



SUMMONS TO COUNCIL

date Thursday, 22 September 2022 venue County Hall, West Bridgford,
commencing at 10:30 Nottingham

You are hereby requested to attend the above Meeting to be held at the time/place and on the date mentioned above for the purpose of transacting the business on the Agenda as under.

Deputy Chief Executive

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Research undertaken by the Child Poverty Action Group, published on 1st August 2022, has indicated that 16.7 million people in England will be living in fuel poverty by January 2023, a figure drastically higher than the 3.65 million people reported to be in fuel poverty in 2019/20.

The research also suggests as many as 57.1% of East Midlands households are expected to be living in fuel poverty by January 2023.

A significant portion of these people will expect to pay 30% or more of their total net-income on heating their homes.

The Government will consider what measures they will undertake to address the cost-of-living crisis and rising energy prices, however, this Council can and should have a contingency plan currently in place to help the people in Nottinghamshire this winter.

Across the country, many Local Authorities have publicly acknowledged this and have plans to implement policies, such as the establishment of communal 'Warm Rooms', where residents in need can access free, heated spaces.

The Labour Group believe that waiting until November for the Overview Committee to start a project of considering what assistance this Council may be able, willing or required to provide over the coming winter months will simply be too late.

We therefore ask this Council to:

1. Provide a report detailing the potential actions this Council can take to mitigate the impact of the energy price and cost of living crises specifically over the coming winter months (From October onward) by no later than the next Cabinet meeting on 13 October 2022, for approval.

2. Support the Implementation of a 'Warm Rooms' scheme across Nottinghamshire, similar to existing schemes proposed by other Local Authorities elsewhere, at the earliest opportunity.

Councillor Paul Henshaw Councillor Kate Foale

NOTES:-

(A) For Councillors

- (1) Members will be informed of the date and time of their Group meeting for Council by their Group Researcher.
- (2) Lunch will usually be taken at approximately 12.30pm.
- (3)
 - (a) Persons making a declaration of interest should have regard to the Code of Conduct and the Procedure Rules for Meetings of the Full Council. Those declaring must indicate whether their interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or a private interest and the reasons for the declaration.
 - (b) Any member or officer who declares a disclosable pecuniary interest in an item must withdraw from the meeting during discussion and voting upon it, unless a dispensation has been granted. Members or officers requiring clarification on whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services prior to the meeting.
 - (c) Declarations of interest will be recorded and included in the minutes of this meeting and it is therefore important that clear details are given by members and others in turn, to enable Democratic Services to record accurate information.
- (4) At any Full Council meeting except the budget meeting and an extraordinary meeting Members are given an opportunity to speak for up to three minutes on any issue which specifically relates to their division and is relevant to the services provided by the County Council. These speeches must relate specifically to the area the Member represents and should not be of a general nature. They are constituency speeches and therefore must relate to constituency issues only. This is an opportunity simply to air these issues in a Council meeting. It will not give rise to a debate on the issues or a question or answer session. There is a maximum time limit of 15 minutes for this item.

- (5) At any Full Council meeting except the budget meeting and an extraordinary meeting Members may present a petition to the Chairman of the County Council on any matter affecting the residents of their division, and in relation to which the County Council has powers or duties. The Member presenting the petition can introduce and speak about the petition for up to one minute. Members are reminded that there is a time limit of 15 minutes for the presentation of petitions, after which any petitions not yet presented will be received en bloc by the Chairman.
- (6) In relation to questions to the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority and questions to the Leader, Cabinet Members and Committee Chairmen; after receiving an answer to their question, the Councillor asking the original question may ask one supplementary question on the same matter. There will be no additional supplementary questions.
- (7) Members' attention is drawn to the questions put to the Cabinet Members for Children and Young People, Economic Development and Asset Management and Transport and Environment, under paragraphs 46, 49, 50 and 57 of the Procedure Rules, and the answers to which are included at the back of the Council book.
- (8) Members are reminded that these papers may be recycled. Appropriate containers are located in the respective secretariats.
- (9) Commonly used points of order
- 26 – Constituency issues must be about issues which specifically relate to the Member's division and is relevant to the services provided by the County Council
- 55 – Only 1 supplementary question per question is allowed from the Councillor who asked the original question and supplementary questions must be on the same matter
- 65 – The Mover or Seconder has spoken for more than 10 minutes when moving the motion
- 68 – The Member has spoken for more than 5 minutes
- 70 – The Member is not speaking to the subject under discussion
- 71 – The Member has already spoken on the motion
- 90 – Points of Order and Personal Explanations
- 99 – Disorderly conduct
- (10) Time limit of speeches

Motions

68 – no longer than 5 minutes (subject to any exceptions set out in the Constitution)

Constituency Issues

26 – up to 3 minutes per speech allowed

29 – up to 15 minutes for this item allowed

Petitions

33 – up to one minute per petition allowed

37 – up to 15 minutes for this item allowed

Questions

49 – up to 60 minutes for this item allowed

(B) For Members of the Public

- (1) Members of the public wishing to inspect "Background Papers" referred to in the reports on the agenda or Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act should contact:

Customer Services Centre 0300 500 80 80.

- (2) The papers enclosed with this agenda are available in large print if required. Copies can be requested by contacting the Customer Services Centre on 0300 500 80 80. Certain documents (for example appendices and plans to reports) may not be available electronically. Hard copies can be requested from the above contact.
- (3) This agenda and its associated reports are available to view online via an online calendar –
<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/dms/Meetings.aspx>



Meeting	COUNTY COUNCIL
Date	Thursday, 7 July 2022 (10.30 am – 5.27 pm)

Membership

COUNCILLORS

Roger Jackson (Chairman)
John Ogle (Vice-Chairman)

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

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

HONORARY ALDERMEN

Terence Butler
John Carter
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May	(Chief Executive)
Marjorie Toward	(Chief Executives)
Sara Allmond	(Chief Executives)
Sarah Ashton	(Chief Executives)
Carl Bilbey	(Chief Executives)
Isobel Fleming	(Chief Executives)
Michael Higginson	(Chief Executives)
James McDonnell	(Chief Executives)
Phil Rostance	(Chief Executives)
Nigel Stevenson	(Chief Executives)
Jonathan Gribbin	(Adult Social Care and Public Health)
Lawrence Jones	(Children and Families)
Adrian Smith	(Place)

OPENING PRAYER

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

MINUTE SILENCE

A minute silence was held in memory of former County Councillor Vaughan Hopewell.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2022/025

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 May 2022 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

- Councillor André Camilleri (other)
- Councillor Steve Carr (medical/illness)
- Councillor Debbie Darby (medical/illness)
- Councillor Samantha Deakin (medical/illness)
- Councillor Sybil Fielding (other)
- Councillor Michael Payne (other)

- Councillor Sheila Place (other)
- Councillor Dave Shaw (medical/illness)

Councillor Stephen Garner submitted an apology that he would arrive late to the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

UNICEF Baby Friendly Initiative – Gold Service

Councillor Tracey Taylor introduced the award which was a reaccreditation of the award first received in 2020. The award is a nationally recognised mark of quality care.

The UNICEF UK Baby Friendly Initiative enables public services to better support families with feeding and developing close and loving relationships so that all babies get the best possible start in life. The programme supports maternity, neonatal, health visiting and children's centre services to transform their care.

The Chairman received the award from Councillor Taylor and presented it to Louise Lester, Consultant in Public Health.

