

Meeting **POLICY COMMITTEE**

Date **Wednesday 13 November 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  
Nicki Brooks  
Richard Butler  
John Cottee  
Samantha Deakin  
Kate Foale  
Stephen Garner  
Glynn Gilfoyle

Tony Harper  
Richard Jackson  
Bruce Laughton  
Rachel Madden  
John Peck JP  
Mike Pringle  
Alan Rhodes  
Sue Saddington

**OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jim Creamer

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

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

Chris Jones	Children, Young People's and Culture
Laurence Jones	

Adrian Smith	Place Department
Andy Evans	
Neil Gamble	
Derek Higton	

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 16 October 2019, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received.

## **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS.**

Councillor Chris Barnfather declared a private, non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 9 – Investing in Nottinghamshire – Top Wighay Masterplan, as the Chairman of the County Council's Planning and Licensing Committee; a Member of Gedling Borough Council's Planning Committee; and as the local County Councillor for the electoral division in which this development was sited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on this item.

## **4 URGENT ITEM – NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FLOODS HARDSHIP FUND**

The Chair of the meeting was of the opinion that this item, although not included on the agenda, should be considered as a matter of urgency in accordance with Section 100(b)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the special circumstances that the floods had occurred subsequent to the agenda being published and the Chief Executive had set up this Fund using his emergency decision-making powers.

The Chief Executive introduced the report and highlighted the current position and confirmed the number of claims made since the Fund's introduction. It was clarified that the Fund involved stand-alone funding from the County Council (and was not linked to Central Government's proposed scheme) and would be flexible and kept under review should the ongoing recovery phase require a change in response.

### **RESOLVED: 2019/107**

That the decision to set up a hardship fund, as set out in the committee report, be acknowledged.

## **5 FEASIBILITY FOR A NEW SPECIAL SCHOOL IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

### **RESOLVED: 2019/108**

That a feasibility study be undertaken, at a cost of approximately £150,000, to identify a site in the Hucknall and Ollerton areas to build a new special school of 75 places.

## **6 PROCUREMENT STRATEGY 2019-23**

### **RESOLVED: 2019/109**

That the proposed Procurement Strategy 2019-23 be approved.

**7      BETTER BROADBAND FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE – RESOURCES TO 31 MARCH 2020**

**RESOLVED: 2019/110**

- 1) That the existing Broadband Engagement Officer post be extended to 31 March 2020.
- 2) That, in the event the European Regional Development Fund bid proved successful, authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place, in consultation with the Chair of the Policy Committee, to sign the grant agreement.
- 3) That a further report be submitted to Policy Committee should the internal review of the contract performance and emerging opportunities aligned to the Council's digital priorities determine the need for a review of staffing resources.

**8      PROGRAMME FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S 2020 MAYFLOWER COMMEMORATIONS**

**RESOLVED: 2019/111**

That, to enable the Council to develop a county level response which complements and adds value to the Pilgrim Roots and Mayflower 400 plans for 2020, £316,500 be allocated as the Council's contribution towards the Mayflower 2020 Commemoration proposals, the impact of which requires approval for a £130,000 variation to the capital programme, funded from capital contingency.

**9      ACQUISITION OF LAND IN THE VICINITY OF TOTON LANE TO DELIVER THE HS2 TOTON GROWTH STRATEGY**

**RESOLVED: 2019/112**

- 1) That the Capital Programme be amended to include the capital expenditure set out in the exempt appendix to the report.
- 2) That the land identified in the exempt appendix be acquired on the terms outlined in that appendix.
- 3) That approval be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer, Head of Legal, Democratic and Complaints and Chair of Policy Committee, to negotiate and finalise the terms of the contract and any necessary legal documentation to give effect to these proposals.

**10     INVESTING IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE – TOP WIGHAY MASTERPLAN**

**RESOLVED: 2019/113**

That the proposed Masterplan for the Top Wighay Farm project be approved to allow a community engagement exercise to be undertaken prior to submission of the planning application.

## **11     OUTSIDE BODIES REGISTER UPDATE REPORT**

### **RESOLVED: 2019/114**

- 1) That the addition of the Midlands Engine Development Corporation Oversight Board be endorsed.
- 2) That the outside bodies listed in paragraph 8 of the report be removed from the Register.
- 3) That no further changes to the Register were required at this stage.

## **12     GEDLING ACCESS ROAD (GAR) – LAND ACQUISITIONS**

### **RESOLVED: 2019/115**

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 6.534 acres of land east of Lambley Lane, Gedling and 1.725 acres of land to the north-west side of Ranch Boarding Kennels, Whitworth Drive, Burton Joyce.

## **13     WORK PROGRAMME**

Following discussions, it was agreed that the views of each of the political groups be sought with regard to the possibility of cancelling or rearranging the Policy Committee meeting scheduled for 11 December 2019, in light of its close proximity to the General Election the following day.

### **RESOLVED: 2019/116**

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

## **14     EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

### **RESOLVED: 2019/117**

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.

## **15     ACQUISITION OF LAND IN THE VICINITY OF TOTON LANE TO DELIVER THE HS2 TOTON GROWTH STRATEGY- EXEMPT APPENDIX**

### **RESOLVED: 2019/118**

That the information contained in the exempt appendix be noted.

**16     GEDLING ACCESS ROAD – LAND ACQUISITIONS – EXEMPT APPENDIX**

**RESOLVED: 2019/119**

That the information contained in the exempt appendix be noted.

The meeting closed at 12.00 pm.

CHAIRMAN