



Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 28 September 2023 (10.30 am – 5.25 pm)

Membership

COUNCILLORS

John Ogle (Chairman) - apologies
Richard Butler (Vice-Chairman)

Reg Adair
Mike Adams
Pauline Allan
Sinead Anderson
Callum Bailey
Matt Barney
Chris Barnfather
Ben Bradley MP
Anne Callaghan BEM
André Camilleri
Scott Carlton
Steve Carr
John Clarke MBE
Neil Clarke MBE
Robert Corden
John Cottee - apologies
Jim Creamer
Debbie Darby
Sam Deakin - apologies
Dr John Doddy
Bethan Eddy
Boyd Elliott
Sybil Fielding
Kate Foale
Stephen Garner
Glynn Gilfoyle - apologies
Keith Girling
Penny Gowland
Errol Henry JP
Paul Henshaw - apologies
Tom Hollis
Mike Introna

Richard Jackson
Roger Jackson
Eric Kerry
Bruce Laughton
Johnno Lee
Rachel Madden
David Martin - apologies
John 'Maggie' McGrath
Andy Meakin
Nigel Moxon
Kane Oliver
Philip Owen
Michael Payne
Sheila Place - apologies
Mike Pringle
Francis Purdue-Horan
Mike Quigley MBE
Mrs Sue Saddington - apologies
Dave Shaw
Helen-Ann Smith
Sam Smith
Tom Smith
Tracey Taylor
Nigel Turner
Roger Upton
Lee Waters
Michelle Welsh
Gordon Wheeler
Jonathan Wheeler - apologies
Elizabeth Williamson
John Wilmott
Jason Zadrozny

HONORARY ALDERMEN

Terence Butler
John Carter

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Adrian Smith	(Chief Executive)
Marjorie Toward	(Chief Executives)
Sara Allmond	(Chief Executives)
Sarah Ashton	(Chief Executives)
Carl Bilbey	(Chief Executives)
Martin Elliott	(Chief Executives)
Isobel Fleming	(Chief Executives)
David Hennigan	(Chief Executives)
James McDonnell	(Chief Executives)
Phil Rostance	(Chief Executives)
Nigel Stevenson	(Chief Executives)
Phil Smith	(Chief Executives)
Dawn Jenkin	(Adult Social Care and Health)
Melanie Williams	(Adult Social Care and Health)
Colin Pettigrew	(Children and Families)
Derek Higon	(Place)

OPENING PRAYER

Upon the Council convening, prayers were led by the Chairman.

CHAIR OF THE MEETING

In the absence of the Chairman Councillor John Ogle, Vice-Chairman Councillor Richard Butler chaired the meeting.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2023/030

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 July 2023 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, with the addition that Councillor John 'Maggie' McGrath left the meeting at the lunch adjournment and did not return as he had attended a funeral.

Councillor Tom Hollis left the Chamber at 10.36am.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

- Councillor John Cottee (medical/illness)
- Councillor Samantha Deakin (other reasons)
- Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle (other reasons)
- Councillor Paul Henshaw (other reasons)
- Councillor David Martin (other reasons)
- Councillor Sheila Place (other reasons)
- Councillor John Ogle (other County Council Business)
- Councillor Sue Saddington (medical/illness)
- Councillor Jonathan Wheeler (other reasons)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Michelle Welsh declared an interest in question 7 to Cabinet Members as she was a GMB accompanying representative for people who were not unionised.

Councillor Erol Henry JP declared an interest in Item 7 – Youth Justice Strategy as he was a magistrate who sat on the Youth Bench

Councillor Callum Bailey declared a disclosable pecuniary interest and left the room during consideration of Motion Two - Support for Wilko Staff in Nottinghamshire as he had family members who were impacted by the closure of Wilko.

The Chief Executive issued a general dispensation to all members on Motion 1 – Universal Free School Meals for Primary School Children as many members were school governors on Nottinghamshire Primary Schools.

4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Adult Learning and College Provision – “Good” Provider

Councillor Tom Smith introduced the Ofsted “Good” Provider certification which had been awarded to Inspire following an inspection by Ofsted of its adult learning and young peoples college programmes.

