



**Nottinghamshire  
County Council**  
**minutes**

Meeting      Communities Committee

Date      03 November 2021 (commencing at 10:30 am)

**Membership**

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

**COUNCILLORS**

John Cottee (Chairman)  
Tom Smith (Vice-Chairman)

Mike Adams	Sue Saddington
Pauline Allan	Jonathan Wheeler
Sinead Anderson	Daniel Williamson
Stephen Garner	Elizabeth Williamson
Glynn Gilfoyle	

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mick Allen	-	Place Department
Derek Higton	-	Place Department
Aidan La Mola	-	Place Department
Fiona Needham	-	Place Department
Adrian Smith	-	Place Department
Mark Walker	-	Place Department
Noel McMenamin	-	Chief Executive's Department

**1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2021, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Elizabeth Williamson declared an interest in published Item 5 'Approval of Applications to Covid Partnership Social Recovery Fund and Community Hub Food

Plan Fund' as the organiser of Brinsley Food Bank, which did not preclude her from speaking or voting.

#### **4 URGENT ITEM – NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT 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 central government had allocated up to £5.6 million to the County Council to support those most in need this winter to support economic recovery from the Covid pandemic, and the funding had to be spent by end March 2022.

The Committee was advised that £2.3 million was to be allocated to initiatives falling under the responsibility of the Children and Young People Committee, with this Committee having oversight for allocating the remainder.

#### **RESOLVED 2021/021**

That the following be approved:

- (1) The Communities Committee was to provide oversight of those elements of the Nottinghamshire Household Support Fund not led the Children and Young People Committee;
- (2) Further detailed development by officers of the Nottinghamshire Household Support Fund, based on the principles set out in the report;
- (3) The launch of the Scheme by mid-November 2021, or as soon as possible thereafter;
- (4) A further report be brought to the December 2021 meeting of the Committee to ratify the confirmed Scheme.

#### **5. COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR QUARTER 1 2021-2022 PLACE CORE DATA SET**

During debate, it was agreed that measures to increase footfall in libraries, including co-location of services to create more community hubs, would be explored further.

#### **RESOLVED 2021/022**

That, subject to investigating measures to improve footfall in libraries, no further action was required in relation to performance information on the Council's services for Communities Committee for the period 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021.

**6. APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS TO COVID PARTNERSHIP SOCIAL RECOVERY FUND AND COMMUNITY HUB FOOD PLAN**

**RESOLVED 2021/023**

That:

- (1) The applications for funding at Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (2) The applications that have received partnership approval set out at Appendix 2 to the report be noted.

**7. CULTURAL SERVICES STRATEGY REFRESH**

During debate, it was agreed that arrangements could be made to visit sites featured in the report.

**RESOLVED 2021/024**

That:

- 1) the Committee supported the draft Cultural Strategy at Appendix A to the report;
- 2) a further report on the final refreshed Strategy, accounting for Member and partner input, be presented to the Committee in early 2022.

**8. MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATEMENT**

**RESOLVED 2021/025**

That the following be approved:

- 1) the updated Statement at Appendix A to the report, demonstrating the Council's ongoing commitment to ensuring that there were no victims of slavery or human trafficking employed directly by the Council, in its commissioned services or supply chains;
- 2) the publication of the updated Statement on the public website.
- 3) the receipt of further information on cases reported by District to understand the scale and impact of modern slavery and modern trafficking at the local level.

**9. UPDATE ON KEY TRADING STANDARDS AND COMMUNITIES ISSUES**

During debate, it was confirmed that arrangements were being put in place with partners to mark the Queen's Platinum anniversary.

**RESOLVED 2021/026**

That:

- (1) the updates were considered and that no additional actions were highlighted;
- (2) the post EU Exit Business Support Network be ratified;
- (3) the completion date for capital funded Local Improvement Scheme projects be extended to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

## **10. WORK PROGRAMME**

It was explained that the Work Programme was subject to additions, amendments and deletions in response to emerging and shifting priorities on an ongoing basis.

## **RESOLVED 2021/020**

That, subject to considering items on Household Support Fund and a more detailed report on Modern Slavery at future meetings, the Committee's work programme be agreed.

The meeting concluded at 11.50 am

**Chairman**