

Meeting POLICY COMMITTEE

Date Thursday 2 December 2021 (commencing at 10.30 am)

membership**COUNCILLORS**

Ben Bradley MP (Chairman)

Bruce Laughton (Vice-Chairman) - Apologies

Chris Barnfather

Anne Callaghan

Neil Clarke MBE - Apologies

John Cottee

Jim Creamer

Boyd Elliott

Kate Foale - Apologies

Glynn Gilfoyle

Keith Girling

Richard Jackson

Francis Purdue-Horan

Philip Owen

David Shaw – Apologies

Helen-Ann Smith – Apologies

Tracey Taylor

Michelle Welsh

Gordon Wheeler

Jason Zadrozny - Apologies

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Councillor Richard Butler substituted for Councillor Bruce Laughton

Councillor Samantha Deakin substituted for Councillor Helen-Anne Smith

Councillor Andy Meakin substituted for Councillor Jason Zadrozny

Councillor John Ogle substituted for Councillor Neil Clarke MBE

Councillor Mike Pringle substituted for Councillor Kate Foale

Councillor Daniel Williamson substituted for Councillor Dave Shaw

OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

None

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May

Chief Executive's Department

Nigel Stevenson

Marjorie Toward

Michael Higginson

Phil Rostance

Keith Ford

Rebecca Atchinson

Adult Social Care and Public Health Department

Alison Frater

Colin Pettigrew
Mike Sharpe

Children, Families and Cultural Services Department

Adrian Smith
Derek Higton
Matthew Neal

Place Department

COUNCILLOR MAUREEN DOBSON

The Leader spoke in tribute to Councillor Maureen Dobson who had passed away on Tuesday 30 November 2021. The Committee stood and observed a minute's silence in tribute.

1 MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting of Policy Committee held on 14 October 2021, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Neil Clarke MBE – medical reasons
Councillor Kate Foale – medical reasons
Councillor Bruce Laughton – other Nottinghamshire County Council business
Councillor Dave Shaw – medical reasons
Councillor Helen-Anne Smith – other reasons
Councillor Jason Zadrozny – medical reasons

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

No interests were declared at this point of the meeting.

Councillor Richard Jackson subsequently declared a private and non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6 – Highways Review as a Nottinghamshire County Council appointed Director on the Via East Midlands Board, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on that item.

4 IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

In response to queries raised by Members, officers agreed to

- refer to the NHS concerns about the timeliness of access to Child and Adult Mental Health Services by children whom had witnessed and / or been otherwise affected by domestic abuse;
- share a link to the high-level information available about the accommodation needs assessment for the County.

RESOLVED: 2021/066

- 1) That the ongoing approach to develop the Nottinghamshire Domestic Abuse Strategy, with additional chapters to be approved by Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee, be approved.
- 2) That the Nottinghamshire Domestic Abuse Strategy be approved.

5 NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CASE FOR DEVOLUTION RESOURCING REQUIREMENTS

In response to a query from Members about whether 7 or 8 full time equivalent posts were being established, officers agreed to clarify that point and update Members accordingly.

RESOLVED 2021/067

That, subject to the above clarification, the establishment of the staffing structure changes and seven FTE posts for an initial period of twelve months, the costs of which would be funded through Nottinghamshire's shared National Non-Domestic Rates Pool Reserve, be approved.

6 HIGHWAYS REVIEW

Councillor Neil Clarke MBE was thanked, in his absence, for his work in Chairing the cross-party Highways Review Panel.

RESOLVED 2021/068

- 1) That a Highways Improvement Plan be developed to deliver the review recommendations with the detailed Plan, and proposals for continuing external support, to be considered at a forthcoming meeting of Transport and Environment Committee.
- 2) That the continuation of the cross-party Highways Review Panel to effectively monitor the progress of the Highways Improvement Plan be approved.

7 PROVISION OF NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES IN EAST LEAKE

RESOLVED 2021/069

That approval be given to:

- 1) Provide new nursery and primary school places in East Leake to meet demand through the construction of a Temporary Learning Village at Sheepwash Way, East Leake, to open for September 2022; and for the construction of a permanent 1.5 Form of Entry primary school with 26 place nursery at Rempstone Road, East Leake estimated to open in September 2023.

- 2) Fund this project in its entirety to ensure that a sufficiency of primary school places were provided in East Leake.
- 3) Vary the Capital Programme to include the £2.6m Section 106 contributions that were proposed to part fund this project.

8 THE INTEGRATED RAIL PLAN IN THE EAST MIDLANDS

RESOLVED 2021/070

- 1) That the positive Government commitments in the Integrated Rail Plan to invest in a significant rail package for the benefit of Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands be welcomed.
- 2) That the Leader of the Council continue to advocate for Nottinghamshire and the region in engaging with Government and regional partners such as HS2 East and Transport for East Midlands.
- 3) That early engagement be sought with Government to explore the commitment to 'accelerate' the East Midlands Development Corporation.
- 4) That a further report be brought to the Committee to set out the revised benefits, delivery plan and the capacity / support required from the County Council to move forward the next steps.

9 WORK PROGRAMME

The Leader highlighted that officers were due to review the current contents of the Work Programme to assess whether some items would be more appropriate to take to the relevant 'service committee', rather than Policy Committee, for approval.

RESOLVED: 2021/071

That, subject to the planned review, no further amendments were required to the work programme at this stage.

The meeting closed at 12.40pm.

CHAIRMAN