The Vice-Chairman received the award from Councillor Tom Smith and presented it to Peter Gaw, Ian Bond, Michael Reid, Sandra Dickinson, Andrew Day, Andrew Goodall, Nicky Reed, Simon Cook, Jo Dring, Pippa Guthrie, Ellen Glyn-Davies, Rachel Doar and Rebecca Douglas.

Special Award – Boots and Berets Awards

Councillor Tom Smith introduced the award, which was a special award presented to Councillor Keith Girling at the Boots and Berets Award Ceremony in recognition of his work to ensure that the contributions and needs of the Armed Forces Family were understood and addressed by public bodies.

The Vice-Chairman received the award from Councillor Tom Smith and presented it to Councillor Keith Girling.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

The Vice-Chairman updated Members on the business he had carried out since the last meeting.

5. CONSTITUENCY ISSUES

The following Members spoke for up to three minutes on issues which specifically related to their division and were relevant to the services provided by the County Council:-

Councillor Kane Oliver regarding flooding on Garden Road, Eastwood

Councillor Gordon Wheeler regarding HGV restrictions for Wilford Lane

Councillor Tom Hollis regarding highways in Huthwaite

Councillor John Lee regarding highways repairs in his division

Councillor Steve Carr regarding flooding in Bramcote

Councillor Dave Shaw regarding pausing of the NHS Cavell Centre, Hucknall

Having left the Chamber earlier in the meeting, Councillor Tom Hollis returned to the Chamber at 10.53am.

Councillor Tom Hollis left the Chamber at 11.01am

Councillor Bruce Laughton left the Chamber at 11.07am and did not return to the meeting.

6a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

The following petition was presented to the Chairman as indicated below: -

- (1) Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan regarding resurfacing of Old Grantham Road, Whatton

RESOLVED: 2023/031

That the petitions be referred to the appropriate Cabinet Member for consideration in accordance with the Procedure Rules, with a report being brought back to Council in due course.

Councillor Dave Shaw left the Chamber from 11.11am to 11.22am during consideration of this item.

6b. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLVED: 2023/032

That the contents and actions taken as set out in the report be noted.

7. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2023-24

Councillor Tracey Taylor introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2023/033 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Sam Smith.

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: 2023/033

That the Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2023/24, as set out in appendix 1 of the report, be approved.

8. SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

Councillor Boyd Elliott introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2023/034 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Nigel Moxon.

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: 2023/034

That the Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23 be noted.

Having left the Chamber earlier in the meeting, Councillor Tom Hollis returned to the Chamber at 11.59 during consideration of this item.

The Council adjourned from lunch from 12.44pm to 1.46pm after consideration of this item.

9. SUPPORTING OUR ARMED FORCES STRATEGY – UPDATE ON PROGRESS AND FUTURE PLANS

Councillor Keith Girling introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2023/035 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Tom Smith.

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: 2023/035

That the Full Council notes the updates and endorses the progress made in relation to the 'Supporting Our Armed Forces Community Strategy' and the delivery of this programme of work.

10. EXECUTIVE REPORT – KEY ISSUES AND ACTIVITIES

RESOLVED: 2023/036

That the contents of the report be noted.

Having not returned to the Chamber after lunch, Councillor Stephen Garner returned to the Chamber at 2.11pm during consideration of this item.

11a. QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL ON THE EXECUTIVE REPORT

6 question had been received as follows: -

- 1) from Councillor Tom Hollis regarding the meeting with the Chancellor of the Exchequer
- 2) from Councillor Jim Creamer regarding the meeting with the Chancellor of the Exchequer

Questions 1 and 2 were taken together.

- 3) from Councillor Sybil Fielding concerning Gateford School

The full response to the questions above are set out in set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

The time limit of 15 minutes allowed for questions to the Leader on the Executive Report was reached before the following questions were asked. A written response to the questions would be provided to the Councillors who asked the questions within 15

working days of the meeting and be included in the papers for the next available Full Council meeting after the deadline.