Former County Councillor Vaughan Hopewell

The Chairman spoke in memory of former County Councillor Vaughan Hopewell.

Councillors Nigel Moxon, Ben Bradley MP, Kate Foale, Jason Zadrozny and Paul Henshaw also spoke in memory of Former County Councillor Vaughan Hopewell.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

The Chairman updated members on the business he and the Vice-Chairman had carried out since the last meeting, including attending a number of events such as a visit to Portland College and thanked those who had attended his civic service.

Councillor Stephen Garner arrived in the Chamber during this item.

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 John Lee regarding youth service provision in Balderton and anti-social behaviour in his division

Councillor Tracey Taylor regarding speeding and traffic management issues in Misterton division

Councillor David Martin regarding Two Counties Trust and Sports Provision in Selston

Councillor John Wilmott regarding concerns about the County Council and its responsibilities to Hucknall North

Councillor Helen-Ann Smith was absent from the Chamber from 10.55am to 11.08am during this item.

6. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

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

- (1) Councillor Neil Clarke MBE, request for a safer (lighted) crossing to be installed at the crossroads over C28 (Musters Road, Langar)
- (2) Councillor Jonathan Wheeler, request for a pedestrian crossing on Landmere Lane

RESOLVED: 2022/026

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.

7. A MOTION OF CONGRATULATIONS TO NOTTINGHAM FOREST FOOTBALL CLUB

Councillor Ben Bradley MP introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2022/027 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Bruce Laughton.

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: 2022/027

- 1) That Nottingham Forest Football Club be congratulated on its promotion to the Premier League and that all those who contributed to their success be thanked.
- 2) That the Council wished Nottingham Forest Football Club luck for the season ahead and thanked the Club for all it does for Nottinghamshire

Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 11.14am during this item.

Councillor Helen-Ann Smith was absent from the Chamber from 11.43am to 11.58am during this item.

Councillor Daniel Williamson submitted his apologies (medical/illness) and left the Chamber at 11.55am during this item. He did not return to the meeting.

8. RECOGNITION OF THE OUTGOING CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Councillor Ben Bradley MP introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2022/028 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Bruce Laughton.

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: 2022/028

- 1) That the Council thanks the Chief Executive for his long-standing service to the County Council and the outstanding contribution he has made in improving the lives of residents across Nottinghamshire and the region.

Councillor John Doddy arrived at the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Tom Hollis left the Chamber at 12.10pm during this item.

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

Councillor Helen-Ann Smith left the Chamber at 12.22pm and returned at 12.45pm

Councillor Sam Smith left the Chamber at 12.35pm and returned at 12.54pm

The Council adjourned from 1pm to 2pm for lunch.

Councillor Ben Bradley MP submitted his apologies (other) and did not return to the Chamber after lunch.

Councillor Tom Hollis returned to the Chamber at the reconvening of the meeting at 2pm.

9. ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT COMMITTEE – NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE INTEGRATED CARE PARTNERSHIP

Councillor Matt Barney introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2022/029 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Scott Carlton.

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: 2022/029

- 1) That the establishment of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Partnership, as a joint committee between Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham City Council and the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire NHS Integrated Care Board in accordance with Section 116ZA of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (as amended by the Health and Care Act 2022) be approved on the basis of the arrangements described in the appendix, including the initial Terms of Reference.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer to make consequential changes to the Council's Constitution to reference this new joint committee and the Council's representation upon it as appropriate and to agree any minor amendments to the Terms of Reference.
- 3) That the appointment of the five County Council representatives on the ICP be undertaken by the Team Manager, Democratic Services on behalf of the Chief Executive (the Proper Officer).
- 4) That a further report be submitted to a meeting of Full Council to approve the finalised Terms of Reference.

10. EXECUTIVE REPORT – KEY ISSUES AND ACTIVITIES

RESOLVED: 2022/030

That the contents of the report be noted.

11a. QUESTIONS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY

None

11b. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Ten questions had been received as follows: -

- 1) from Councillor Tom Hollis regarding any link between educational attainment and school funding (Councillor Tracey Taylor replied)
- 2) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny concerning the withdrawal of the 141 bus route (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 3) from Councillor Lee Waters about the impact of inflation on this Council this year (Councillor Richard Jackson replied)
- 4) from Councillor Kate Foale regarding Government funding to increase staffing budgets in line with inflation (Councillor Ben Bradley MP replied)
- 5) from Councillor Paul Henshaw concerning the estimated cost of implementing the Government's social care reforms (Councillor Matt Barney replied)
- 6) from Councillor Michelle Welsh about any impact of the proposed increase in ration of nursery children on the cost of care provision (Councillor Tracey Taylor replied)
- 7) from Councillor David Martin regarding ViaFix pothole repairs (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)

The full responses to the questions above are set out in set out in Appendix A 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 questions within 15 working days of the meeting and be included in the papers for the next Full Council meeting.

- 8) from Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan concerning any discussions about selling any part of County Hall (Councillor Keith Girling to reply)
- 9) from Councillor Penny Gowland about the state of the highways (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE to reply)
- 10) from Councillor Helen-Ann Smith regarding plans for a children's home on Saville Road, Skegby (Councillor Tracey Taylor to reply)

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

Councillor Sam Smith left the Chamber 2.33pm and returned at 2.47pm
Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 2.44pm and returned at 3.26pm
Councillor Sue Saddington left the Chamber at 3.04pm and returned at 3.16pm

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Motion One

A motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan and seconded by Councillor David Martin:-

“This Council notes that Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council, Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Councils are in negotiations to create a Combined organisation.

That the bid calls for a large number of extra powers to be given to the East Midlands Mayoral Combined Authority from central Government. This Council notes that the bid calls for any new executive mayor or governor to have the power to introduce an extra precept – an additional section on council tax bills.

This will see residents across the two counties and two cities paying more in Council Tax every year. This could possibly see Council Tax bills rise by over £100 at a time we are living in a cost-of-living crisis.

This Council believes this is the wrong time to be raising Council Tax again and therefore commits to making it clear during negotiations that Nottinghamshire County Council is against any introduction of a mayoral precept and will write to the partner councils and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities making this clear.”

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Bruce Laughton and seconded by Councillor Chris Barnfather:-

“This Council notes that Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council, Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Councils are in negotiations to create a Combined organisation.

That the bid calls for a large number of extra powers to be given to the East Midlands Mayoral Combined Authority from central Government. This Council notes that **some deals include** ~~the bid calls for any new executive mayor or governor to have the power to introduce an extra precept – an additional section on council tax bills.~~

This ~~could~~ **will** see residents across the two counties and two cities paying more in Council Tax every year, **however the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council has made it clear that he does not support any such rises.** ~~This could possibly see Council Tax bills rise by over £100 at a time we are living in a cost-of-living crisis.~~

This Council believes **it would be** ~~this is the wrong time to be raising~~ **local** Council ~~taxes~~ **for this purpose** again and therefore **recommits** to making it clear during negotiations that Nottinghamshire County Council is against any introduction of a mayoral precept and will write to the partner councils and ~~the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities making this clear~~ **stating this position.**”

The Council adjourned from 3.44pm to 3.50pm and from 3.59pm to 4.10pm to allow the amendment to be considered.

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

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

RESOLVED: 2022/031

This Council notes that Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council, Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council are in negotiations to create a Combined organisation.

