



# Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 22 March 2018 (10.30 am – 5.30 pm)

## Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

## COUNCILLORS

John Handley (Chairman)  
Mrs Sue Saddington (Vice-Chairman)

	Reg Adair		John Knight
A	Pauline Allan		Bruce Laughton
	Chris Barnfather	A	John Longdon
	Joyce Bosnjak		Rachel Madden
	Ben Bradley		David Martin
	Nicki Brooks		Diana Meale
	Andrew Brown		John Ogle
	Richard Butler		Philip Owen
A	Steve Carr		Michael Payne
	John Clarke		John Peck JP
	Neil Clarke MBE		Sheila Place
	John Cottee		Liz Plant
	Jim Creamer		Mike Pringle
	Mrs Kay Cutts MBE		Francis Purdue-Horan
	Samantha Deakin	A	Mike Quigley MBE
	Maureen Dobson		Alan Rhodes
	Dr John Doddy		Kevin Rostance
	Boyd Elliott		Phil Rostance
	Sybil Fielding		Andy Sissons
	Kate Foale		Helen-Ann Smith
	Stephen Garner		Tracey Taylor
	Glynn Gilfoyle		Parry Tsimbirdis
	Keith Girling		Steve Vickers
	Kevin Greaves		Keith Walker
	Tony Harper		Stuart Wallace
	Errol Henry JP		Muriel Weisz
	Paul Henshaw		Andy Wetton
	Tom Hollis		Gordon Wheeler
	Vaughan Hopewell		Jonathan Wheeler
	Richard Jackson		Yvonne Woodhead
	Roger Jackson		Martin Wright
	Eric Kerry		Jason Zadrozny

## **HONORARY ALDERMEN**

Martin Brandon-Bravo  
Terence Butler  
John Carter

## **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Anthony May	(Chief Executive)
David Pearson CBE	(Adult Social Care and Health)
Colin Pettigrew	(Children, Families and Cultural Service)
Adrian Smith	(Place)
Sara Allmond	(Resources)
Carl Bilbey	(Resources)
Heather Dickinson	(Resources)
Angie Dilley	(Resources)
Martin Done	(Resources)
David Hennigan	(Resources)
Marjorie Toward	(Resources) present for agenda item 8 only
Neil Robinson	(Resources)
Geoff Russell	(Resources) present for agenda item 7 only

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Upon the Council convening, prayers were led by the Chairman's Chaplain.

### **1. MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED: 2018/007**

That the minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on 28 February 2018 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from:-

- Councillor Pauline Allan – medical/illness
- Councillor Steve Carr – other
- Councillor John Longdon – medical/illness
- Councillor Mike Quigley MBE – medical/illness

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Anthony May declared a pecuniary interest in Item 7 as his partner had a financial interest in the report.

Heather Dickinson declared a pecuniary interest in Item 7, as her role of Deputy Monitoring Officer was included within the report.

#### **4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

##### **THANK YOU TO OUR WINTER WEATHER TEAMS**

The Chairman of the Council made a statement thanking all of those staff who had worked tirelessly during the recent winter weather, particularly the gritting team.

##### **CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

The Chairman updated the Chamber on the business he had carried out on behalf of the Council since the last meeting.

##### **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

None

##### **AGENDA ORDER**

The Chairman advised that he had agreed that the order of the agenda be changed to allow the Chairman of the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority to attend the meeting directly after lunch to respond to the question submitted to him.

#### **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 Mike Pringle – regarding Ollerton Roundabout

Councillor Andy Wetton – regarding the Meden Centre in Mansfield

Councillor David Martin – regarding Surestart in the Rurals

Councillor Michael Payne – regarding the recent severe weather conditions and their impact on his division

##### **6a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

The following petitions were presented to the Chairman as indicated below:-

- (1) Councillor Steve Vickers (on behalf of Councillor Mike Quigley MBE) requesting double yellow lines on Tin Lane outside Carr Hill Primary School
- (2) Councillor Steve Vickers requesting a reduction in the speed limit on London Road, Retford
- (3) Councillor Martin Wright regarding parking outside the new Abbey Primary School, Stuart Avenue, Mansfield