- 4) from Councillor Lee Waters about the Tour of Britain and road repairs and closures
- 5) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny concerning the new Interim Chief Officer of East Midlands Combined Authority
- 6) from Councillor Kate Foale about safety of Maintained school buildings

11b. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

8 questions had been received as follows: -

- 1) from Councillor Penny Gowland concerning the impact of changes to Carbon Reduction commitments on business investment (Councillor Ben Bradley MP replied)
- 2) from Councillor Tom Smith regarding the 141 bus service (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 3) from Councillor Steve Carr concerning proposals from the Members Working Group (Councillor Philip Owen replied)
- 4) from Councillor Sam Smith concerning RAAC in Nottinghamshire schools (Councillor Keith Girling replied)
- 5) from Councillor Michelle Welsh about survey work on school buildings (Councillor Ben Bradley MP replied)
- 6) from Councillor Anne Callaghan BEM concerning the review of safeguarding practices in response to events at Harlow Academy (Councillor Tracey Taylor replied on behalf of Councillor Ben Bradley MP)
- 7) from Councillor Mike Pringle regarding industrial action at Veolia (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied on behalf of Councillor Ben Bradley MP)

The full responses to the questions above are set out in set out in Appendix B to these minutes.

The time limit of 60 minutes allowed for questions was reached before the following question was asked. A written response to the question would be provided to the Councillors who asked the question within 15 working days of the meeting and be included in the papers for the next available Full Council meeting after the deadline.

- 8) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny about communications in relation to the potential strikes at Veolia (Councillor Ben Bradley MP to reply)

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

Councillor Dave Shaw left the Chamber at 2.31pm and returned at 2.56pm
Councillor Michael Payne left the Chamber at 2.33pm and returned at 3.07pm
Councillor Kane Oliver left the Chamber at 2.33pm and returned at 3.12pm
Councillor Dave Meakin left the Chamber at 2.33pm and returned at 2.50pm
Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 2.34pm and returned at 3.10pm
Councillor Helen-Ann Smith left the Chamber at 2.49pm and returned at 3.15pm
Councillor Tom Smith left the Chamber at 2.57pm and returned at 3.10pm
Councillor Tom Hollis left the Chamber at 2.59pm and returned at 3.25pm
Councillor Jim Creamer left the Chamber at 3.03pm and returned at 3.14pm
Councillor Pauline Allan left the Chamber at 3.07pm
Councillor Sam Smith left the Chamber at 3.09pm
Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 3.15pm

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

MOTION ONE – UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

A Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan and seconded by Councillor Debbie Darby:

“Nottinghamshire County Council resolves:

- 1) To note the impact the provision of free school meals has in improving children’s economic, educational and health outcomes throughout life.
- 2) To investigate providing each pupil in Local Authority controlled Primary Schools with a free school meal. The feasibility study would look at process, cost and how to resource it.
- 3) That this Council will further ask the Department of Education to increase the annual payment to Academy Schools to extend Universal infant free school meals to all Primary Schools in Nottinghamshire.”

Following a debate, the motion was put to the meeting. The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 26 members voted ‘**For**’ the motion:-

Pauline Allan
Anne Callaghan BEM
Steve Carr
John Clarke MBE
Jim Creamer
Debbie Darby
Sybil Fielding
Kate Foale

Stephen Garner
Penny Gowland
Errol Henry JP
Tom Hollis
Rachel Madden
John ‘Maggie’ McGrath
Andy Meakin
Kane Oliver

Michael Payne
Mike Pringle
Francis Purdue-Horan
Dave Shaw
Helen-Ann Smith

Lee Waters
Michelle Welsh
Elizabeth Williamson
John Wilmott
Jason Zadrozny

The following 30 members voted '**Against**' the altered motion:

Reg Adair
Mike Adams
Sinead Anderson
Callum Bailey
Matt Barney
Chris Barnfather
Ben Bradley MP
Richard Butler
André Camilleri
Scott Carlton
Neil Clarke MBE
Robert Corden
Dr John Doddy
Bethan Eddy
Boyd Elliott

Keith Girling
Mike Introna
Richard Jackson
Roger Jackson
Eric Kerry
Johnno Lee
Nigel Moxon
Philip Owen
Mike Quigley MBE
Sam Smith
Tom Smith
Tracey Taylor
Nigel Turner
Roger Upton
Gordon Wheeler

No members '**Abstained**' from the vote.

The Chairman declared the motion was lost.