That the bid calls for a large number of extra powers to be given to the East Midlands Mayoral Combined Authority from central Government. This Council notes that some deals include the power to introduce an extra precept – an additional section on council tax bills.

This could see residents across the two counties and two cities paying more in Council Tax every year, however the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council has made it clear that he does not support any such rises.

This Council believes it would be wrong to raise local taxes for this purpose and therefore recommits to making it clear during negotiations that Nottinghamshire County Council is against any introduction of a mayoral precept and will write to the partner councils stating this position.

Councillor Keith Girling left the Chamber at 3.27pm and did not return to the meeting.

Councillor Errol Henry JP left the Chamber 3.27pm and returned at 3.41pm

Motion Two

A motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Penny Gowland and seconded by Councillor Paul Henshaw:-

“We know that the climate and ecology crisis is changing our world. It is affecting some people’s lives now but affects will worsen in the lifetime of younger people living in Nottinghamshire.

COVID has shown that we can rapidly respond to crises that affect our health now, but we find it much harder to deal with future risks, e.g. climate and ecology issues, pandemic planning, and energy policy.

It is easier to focus on these future risks if we link them to the lives of our young people, by adopting the Future Generations Principle, which seeks to ensure that in meeting our own needs we do not stop future generations meeting their needs.

In the last session of Parliament, Lord Bird introduced a UK-wide Wellbeing of Future Generations Bill based on this principle, which ran out of time, but had cross-party support, including from Nottinghamshire MPs Ruth Edwards, Darren Henry, Nadia Whittome, Brendan Clarke-Smith and Lilian Greenwood.

This Council will:

1. Act in accordance with the Future Generations Principle, ensuring that we meet the needs of current residents without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
2. Require all council reports to explicitly consider impact on future generations.
3. Provide the Nottinghamshire Young People's Board with formal opportunities to scrutinise Council's policies and decisions, in terms of the Future Generations Principle."

Following a debate, the altered motion 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 21 members voted '**For**' the altered motion:-

Pauline Allan	John 'Maggie' McGrath
Anne Callaghan	Andy Meakin
John Clarke MBE	Mike Pringle
Jim Creamer	Francis Purdue-Horan
Kate Foale	Helen-Ann Smith
Glynn Gilfoyle	Lee Waters
Penny Gowland	Michelle Welsh
Errol Henry JP	Elizabeth Williamson
Paul Henshaw	John Wilmott
Tom Hollis	Jason Zadrozny
David Martin	

The following 34 members voted '**Against**' the altered motion:

Reg Adair	Dr John Doddy
Mike Adams	Bethan Eddy
Sinead Anderson	Boyd Elliott
Callum Bailey	Stephen Garner
Matt Barney	Mike Introna
Chris Barnfather	Richard Jackson
Richard Butler	Roger Jackson
Scott Carlton	Eric Kerry
Neil Clarke MBE	Bruce Laughton
Robert Corden	Johno Lee
John Cottee	Nigel Moxon
Eddie Cubley	John Ogle

Philip Owen
Mike Quigley MBE
Mrs Sue Saddington
Sam Smith
Tom Smith

Tracey Taylor
Nigel Turner
Roger Upton
Gordon Wheeler
Jonathan Wheeler

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

The Chairman declared the motion was lost.

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

Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber 4.49pm and returned at 5.18pm
Councillor Helen-Ann Smith left the Chamber at 4.54pm and returned at 5.18pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.27 pm.

CHAIRMAN

APPENDIX A

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 July 2022 QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Question to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Tom Hollis

Do you think there is a link between educational attainment and school funding cuts?

Response from the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Councillor Tracey Taylor

Thank you, Councillor Hollis for your question, for hypothetical question perhaps: 'Do I think there is a link between educational attainment and school funding cuts?'

The short answer to this closed question would be 'No', or most certainly not in the way that the question seeks to imply.

Whatever the per pupil funding level for schools across the country has been in any given year, we have seen pupils in some schools thrive and do well, while pupils in other schools have done less well with the same amount of funding.

In October 2021, the Government confirmed that it would continue to deliver year on year, real term per pupil increases to school funding, investing a further £4.7 billion in the core school budget in 2024-2025.

This is on top of the settlement provided by the 2019 Spending Review which provided the biggest increase in school funding in a decade.

It should be noted, however, that budgets in schools are strongly linked to the number of pupils on roll, so where schools experience a significant drop in numbers, or where pupil numbers are regularly low as in some of our small schools, managing the budget can be a challenge.

Establishing a robust, causal link between school funding and attainment is difficult because there are a wide range of other factors that influence pupil attainment. In 2017 in their 'School funding and pupil outcomes: literature review and regression analysis', the DfE stated that there were only a few research studies sophisticated enough to provide robust estimates of the impact of school spending on attainment.

They concluded that whilst it was not possible to establish a consistent link between funding levels and outcomes in schools, the weight of evidence from studies suggested that additional school resources did positively influence attainment, although the effects were relatively modest at all Key Stages.

The key factor in outcomes often seems to be the standard of leadership and teaching in a school. This is irrespective of whether the school is located in an area of relative disadvantage or affluence. There are many examples across the country where schools in disadvantaged areas have enabled their pupils to produce outstanding

outcomes relative to expectations, and there are schools from apparently prosperous areas where pupils have performed less well than expected.

Quality of teaching is now seen to be the single most important in-school factor in improving outcomes for children, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds. Being taught by a high-quality teacher can add almost half a GCSE grade per subject to a given pupil's results.

Quality of teaching and leadership is of course a major determining factor in Ofsted assessments, so I think it's good news that 86.5% of Nottinghamshire pupils attend a 'good' or 'outstanding' school in the County, as rated by Ofsted. We want this figure to rise further, which can only be beneficial for the educational attainment and future prospects of young people growing up and being educated in this county.

The last validated attainment data shows that there continue to be gains in children's attainment across Nottinghamshire:

- In Early Years Foundation Stage, 70.6% of children achieved a good level of development in 2019 which is an improvement on 2018 outcomes and the gap to national has continued to narrow over the last two years;
- By the end of Key Stage 2 the proportion of children achieving above the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths in Nottinghamshire is above national average;
- At secondary level, Nottinghamshire's standard pass outcomes for GCSE English and Maths were ranked 47th in 2019, that's up from 65th in 2018, compared across all 150 published Local Authorities nationally.

Some Nottinghamshire districts such as Mansfield and Ashfield face higher than average levels of deprivation and current attainment is below the national and county pictures. The DfE has allocated additional funding through the Education Improvement Area Grant to support improved attainment and outcomes for these children and young people. In his absence, I would actually thank the Leader of this Council for his petitioning to secure those improved funds

The DfE expanded the National Tutoring Programme in recognition of the potential impact of the Coronavirus and lockdowns on pupil attainment. The expansion of the programme was supported by £1 billion-worth of national funding, allowing Nottinghamshire schools to have greater flexibility to offer 15-hour tutoring courses that meet the needs of their pupils and help to support improved attainment where individual children most need it.

I'm watching your face, Tom, I've lost you already haven't I?

Additional funding continues to be available to support our most vulnerable learners through special educational needs funding and pupil premium.

Local and national systems of accountability are in place to hold individual schools to account for the attainment and outcomes of all learners, including those who are most vulnerable. DfE Performance tables, Ofsted and our Nottinghamshire County Council Educational Opportunities for All Performance Board continue to share data and relevant research with learning providers, delivering guidance on the most effective strategies to improve educational outcomes and holding key partners and teams to account for the impact of their contribution.