- (4) Councillor Paul Henshaw regarding Stanton Place, Mansfield West
- (5) Councillor Bruce Laughton regarding speeding and traffic calming measures in Halam
- (6) Councillor Chris Barnfather requesting that a footpath on Kirkby Road, Ravenshead be reconstituted
- (7) Councillor Boyd Elliott requesting solutions to the problem of non-resident parking on Renals Way, Bricknell Road and Stripes View, Calverton
- (8) Councillor Liz Plant requesting action regarding non-resident on-street parking (Priory Road/Abbey Junction and part of Priory Road)
- (9) Vice Chairman Councillor Sue Saddington on behalf of a number of Gedling Members regarding taxi ranks in Gedling
- (10) Councillor Sheila Place request to keep NCC mobile Youth bus visiting venues in Bassetlaw including Langold and Tuxford
- (11) Councillor John Clarke requesting a residents parking scheme in Coronation Road, Mapperley
- (12) Councillor Jim Creamer requesting action regarding ongoing road traffic issues at Forester Road, Thorneywood
- (13) Councillor Joyce Bosnjak requesting urgent maintenance repairs to pavements outside a number of properties on Sandgate Avenue, Mansfield
- (14) Councillor Kevin Greaves regarding speeding issues in Cukney and Norton
- (15) Councillor Eric Kerry regarding the state of the road at Southfield Court, Chilwell

**RESOLVED: 2018/008**

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

**6b. RESPONSE TO PETITION PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED: 2018/009**

That the contents and actions taken as set out in the report be noted with an amendment to paragraph 37, to change Councillor Yvonne Woodhead to Councillor Errol Henry JP.

## **7. FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

Having declared pecuniary interests Anthony May and Heather Dickinson left the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2018/010 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Reg Adair.

### **RESOLVED: 2018/010**

- 1) To delete the post of Corporate Director for Resources from the staffing establishment with effect from 30 June 2018 and agree the consequential dismissal on the grounds of redundancy of the current post holder.
- 2) To delete the current four Service Director posts in the Resources Department from the staffing establishment with effect from 30 June 2018.
- 3) To establish two new posts of Service Director (Service Director Finance, Infrastructure and Improvement and Service Director Customers, Governance and Employees), with effect from 1 July 2018.
- 4) To agree that the detailed staffing and structure proposals will be agreed by Policy Committee by October 2018 at the latest.

Anthony May and Heather Dickinson returned to the meeting.

## **8. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2018-2019**

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2018/011 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Richard Jackson.

### **RESOLVED: 2018/011**

That the Pay Policy Statement be approved for publication on the Council's website by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

## **9. JOINT HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 2018-2022**

Councillor Dr John Doddy introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2017/012 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Stuart Wallace.

Following a debate, the motion was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 40 Members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Reg Adair	Eric Kerry
Chris Barnfather	Bruce Laughton
Ben Bradley	Rachel Madden
Andrew Brown	David Martin
Richard Butler	John Ogle
Neil Clarke MBE	Philip Owen
John Cottee	Francis Purdue-Horan
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE	Kevin Rostance
Samantha Deakin	Phil Rostance
Maureen Dobson	Mrs Sue Saddington
Dr John Doddy	Andy Sissons
Boyd Elliott	Helen-Ann Smith
Stephen Garner	Tracey Taylor
Keith Girling	Steve Vickers
John Handley	Keith Walker
Tony Harper	Stuart Wallace
Tom Hollis	Gordon Wheeler
Vaughan Hopewell	Jonathan Wheeler
Richard Jackson	Martin Wright
Roger Jackson	Jason Zadrozny

The following 22 Members voted '**Against**' the motion:-

Joyce Bosnjak	Diana Meale
Nicki Brooks	Michael Payne
John Clarke	John Peck JP
Jim Creamer	Sheila Place
Sybil Fielding	Liz Plant
Kate Foale	Mike Pringle
Glynn Gilfoyle	Alan Rhodes
Kevin Greaves	Parry Tsimbirdis
Errol Henry JP	Muriel Weisz
Paul Henshaw	Andy Wetton
John Knight	Yvonne Woodhead

The Chairman declared that the motion was carried and it was:-

**RESOLVED: 2018/012**

That Nottinghamshire County Council supports the implementation of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Nottinghamshire and promotes it within networks and to wider partners.

## **10. QUESTIONS**

### **(b) QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

Nine questions had been received. Questions one to four were taken before lunch as follows:-

- 1) from Councillor Vaughan Hopewell concerning evening bus services (Councillor John Cottee replied)
- 2) from Councillor Muriel Weisz regarding respite care places (Councillor Stuart Wallace replied)
- 3) from Councillor Samantha Deakin about gritting around schools (Councillor John Cottee replied)
- 4) from Councillor John Peck JP concerning term time holiday fines (Councillor Philip Owen replied)

Council adjourned from 12.39pm to 1.40pm for lunch.

As previously agreed by the Chairman item 10a was taken directly after lunch to allow the Chairman of the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority to attend.