Having left the Chamber earlier in the meeting the following members returned to the Chamber during consideration of this item:

Councillor Sam Smith returned to the Chamber at 3.30pm
Councillor Pauline Allan returned to the Chamber at 3.36pm
Councillor Jason Zadrozny returned to the Chamber at 3.55pm

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

Councillor Dave Meakin left the Chamber at 3.23pm and returned at 4.09pm
Councillor Errol Henry JP left the Chamber at 3.24pm and returned at 3.36pm
Councillor Kane Oliver left the Chamber at 3.44pm and returned at 3.56pm

MOTION TWO – SUPPORT FOR WILKO STAFF IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest, Councillor Callum Bailey left the Chamber during consideration of this item, and returned to the Chamber following its conclusion.

A Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Kate Foale and seconded by Councillor Anne Callaghan BEM:

“That the Council agrees to:

- 1) Use our position as a major employer in the County, to establish links to support the significant number of Wilko staff in Nottinghamshire with transferrable skills who are at risk of losing their employment;
- 2) Take additional steps to connect Wilko staff to existing opportunities and to offer opportunities to learn new skills, with the view to joining our valued workforce;
- 3) Measure additional actions taken in order to evidence and demonstrate impact.”

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Keith Girling and seconded by Councillor Tom Smith:

“That the Council agrees to:

- 1) **Continue to u**Use our position as a major employer in the County, to establish links to support the significant number of Wilko staff in Nottinghamshire with transferrable skills who are at risk of losing their employment;
- 2) **Continue t**~~akeing~~ additional steps to connect Wilko staff to existing opportunities and to offer opportunities to learn new skills, with the view to joining our valued workforce;
- 3) Measure additional actions taken in order to evidence and demonstrate impact.”

The amendment was accepted by the mover of the motion and became the altered (substantive) motion.

An amendment to the altered motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Tom Hollis and seconded by Councillor Helen-Ann Smith:

“That the Council agrees to:

- 1) Continue to use our position as a major employer in the County, to establish links to support the significant number of **ex**-Wilko staff in Nottinghamshire with transferrable skills ~~who are at risk of losing their employment~~;
- 2) Continue taking additional steps to connect **ex**-Wilko staff to existing opportunities and to offer opportunities to learn new skills, with the view to joining our valued workforce;
- 3) **Offer support to help ex-Wilko employees transition into new opportunities successfully and facilitate connections with businesses and stakeholders seeking candidates with similar skill sets;**
- 4) Measure additional actions taken in order to evidence and demonstrate impact.”

Council adjourned from 4.49pm to 4.56pm to allow consideration of the amendment.

The amendment was accepted by the mover of the motion and became the new altered (substantive) motion.

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

RESOLVED: 2023/037

That the Council agrees to:

- 1) Continue to use our position as a major employer in the County, to establish links to support the significant number of ex-Wilko staff in Nottinghamshire with transferrable skills;
- 2) Continue taking additional steps to connect ex-Wilko staff to existing opportunities and to offer opportunities to learn new skills, with the view to joining our valued workforce;
- 3) Offer support to help ex-Wilko employees transition into new opportunities successfully and facilitate connections with businesses and stakeholders seeking candidates with similar skill sets;
- 4) Measure additional actions taken in order to evidence and demonstrate impact.

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

Councillor Reg Adair left the Chamber at 4.28pm and returned at 4.40pm

Councillor Pauline Allan did not return to the meeting following the adjournment at 4.49pm

MOTION THREE – DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROVISION ON NEW SCHOOL SITES

Councillor Sam Smith moved a motion in terms of resolution 2023/038 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor André Camilleri.

Due to the provisions set out in paragraph 9 of the Council's Procedure Rules, the time limit of 5.15pm was reached and the matter was put to the vote. The Chairman put the motion to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2023/038

This Council agrees that when a planning application is made for the construction of a new school on *any land* in Nottinghamshire, then as a statutory consultee responding to the relevant planning authority, including borough and district councils, so far as it

may be applicable to the site and within the bounds of the relevant planning legislation, we will request that developers and the planning authority make suitably appropriate land available, and design provision is made, to include 'drop off and pick up' points within the curtilage of the school site.

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

Councillor John Clarke MBE left the Chamber at 5.07pm and did not return to the meeting

Councillor Michael Payne left the Chamber at 5.07pm and did not return to the meeting

Councillor Tom Hollis left the Chamber at 5.08pm and did not return to the meeting

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.25 pm.

CHAIRMAN