Whilst not the only factor, ensuring the effective use of available funding undoubtedly contributes to supporting pupil attainment, educational outcomes, and effective preparation for adulthood.

Councillor Hollis' question does not really define what he means by '*school funding*'. He may, or may not, also be considering the amount of money invested into improving school buildings in recent years. Generally speaking, I would argue that good leadership and teaching in a relatively poor quality school building is still more likely to improve educational attainment than poor quality leadership and teaching in a new or well-refurbished school building, but that certainly doesn't mean we shouldn't invest in new school buildings.

Nottinghamshire County Council has invested some £116.5 million in new and refurbished school buildings since 2017. If I was a pupil, I'd certainly prefer to go to school each day in a modern high-quality facility which, if *combined* with inspiring leadership and teaching, could only benefit my educational attainment.

In summary, Chairman, the amount of money we invest in our children's education will always be important, whether we're talking about funding per pupil or investing in school infrastructure. In terms of educational attainment, the limited studies available suggest that the amount we spend can have a modest beneficial effect, but only in tandem with other factors, especially quality of teaching.

Question to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment from Councillor Jason Zadrozny

Earlier this year, Trent Barton announced that from August 3rd they were cancelling evening buses on the 141 bus route that goes from Sutton-in-Ashfield to Nottingham. This bus serves over a dozen communities across Nottinghamshire along with Kings Mill Hospital and City Hospital.

On a post on their website – Trent Barton said it was “Due to the withdrawal of Nottinghamshire County Council funding.” Last week, they announced that from September 4th, they were scrapping the service altogether. Close to 2000 residents have signed our petition against the scrapping of this vital service.

Can the Chairman please outline what discussions this Council have had with Trent Barton about the scrapping of the 141 bus service and detail how much funding has been withdrawn by this County Council?

Response from the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor Neil Clarke MBE

This is a very serious question but marred by so much misinformation. Why spoil a story with giving the actual true facts?

It is frustrating that the printed media publish press releases that have been given to them without checking whether they are true, or consulting with the County Council first to check the facts. And thus, the media misleading the public.

The question starts by claiming, as Councillor Zadrozny iterated, [that] earlier this year Trent Barton announced that from 3rd August they were cancelling evening buses on the 141 bus route.

Was that this year Mr Chairman? No.

Was that last year? No.

Was that the year before? No.

That "August 3rd" was in 2014, eight years ago, as confirmed by Trent Barton!

So, I can confirm, Mr Chairman, that no County Council funding has been withdrawn from the 141 service during this administration or by the Council at all in relation to that 141 service, and also the Council's current £2,900 a month support for this route is still available, is still current, and continues to be paid. So there's been no withdrawal of funding from this Council at all, Mr Chairman, for that service, even though it was claimed in the media that that was the case.

As far as discussions with Trent Barton are concerned, as part of our bus network review required by the Bus Service Improvement Plan, officers have held regular meetings with all bus operators to help identify any at-risk services to ensure we are well placed to respond to any proposed withdrawals. However, Trent Barton informed us last Friday 1st July that they would be issuing a media release to withdraw the service - their decision - from September 4th as it is no longer commercially viable even with the continuing County Council subsidy.

Removing it will also from their perspective relieve some of the pressure caused by persistent driver shortages as far as Trent Barton are concerned. And of course, the reason for that withdrawal of the service by Trent Barton is because the Bus Recovery Grant comes to an end then, which obviously reduces the support that the Government is paying direct to Trent Barton, Mr Chairman.

I spoke with Tom Morgan, Group Director at Trent Barton on Monday just gone, and again on Tuesday and discussed the issue with him. He confirmed that the route is no longer commercially viable and he confirmed that that "August 3rd" was eight years ago - Trent Barton confirmed it. So, he confirmed it was no longer commercially viable and that Trent Barton wished to withdraw from the route in order to provide greater resilience to their other services.

Following the announcement, officers are working hard to develop a range of options to provide alternative bus services and officers will therefore be bringing forward tenders in the coming days to provide suitable alternative solutions in time for that withdrawal. It is worth restating that as a Council we do compare well with other authorities in terms of the funding that we prioritise for local buses. We have been successful in securing £31 million of Bus Service Improvement Plan funding and expect to be awarded £3.9 million for supporting Nottinghamshire bus services through the Covid recovery period. And, Mr Chairman, this is an addition to the £4.1 million per year core investment to supply local services that we provide.

However, it's an ongoing situation, Mr Chairman. I am arranging further discussions with Trent Barton and I've agreed to meet with the Managing Director when he returns from holiday. I'll meet with him on Monday and I'm inviting all divisional members through which the route runs to join that meeting as well, as they are all affected, but I don't envisage the situation to be changed as far as Trent Barton are concerned and the service.

I am also writing to all local members that are impacted by Trent Barton's decision and of course we'll keep them informed as we look to develop alternative service provision for the affected communities.

Question to the Cabinet Member for Finance from Councillor Lee Waters

Could the Cabinet Member for finance quantify the impact of inflation on this Council this year, the rise in National Insurance and the rise in energy prices?

Response from the Cabinet Member for Finance, Councillor Richard Jackson

Can I thank Councillor Waters for his question not least because it gives us the opportunity this afternoon to reassure the public of Nottinghamshire that we are well placed to weather the storm of inflation and to continue to deliver the services that they rely on.

The likely impact of inflation for the coming year is estimated in our Council Budget reports every February, and then on an ongoing basis by Financial Monitoring Reports. These reports were taken to Finance Committee prior to the changes in governance arrangements and are now received by myself and then published under the new 'Cabinet and Leader' model.

We know that inflationary pressures have been impacting this Council in several ways. These include:

- Higher prices for building and construction materials along with a shortage of these materials;
- Staffing costs, particularly in the social care sector, but also including catering, facilities management, drivers, and our own staffing, largely due to competition from other industries paying higher salaries;

and, of course

- We are facing large rises in both gas and electricity prices, for reasons that have been widely discussed and documented at the national and indeed international level, so I won't go over that issue again here this afternoon.

The County Council has taken steps when constructing this year's budget to set aside reserves to manage these issues in the short-term. This is the kind of careful and prudent management that our residents are entitled to expect from us.

One of the measures that has protected us from the harshness of the rise in electricity and gas prices has been our forward-thinking in buying energy well in advance and at fixed prices, providing us with some security about the levels of funding we will need, even though the cost of these packages will gradually increase.

Likewise, our continuing investment in the rollout of LED street lighting technology is paying off better than expected, with reduced energy consumption and reduced costs compared with what we would have been paying to maintain the old-style of lighting.

Inflation has an impact both on our revenue and capital programmes.

As far as capital is concerned, it is each individual budget holder's responsibility to ensure every effort is made to manage their programmes within the approved funding envelopes. Where this is not possible, issues with capital budgets must be raised as early as possible through our monthly capital monitoring exercises. Subsequently, if necessary, approval will be sought to vary the capital programme through a Latest Estimated Cost Report or through the usual capital approval channels. We saw some impact from inflation on our capital programme during last year. We'll continue to monitor this going forward.

In the case of our revenue budgets, the Council does not automatically provide inflation increases to annual cash limit budgets. An annual exercise is undertaken to review all cost pressures and inflation bids, with the expectation that budget holders will review all possible savings or other cost avoidance measures. Where necessary, additional costs such as material price inflation will be considered as part of the regular Medium Term Financial Strategy updates that will be included in the annual budget approved by Full Council in February each year.

