of £3.2m be approved to enable works to be undertaken on both the Lowmoor Road (£1.6m) and Cauldwell Road (£1.6m) projects.

14 WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: 2019/103

That the Work Programme be agreed, with no amendments required at this point.

15 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: 2019/104

That the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the discussions were likely to involve disclosure of exempt information described in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

16 GEDLING ACCESS ROAD – LAND ACQUISITIONS – EXEMPT APPENDIX

RESOLVED: 2019/105

That the information contained in the exempt appendix be noted.

**17 INVESTING IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL AUTHORITY ACCELERATED
CONSTRUCTION FUND UPDATE – EXEMPT APPENDIX**

RESOLVED: 2019/106

That the information contained in the exempt appendix be noted.

The meeting closed at 12.21 pm.

CHAIRMAN