### **(a) QUESTIONS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY**

One question had been received as follows:-

- 1) from Councillor David Martin concerning service provision in Ashfield (Councillor Brian Grocock, Chairman of the Fire Authority replied)

The full response to the question above is set out in set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

### **(b) QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (CONTINUED)**

- 5) from Councillor Alan Rhodes regarding residential care homes (Councillor Stuart Wallace replied)
- 6) Councillor Helen-Ann Smith withdrew her question as it had been answered as part of an earlier question.
- 7) from Councillor John Peck JP concerning Ollerton Roundabout (Councillor John Cottee replied)

The full responses to the seven 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 questions were asked. A written response to the questions 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 Full Council meeting.

- 8) from Councillor Andy Wetton regarding land associated with Meden Pool and Sports Centre (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts to reply on behalf of Councillor John Cottee)
- 9) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny about the review of Children's Centre premises (Councillor Philip Owen to reply)

## **11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

### **MOTION ONE**

Councillor Stephen Garner moved a motion in terms of resolution 2018/013 below. The motion was jointly seconded by Councillors Andy Sissons, Martin Wright and Vaughan Hopewell.

An amendment to the Motion as below was moved by Councillor Jason Zadrozny and jointly seconded by Councillors Samantha Deakin and Rachel Madden:-

"This Council supports the upgrade of the MARR Route (Mansfield and Ashfield Regeneration Route) to a dual carriageway status.

This Council recognises that this is an important highway for the economy of Mansfield and Ashfield districts.

**The Council welcomes the studies already done by this Authority on the A38 and A611 as part of this strategic transport corridor, and welcomes their status on the infrastructure improvement plan.**

That this Council agrees that improving the **MARR to** dual carriageway would see better road links from the M1 through to the A617 Rainworth bypass, and beyond, linking towards the A614 and the surrounding areas towards Newark and the A1 in the east of our county, providing better connections for all communities across central of Nottinghamshire.

**This Council requests that the study for the MARR is prioritised and presented to the Communities and Place Committee as soon as possible so that members are fully able to digest the predicted Economic Regeneration benefits for the Ashfield and Mansfield Districts"**

The amendment was not accepted by the Mover of the Motion.

Following a debate, the amendment was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was lost.

The Motion was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried and it was:-



### **RESOLVED: 2018/013**

This Council supports the upgrade of the MARR Route (Mansfield and Ashfield Regeneration Route) to a dual carriageway status.

This Council recognises that this is an important highway for the economy of Mansfield and Ashfield districts.

That this Council agrees that improving the dual carriageway would see better road links from the M1 through to the A617 Rainworth bypass, and beyond, linking towards the A614 and the surrounding areas towards Newark and the A1 in the east of our county, providing better connections for all communities across central of Nottinghamshire.

### **MOTION TWO**

Councillor Chris Barnfather moved an amended Motion in terms of resolution 2018/014 below. The motion was jointly seconded by Councillors Alan Rhodes and Richard Jackson.

Following a debate the Motion was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried and it was:-

### **RESOLVED: 2018/014**

Nottinghamshire County Council, as a waste disposal authority:-

- supports the growing national campaign to highlight the dangers of single-use plastics to our environment, especially our oceans;
- commits to continue to work with our waste management partners to maximise the amount of plastic and other materials which can be recycled subject to negotiation;
- commits to review and reduce our reliance on single-use plastic (SUP) products such as bottles, cups, cutlery and drinking straws throughout the Council's services and facilities, wherever alternative materials will not increase, and ideally can reduce costs to the council taxpayer;
- Will encourage our facilities users and local businesses and other public bodies to make the same commitment to reduce their use of SUPs;
- agrees that a report should be brought to Communities & Place Committee every six months to update Members on progress towards this objective.

### **MOTION THREE**

A Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Jason Zadrozny and seconded by Councillor Helen-Ann Smith:-

"This Council notes with concern that Universal Credit will start rolling out across Nottinghamshire from May 2018.

It will roll out at Newark Job Centre Plus in May, Mansfield Job Centre Plus in September, Nottingham Central Job Centre Plus in October and Ashfield Job Centre Plus, Beeston Job Centre Plus and Arnold Job Centre Plus in November.

This Council further notes that Universal Credit will apply to working age households, and be paid as a single monthly payment to replace:

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Housing Benefit

This Council notes concerns from landlords, councils and charities about universal credit and how it affects Nottinghamshire's most vulnerable residents, that councils whose tenants have already been moved onto universal credit said they had built up millions in rent arrears with residents at risk of eviction. Figures received under a recent Freedom of Information request show that half of all council tenants across 105 local authorities who receive the housing element of universal credit – which replaces housing benefit – are at least a month behind on their rent, with 30% two months behind. Figures also show a dramatic increase in the use of food banks in areas where this has already been rolled out.