The Financial Monitoring report that will be brought to Cabinet next week and was published yesterday, indicates that the forecast outturn may see an overspend of about £4.4 million, with inflationary pressures appearing in areas of Looked After Children; Highways; and Schools Catering.

We also face significant challenges in the Adult Social Care market, therefore plans will be brought to the next Cabinet meeting to use a combination of Central Government grant and our own reserves, set aside from last year, to implement measures in this sector. No overspend is forecast on Adult Social Care & Public Health budgets.

It's fair to say that the inflationary challenges facing Nottinghamshire County Council are similar to those facing councils across the country. The Local Government Association and the County Councils Network have both been vocal in recent weeks about the additional pressures being felt by their member authorities.

New figures based on research conducted by the County Councils Network (CCN) and the Society of County Treasurers reveal that the estimated cost of inflation in the current financial year for 40 of England's largest councils has risen by 92% in just three months since they set their budgets in March.

With the UK's inflation rate rising from 5.5% at the start of the year to 9% this Spring, and global costs rising, the research estimates that councils' costs from inflation have risen from £789 million as predicted in March when they set their budgets, to £1.5 billion as of last month, leaving a shortfall nationally of £729 million of additional unfunded costs. The CCN points out that County authorities are particularly exposed to these rising costs because of the nature of delivering services in large rural areas. Likewise, at the recent Local Government Association Conference, LGA Chairman James Jamieson said, and I quote:

"Soaring inflation, energy prices and National Living Wage pressures are putting council services at risk... Inflation is not going to come down overnight... Only with adequate long-term funding – to cover increased cost pressures and invest in local services - and the right powers, can councils deliver for our communities, tackle the climate emergency, and level up all parts of the country."

So, Chairman, the major bodies representing us local government, in which we play our part, are making very strong representations to central government about the cost pressures that we face, and this lobbying will no doubt continue in the coming months.

What we still need to remember is that any extra funding we receive comes ultimately from taxpayers, and central government departments face the same inflationary pressures themselves. It would be wrong to suggest that the challenges facing local government can all be solved simply by the new Chancellor of the Exchequer signing a bigger cheque.

At a local and national level, we need to find ways of absorbing these pressures through careful prioritisation and careful financial management. As I've pointed out many times, Nottinghamshire County Council's prudent and proactive approach to budgeting over the past decade has left us better equipped than many other authorities to chart a safe course through these turbulent times. We have sufficient reserves at present to cover any overspends in this current year's budget and we will continue to monitor the situation in our usual detailed and transparent way.

Question to the Leader of the Council from Councillor Kate Foale

Does the Leader agree with me that Nottinghamshire County Council should see a rise in Government funding to ensure staffing budgets can afford to rise in line with inflation; and if so, will the Leader, confirm to the Council today his intention to advocate for more Government funding for our hard-working Council staff?

Response from the Cabinet Member for Finance, Councillor Richard Jackson on behalf of the Leader of the Council, Councillor Ben Bradley MP

The Leader was going to endorse my response to the previous question, so I'll endorse my own response to the previous question!

Can I thank Councillor Foale for her question, a lot of which as I say has already been covered in my previous response.

We obviously know that inflationary pressures will impact the Council in many areas including staffing costs as she points out. We've seen problems around recruitment and retention particularly in the social care sector and we're currently in the process of addressing these challenges through our Transformation and Change Programme, but as I've already mentioned these pressures are also likely to affect catering, facilities management, drivers, and own staffing largely due to competition from other industries who are able to pay higher wages.

The truth is that we're already lobbying for support from Government on this and we have been for some time. We're all in the same boat on this as inflation is having a knock-on effect across all aspects of life.

As I've already highlighted, all major bodies representing us in local government - the LGA, the CCN, the Society of County Treasurers, which we play a significant role in all of them - are already making very strong representations to Government about the cost pressures that we face. This lobbying will continue.

It's not down to any one area to find this funding, some may have to come from Government, but we must also investigate other areas and other sources of funding. This County Council has taken steps, as I have already said, when constructing the budget this year to set aside reserves to manage these pressures, often criticised by opposition parties who would have had us spend those reserves, Mr Chairman, as you know. This is the kind of careful and prudent management, as I've already said, that residents are entitled to expect from us.

Inflation has an impact both on our revenue and our capital programmes. It's in each individual budget holder's responsibility, as I've said previously, to ensure that every effort is made to manage their capital programs within the approved funding envelopes. Where it's not possible, capital budgets must be raised as early as possible through our monthly capital monitoring exercises.

We're well aware of the most significant challenges we face which are in the adult social care market, therefore plans are being brought forward to the next Cabinet meeting to use a combination of Government grant and our reserves set aside from last year to address pressures in this sector, and no overspend is forecast, as I've previously said.

We're obviously not alone, and it's fair to say that inflationary challenges facing Nottinghamshire County Council are similar to those facing others across the country, but, as I said earlier, we are better placed than many to cope with them. We need to find ways locally and nationally of absorbing these pressures and I will highlight again

that we have sufficient reserves at present to cover any overspends in this current year's budget and we'll continue, as I said previously, to monitor the situation in the transparent way that we always have done.

Question to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health from Councillor Paul Henshaw

What will be the estimated cost of implementing the Government's social care reforms and will we be able to mitigate any of these costs to ensure that the quality of, and access to, our care does not negatively impact upon our service users?

Response from the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, Councillor Matt Barney

I'd like to thank Councillor Henshaw for your question and for his preamble, and to inform the chamber that there was a preamble to the preamble because Councillor Henshaw in his kindness spoke to me before the session this afternoon to assure me of the opposition's support as we deliver what's going to be an interesting few months ahead. There's a lot going on in the country isn't there and we do need to stand together and work together to do our best for the residents of Nottinghamshire, so I really appreciate both your question, your preamble and your pre-preamble, long may they continue!

Anyway, to get to the point, and it's going to take a little while because it's actually quite a long answer that I've got for you Councillor Henshaw.

Like all local authorities with primary responsibility for adult social care, Nottinghamshire County Council must implement eight pieces of reform to the way it provides these services over the next couple of years.

A paper detailing these reforms, and here it is, it's quite a hefty paper, and the anticipated impact on budgets and staff resources, will be presented at the County Council's Cabinet on 14th July, so next week, so not to pre-empt that too much, and to summarise for the purpose of this question, I just wanted to quickly go through those eight pieces of legislation. The first one being:

- The introduction of a cap on care costs from October 2023, where we will see the introduction of an £86,000 cap on the amount anyone in England will spend on their personal care over their lifetime;
- Secondly, changes to the rates the County Council pays registered providers, such as care homes and home care organisations, through the Fair Price for Care mechanism;
- Thirdly, introduction of an Integrated Care Board and an Integrated Care Partnership – we've referred to it this morning - to deliver joined-up care for the population under the Health & Care Act 2022 and the Government's Build Back Better plan for growth;

- Fourthly, a new Code of Practice for social work in relation to Liberty Protection Safeguards, which were introduced in the Mental Health Capacity (Amendment) Act 2019 to replace the previous Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards or “DOLS” system;
- Fifth, changes to the detention and treatment of adults under the new Mental Health Act, which has implications for the Adult Mental Health Professional service;
- Sixthly, new models of care for workforce Social Care System Improvement in relation to Disabled Facilities Grants and supported housing, reablement, prevention, and outcomes-based commissioning, and improvements in knowledge and skills training to deliver a healthy, sustainable workforce;

I'm getting there. There's two more to come:

- Seven, Integrated Care Systems and Social Care within local authorities will be subject to assurance through the Care Quality Commission (CQC), which is in addition to the CQC inspection regime that has been in place for many years across local provider services, where the department has been rated Good or Outstanding consistently in its regulated services - Reablement, Short Breaks and Shared Lives'.
- And finally, you'll be pleased to know, eighth on our list of statutory things that we need to bring into this Council, as part of the Integration White Paper, we will be required to make improvements to the pooling of budgets, the digital sharing of care records and the development of joint roles within our workforce, in order to better join up care for the local population.

Councillor Henshaw asks what will the cost of implementing these reforms be?

Well Chairman, I don't wish to pre-empt completely the paper that will come to Cabinet next week, but I can say that in 2014 the Council published the potential capacity and cost requirements for Part 2 of the Care Act, which ranged from £40 million to £51 million depending on the number of self-funders that came forward.

Several planning assumptions have changed since then and these need to be considered in the modelling, namely:

- introduction of the Three Conversations approach within Social Care;
- the Asset Thresholds and Cap value have changed;
- the type of care cost that counts toward the cap has changed;
- the economic situation has changed, quite dramatically, with cost of living increases meaning that self-funders may come forward at an earlier stage than anticipated.

In the report 'Preparing for Reform' by the County Council Network and Newton – which is a UK based specialist in operational improvement – the authors conclude that the Government could potentially need to spend half of the Health & Social Care Levy funded by National Insurance increases on these reforms alone by 2032.

The report estimates that the total costs of the reforms could be between £5.6 billion and £6.2 billion a year by 2031/32. The levy will generate an extra £12 billion in annual revenue earmarked for both the health service and social care, but only £1.2 billion in each of the next three years has been committed to these social care reforms so far.

For Adult Social Care, £5.4 billion has been announced nationally over three years from which £1.4 billion has been allocated for market support, split over [those] three years.

Analysis has been carried out to plan for the financial impact of these reforms on local authorities. It is estimated that the potential costs for the East Midlands between 2022 and 2032 will be:

- £802 million for Fair Price for Care;
- £614 – 743 million for the over 65s means test and cap; and
- £100 million on Operational spend.

Nottinghamshire County Council is still in the process of modelling to establish an up-to-date estimate of cost for this authority. Based on our work so far, we estimate we could be something in the region of £90 million per annum short of the funding we need, from Government or any other source, to deliver these reforms.

The Leader of this Council, in his capacity as an MP, has spoken in Parliament and made strong representations to ministers regarding this financial challenge, while our Corporate Director through the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) has used these channels to make the same points to Government.

Of course, we have to be as innovative as possible in seeking to meet these costs through internal transformation. We are also working with other local authorities, again through ADASS, to reduce duplication and achieve economies of scale where we can.

That said, we do need to ensure that local authorities with primary responsibility for adult social care delivery receive a realistic amount of new funding to deliver these reforms, especially considering the proactive and effective role we play in reducing the cost burdens falling on the NHS.

The focus of funding discussions in the past has often centred on the health and NHS side of delivery rather than the excellent and often proactive and preventative work done by local authorities. It follows, therefore, that with a large amount of Health & Social Care Funding Levy money now becoming available, we need to ensure the 'Social Care' element receives a fairer share than perhaps it has in the past.

Question to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Michelle Welsh

As the Government have announced a plan to consult on increasing the ratio of children to nursery in England from 4:1 to 5:1, does the Cabinet Member agree with the Government's intentions to increase this ratio, and whether this will significantly impact the cost of childcare provision in Nottinghamshire?

Response from the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Councillor Tracey Taylor

The Government announced on 4th July that a consultation will take place on the changes to ratios for children aged two attending nursery settings, as part of a wider package of measures to improve the availability and cost of childcare.

The consultation is available online on the GOV.UK website under the heading: Childcare – Regulatory Changes. It can be circulated to parents, providers and early years professionals. Our Early Childhood Services team will be publishing and promoting this to all providers in the coming days.

Currently, the ratios are:

- Children under two: one adult to three children;
- Children 2-3 year-olds: one adult to four children; and
- Children 3-5 years: one to eight, in non-school settings.

The proposal is to increase the numbers of two-year-olds that can be cared for by one member of staff from 1:4 to 1:5, with the belief that this will allow childcare providers to reduce staffing costs and pass that saving on to families.

Initial discussions have been held with the Nottinghamshire Early Years Consultation Group, which is made up of representatives from the Early Years Sector including Schools, Day Nurseries, Pre-schools and Childminders. Their responses to this proposal have been mixed.

There is concern that this proposed change could impact on the quality of the educational experience for the youngest children who need close supervision and support, and there is a consensus that most providers will maintain the 1:4 ratio in order to ensure quality.

The cost of running a Childcare business is increasing year on year and recent changes to the national minimum wage and pension contributions, coupled with recovery from the Pandemic, have hugely impacted the Sector. We have heard that most providers will be unable to reduce their charges. There is consequently little likelihood of this proposed change making a significant financial impact on the cost of childcare provision.

We should emphasise, however, that this is just part of the package of measures proposed, including:

- A proposal to encourage more people into the Childminding profession;
- Increased awareness and take up of Tax Free Childcare Accounts that have a potential saving to parents of £2,000 per year;
- Support for recruitment and retention across the Early Years sector; and
- Proposals to update the funding formulae for the early education entitlement for children aged 2, 3 and 4.

The point I would reiterate at this stage is that this is an ongoing consultation about a proposal. I will listen carefully to the feedback locally, and I'll be interested to hear the

views expressed from elsewhere around the country. The Government may well adapt its plans based on feedback, so I don't intend to draw any conclusions at this stage.

Question to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment from Councillor David Martin

At a visit to Bilsthorpe Depot last year as part of the Highway's Review Panel – we were shown the correct procedure for repairing a pothole. This took at least 5 minutes. On 29 June, a video lasting 4.13 seconds was posted on social media. It showed 2 workers from Via East Midlands (wholly owned by Nottinghamshire County Council) carrying out a pothole 'repair' in Sutton-in-Ashfield. The video showed the 'work' to fix the pothole lasting 44 seconds and involved chucking a bag of ViaFix into a pothole, levelling it off and then sitting in their van for 3 minutes and 29 seconds. Is this what you call 'significantly improving' the procedure to fix our broken roads and pavements? Do you feel that staff from Via East Midlands are following the correct procedure as demonstrated at Bilsthorpe Depot? Further to this, how many bags of ViaFix has the Council used to fix our potholes compared to this time last year?

Response from the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor Neil Clarke MBE

I haven't seen the video to which Councillor Martin refers in his question. He doesn't give much away as to where he actually saw it. "Social media" is a broad term. I've asked officers and I've asked other colleagues to search for this video and nobody can find it, so therefore I'm not inclined to give any opinion on a video that nobody can actually find, so I haven't seen it.

What I can say is that following the work of the cross-party Highways Services Review Panel, there has been – as we all know - an additional £12 million of investment into highways, which includes the doubling of the teams delivering large scale permanent repairs.

I would like to thank Councillor Martin, and his colleagues Councillor Hollis and Councillor Purdue Horan for their input, support and agreement during the Highways Review. In fact, I did make a point of thanking Councillor Martin for his very constructive support and input into the Highways Review and I continue with that thanks. That Highways Review did reach a unanimous conclusion. I can't remember if I've ever mentioned that before, Mr Chairman, but the recommendations were unanimous.