This Council has major concerns that families risk being pushed into a spiral of debt due to a minimum six-week wait for an initial payment and processing delays. For low-income claimants, many of whom who lack savings, this in effect leaves them without cash for six weeks.

This Council has a responsibility to protect the poorest residents in Nottinghamshire. This Council believes that Universal Credit in its current form will have a huge detrimental impact on our residents.

This Council calls on the Government to stop the roll out of Universal Credit in Nottinghamshire until the current problems with the system are sorted out.

We therefore call for the leaders of the Ashfield Independents, Conservatives and Labour Parties to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, The Rt Hon Esther McVey outlining our opposition to Universal Credit in its current form”

An amendment to the Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Alan Rhodes and seconded by Councillor Kate Foale:-

“This Council notes with concern that Universal Credit will start rolling out across Nottinghamshire from May 2018.

It will roll out at Newark Job Centre Plus in May, Mansfield Job Centre Plus in September, Nottingham Central Job Centre Plus in October and Ashfield Job Centre Plus, Beeston Job Centre Plus and Arnold Job Centre Plus in November. **It was introduced in Retford and Worksop Job centres in 13<sup>th</sup> December last year.**

This Council further notes that Universal Credit will apply to working age households, and be paid as a single monthly payment to replace:

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Housing Benefit

This Council notes concerns from landlords, councils and charities about universal credit and how it affects Nottinghamshire's most vulnerable residents, that councils whose tenants have already been moved onto universal credit said they had built up millions in rent arrears with residents at risk of eviction. Figures received under a recent Freedom of Information request show that half of all council tenants across 105 local authorities who receive the housing element of universal credit – which replaces housing benefit – are at least a month behind on their rent, with 30% two months behind. Figures also show a dramatic increase in the use of food banks in areas where this has already been rolled out.

**A further consequence of the universal credit roll out is untimely reduction in free school meals provided those to children whose parents earn over £7,400 per annum, which will evidentially impact on pupil outcomes, in addition to increasing food costs for those families already struggling on low incomes.**

This Council has major concerns that families risk being pushed into a spiral of debt due to a minimum six-week wait for an initial payment and processing delays. For low-income claimants, many of whom who lack savings, this in effect leaves them without cash for six weeks.

This Council has a responsibility to protect the poorest residents in Nottinghamshire. This Council believes that Universal Credit in its current form will have a huge detrimental impact on our residents.

This Council calls on the Government to stop the roll out of Universal Credit in Nottinghamshire until the current problems with the system are sorted out.

We therefore call for the leaders of the Ashfield Independents, Conservatives and Labour Parties to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, The Rt Hon Esther McVey outlining our opposition to Universal Credit in its current form”

The amendment was accepted by the Mover of the Motion.

Following a debate the Motion as amended was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was lost.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 28 Members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Joyce Bosnjak  
Nicki Brooks  
John Clarke  
Jim Creamer  
Samantha Deakin  
Sybil Fielding  
Kate Foale  
Glynn Gilfoyle  
Kevin Greaves  
Errol Henry JP  
Paul Henshaw  
Tom Hollis  
John Knight  
Rachel Madden

David Martin  
Diana Meale  
Michael Payne  
John Peck JP  
Sheila Place  
Liz Plant  
Mike Pringle  
Alan Rhodes  
Helen-Ann Smith  
Parry Tsimbirdis  
Muriel Weisz  
Andy Wetton  
Yvonne Woodhead  
Jason Zadzonzy

The following 32 Members voted '**Against**' the motion:-

Reg Adair  
Chris Barnfather  
Ben Bradley  
Andrew Brown  
Richard Butler  
Neil Clarke MBE  
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE  
Dr John Doddy  
Boyd Elliott  
Stephen Garner  
Keith Girling  
John Handley  
Tony Harper  
Vaughan Hopewell  
Richard Jackson  
Roger Jackson

Eric Kerry  
Bruce Laughton  
John Ogle  
Philip Owen  
Francis Purdue-Horan  
Kevin Rostance  
Phil Rostance  
Mrs Sue Saddington  
Andy Sissons  
Tracey Taylor  
Steve Vickers  
Keith Walker  
Stuart Wallace  
Gordon Wheeler  
Jonathan Wheeler  
Martin Wright

The Chairman declared that the motion was lost.

#### **MOTION FOUR**

As per Paragraph 7 of the Council's Procedure Rules the 5.30pm end time for the meeting was reached at this point, therefore all remaining business on the agenda would be carried over to the following meeting.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.30 pm.

#### **CHAIRMAN**