It proves that Councillor Martin and his colleagues when they are in a constructive mood, rather than tabling attention-seeking questions like this, we can make some progress.

Our highways teams are now having a major impact on improving the quality and quantity of repairs delivered, and we are looking to see the equivalent of 20 miles of continuous road permanently repaired during this year – significantly improving roads in this county.

Throughout the review we have been clear that we will need to continue to make urgent safety repairs where necessary, and that's where Viafix will continue to come in. At no stage have I ever said Viafix would be ceased, eliminated completely. For safety reasons, emergency reasons, it's always going to be necessary.

All Via staff are properly trained to make repairs in line with best practice procedures. In fact there is, I know, another video online featuring one of the Construction & Maintenance Foremen at Via, talking about the work that Via are currently doing. That can be found on the Nottinghamshire County Council Twitter feed, Mr Chairman.

Of course, the safety of highways operatives is vital too, and as such there are some situations where it is not appropriate for them to spend any more time than absolutely necessary to place material into a road defect to make it safe. I don't know whether this was the case in the instance that Councillor Martin is highlighting, but if he is able to provide more specific details then I would be very happy to investigate and provide a further response to him.

So lastly, he did ask about the quantity of Viafix, and just to prove, Mr Chairman, that the Highways Review unanimous recommendations are proving their worth, I can report to you that we are now, since the Highways Review, using 57% less Viafix than we were prior to the Highways Review. In my view, that's a good achievement which shows continued improvement in the way we work.

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek formal approval of Full Council to the appointment to the post of Chief Executive, the Council's Head of Paid Service, as agreed by the Council's Senior Staffing Committee.

Information

2. The Council's previous Chief Executive, Anthony May, has been appointed as Chief Executive of the Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust. Anthony has therefore resigned from his post with the County Council and took up his new role on 1 September 2022. The Council's Deputy Chief Executive has been acting up to cover the vacant role pending confirmation of the appointment to the permanent Chief Executive post.
3. Under its current Constitution Nottinghamshire County Council has designated the Chief Executive as Head of Paid Service and Proper Officer.
4. The Head of Paid Service has specific responsibility set out in legislation for ensuring effective management of the Council and reporting to Full Council on the way in which discharge of the Council's different functions is co-ordinated, number and grade of staff required to discharge the Council's functions and appointment, management, and organisation of the authority's staff.
5. The Proper Officer role has specific responsibility for carrying out duties set out in the Local Government Act in relation to the Council's governance arrangements.
6. The County Council's Chief Executive is also nominated as Returning Officer in charge of running Local, Parliamentary Elections and National Referenda.
7. Full Council at its meeting on 31st March 2022 approved the salary for the role as £188,167. Therefore, the vacant post was advertised at this level.
8. In order to ensure that the right person was appointed to this key role, a robust national recruitment process was undertaken. Following external advertisement, a cross party group of Members sitting as the Senior Staffing Committee shortlisted two candidates from a range of applications to go forward for formal interview. These two candidates took part in an

assessment centre on Monday, 10 July 2022. This process included a formal interview with the Senior Staffing Committee and separate stakeholder panels with external partners, staff, and trades union colleagues. The Council's Senior Staffing Committee considered feedback from all aspects of the process in reaching its decision.

Outcome

9. The decision of the Senior Staffing Committee was to appoint Adrian Smith, the Council's current Deputy Chief Executive and Corporate Director of Place, to the post of Chief Executive, subject to final approval by Full Council.

Other Options Considered

10. It is important for the Council to clearly identify and appoint to the roles of Head of Paid Service, Proper Officer and Returning Officer as defined by statute. Full Council determined the salary for the post in March when it approved the Council's Pay Policy, and the post was advertised at the approved salary.

Reason for Recommendation

11. The recommendations set out in this report will fulfil the County Council's constitutional requirement for Full Council to make a final decision about the appointment to the post of Chief Executive as Head of Paid Service and all associated statutory duties associated with the position including that of Proper Person and the Returning Officer.

Statutory and Policy Implications

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability, and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Human Resources Implications

13. Appointment to the most senior posts with the Council, including that of Chief Executive, are made in compliance with the principles set out in Council's agreed Recruitment and Selection policy by Elected Members through the revised governance arrangements for Senior Staffing Committee.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

14. The Council's policies on pay and terms and conditions apply equally to employees at all levels of seniority across the authority.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) It is recommended that Full Council approves the appointment of Adrian Smith to the post of County Council's Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service with the immediate effect.

Councillor Ben Bradley MP Leader of the County Council

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Constitutional Comments (HD 09/09/2022)

15. Pursuant to the County Council's constitution the Full Council has the authority to confirm the appointment of the County Council's Chief Executive.

Financial Comments (SES 07/09/2022)

16. The salary of the new Chief Executive will be £188,167 per annum and will be funded from existing budgetary provision.

HR Comments (GE 31/08/2022) The recruitment to the post of Chief Executive has taken place in line with the provisions set out in the Council's Constitution and the Council's Recruitment and Selection policy and procedures.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Openness and Accountability in Local Pay: Guidance under Section 40 of the Localism Act – DCLG 17th February 2012 (published)
- Localism Act 2011 – Chapter 8 "Pay Accountability" – 15th November 2011 (published)
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REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is inform Council of the decisions made by the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment concerning issues raised in petitions presented to the County Council at its 31 March 2022 meeting and updated responses to petitions presented to the County Council at its 21st November 2021 meeting.

Information

A. Request for road safety measures in Nether Langwith (Ref:2022/0437)

2. A 16-signature petition was presented to the 31 March 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Nigel Turner on behalf of residents, requesting speed reduction measures on the Portland Road/Limes Avenue route and a safe crossing point over the A632 Main Road.
3. The Nottinghamshire boundary bisects Nether Langwith from a point on Main Road halfway between the junctions of Pit Hill and Queens Walk and along the west side of Portland Road. The Portland Road/Limes Avenue route and A632 Main Road feature interactive speed signs. A safety scheme was recently completed on the A632 to the east of the village following the identification of a treatable pattern of three accidents on a bend.
4. In the last three years of available accident data (from 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2021) there have been only two reported road traffic collisions involving injury in Nether Langwith village within the Nottinghamshire boundary. One collision on Limes Avenue involved a bus and a parked car and the other collision on Main Road involved a pedestrian who was not crossing the road. This does not represent a treatable pattern which could be prioritised for a reactive safety scheme; however, the County Council also considers pro-active measures to address public concerns.
5. Officers would propose to conduct a survey on the Nottinghamshire section of the A632 Main Road within the village to assess the need for a crossing facility which might be prioritised for a future annual works programme. Consideration will also be given to signing and lining measures on the Limes Avenue and Portland Road route to complement the existing interactive speed sign.
6. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

B. Request for road safety measures at the crossroads of Laneham Lane and Rampton Road, between Woodbeck and Rampton (Ref:2022/0438)

7. A 776-signature petition was presented to the 31 March 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor John Ogle requesting a safety assessment of the Laneham Road/Retford Road crossroads between the villages of Woodbeck and Rampton following a recent fatal collision. Prompt action on any recommendations and a meeting with residents is also requested.
8. This location is a simple rural crossroads with priority marked for the north/south Laneham Road route. The junction has wide verge splays which afford good visibility from the side junctions along the straight road lengths in either direction.
9. The accident record for this location shows that the last reported collision involving injury at the crossroads was in 2015 resulting in minor injuries treated at the scene. In total, there were three minor collisions reported in the ten years prior to the recent fatal collision. There had been two other fatal accidents in 2001 and 2007 which were addressed with a package of safety measures including yellow-backed give-way signs on both side roads, yellow-backed warning signs on both approaches on the main road with vehicle-activated warning signs and red anti-skid surfacing, enhanced street lighting and "SLOW" road markings and hatching to enhance the give-way lines.
10. Following a fatal accident on 19 January 2022, a safety assessment was carried out. All the above previous improvements were found to be in serviceable condition, but a small number of minor post stability and foliage issues were reported for maintenance. Various improvement options were investigated, and it was recommended that the speed limit through the junction be reduced from the current national speed limit to reduce braking distances and minimise the severity of any further injuries. This improvement is being put forward for consideration and further investigation is ongoing to scope the specific details. The Highway District Manager for Bassetlaw will be happy to meet the residents with Councillor Ogle to discuss the situation and the speed limit recommended.
11. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

C. Requests information on the current activities of the Parish, District and County councils in relation to key challenges facing Eaton Village (Ref:2022/0439)

12. A petition, approved by 27 members of the Eaton Village Independent Action Group, was presented to the 31 March 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor John Ogle. The petition, submitted on behalf of the residents, requests information on the current activities of the Parish Council, Bassetlaw District Council, and the County Council in relation to key challenges facing Eaton Village.
13. Key challenges highlighted within the petition include pavements, road safety, gateway signs, traffic calming, anti-social behaviour, public space protection orders, conservation areas, and the need for a neighbourhood plan.
14. Via EM, on behalf of the County Council, have contacted the Eaton Village Independent Action Group to ascertain the issues/concerns they would like the County Council specifically, to consider and address. Once clarification has been received, a full response to the petition will be brought back to the Cabinet Member (Transport & Environment) for consideration.
15. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed of this as an interim update.

D. Request for road safety measures on Park Lane (Bentinck Lane) B6018, connecting Selston to Kirkby (Ref:2022/0444)

16. A 673-signature petition was presented to the 31 March 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor David Martin. The petition requests changes to Park Lane to increase safety, citing the presence of mud and water.
17. Nottinghamshire County Council's Planning Enforcement Officers are in regular contact with hauliers who operate off-site, and enforcement visits are carried out to ensure that a sweeper is on site during operational hours.
18. Park Lane is on a Priority 1 gritting route and is subject to a treatment of grit each time the Winter Maintenance Teams are dispatched and gritting spread rate is set by the Winter Maintenance Supervisor, having considered the forecast, along with live conditions from weather stations. The gritter drivers have the ability to adjust the spread and density of application as they are carrying out their prescribed route, as may be necessary.
19. Park Lane has benefitted from increased safety measures, as recently as 2021 with the introduction of signing and lining adjacent to the rail crossing. However, acknowledging the recent incidents which appear to have taken place during wintry weather, a suite of works will be ordered to; increase the level of warning signage in advance of the area, improve the function of the drainage and increase the existing earth bund near to the River Erewash.
20. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly

E. Request for a pedestrian crossing outside St Joseph's Academy in Boughton, Ollerton (Ref:2022/0446)

21. A 315-signature petition was presented to the 31 March 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Mike Pringle requesting a pedestrian crossing to assist children crossing the road at St Joseph's Academy as there has not been a School Crossing Patrol since the previous Officer finished.
22. As the petition states, there was a school crossing patrol near the school but unfortunately the position has been vacant for some time. A school crossing patrol, operating at the start and end of the school day, is still considered to be the most appropriate form of crossing to help St Joseph's Academy pupils cross at this location. Via EM Ltd has therefore worked with the school and advertised locally around the site and on its website but have so far been unsuccessful in finding a suitable replacement patrol. The recruitment advertisement currently remains open at this time.
23. The County Council receives far more requests for pedestrian crossings (such as puffin or zebra crossings) than it is able to fund and therefore requests for crossings are prioritised based on the number of people crossing, the volume of traffic and other relevant factors such as accident history at a proposed location so that the available funding helps the greatest number of people. For road safety reasons formal crossings are also currently only installed where they are used by pedestrians throughout the day.
24. Officers propose that a pedestrian and traffic survey be undertaken to determine whether a pedestrian crossing at this location should be prioritised for future funding. At locations where formal crossings aren't provided, alternative measures are also considered to help overcome

issues raised. Officers will also carry out an assessment of the site to determine if there are alternative options to a formal crossing that could be considered for inclusion in a future years' highways programme.

25. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

F. Request to close one end of Southfield Terrace, Newark (Ref: 2022/0441)

26. A 30-signature petition requesting the closure of one end of Southfield Terrace, Newark was presented to the 31 March 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Keith Girling.

27. In recent years, there has been a serious accident and several near misses reported at this location. These have been caused by vehicles travelling at high speeds onto Southfield Terrace from Victoria Street and Boundary Road, ignoring the 'No Entry' restriction at the junction with Victoria Street.

28. This issue was raised by Councillor Girling prior to the receipt of the petition. As such, a feasibility report has already been produced. This report considered various methods of mitigating the issue raised including closure of Southfield Terrace at the junction with Mill Gate, closure of Southfield Terrace at the junction with Victoria Street and reducing the width of Southfield Terrace at the junction with Victoria Street (to deter contravention of the no entry restriction).

29. Of the Options considered, and following further consultation with Councillor Girling, it has been agreed to investigate further an option involving the closure of the Southfield Terrace / Victoria Street junction and the introduction of a small turning head.

30. Via EM are now in the process of obtaining traffic data, producing a formal Stage 1 Safety Audit, and liaising with Virgin Media (whose plant will be affected by the proposals).

31. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

G. Request for the closure of Station Road, Ollerton at the A614 junction (Ref:2022/0445)

32. An 83-signature petition was presented to the 31 March 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Mike Pringle on behalf of residents requesting the closure of Station Road, Ollerton, at its junction with the A614, following the upgrades to Ollerton roundabout. This is due to traffic using the road as a cut-through.

33. There are no plans to make changes to Station Road as part of the A614/A6097 Major Road Network Improvement scheme. The traffic modelling outputs for the upgraded Ollerton roundabout show that the scheme will significantly reduce journey time delays and queue lengths on all the approaches. The capacity improvements in turn will remove the need for motorists to use Station Road as a cut through because there will be minimal levels of queueing on the A614 Old Rufford Road arm.

34. The County Council will need to produce two post scheme monitoring reports, 1 and 5 years after the schemes open. This is a Department for Transport (DfT) requirement when accepting scheme funding. Any unanticipated impacts will be identified by the post scheme monitoring study and the onus is then on the County Council to consider appropriate mitigation.

35. The County Council will be commissioning a set of comprehensive pre-scheme data surveys in Spring 2023 and will then repeat the same exercise once the works are complete. The surveys will include traffic flows (24 hours and over several days), vehicular class composition (HGVs, etc), queue lengths at each junction, journey time data, and also non-motorised user activity. The study will not just focus on the A614/A6097 corridor, traffic volumes will be collected at a number of village locations to ensure the wider impacts of the scheme are fully captured.

36. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

H. Request for the speed limit to be reduce on Southwell Road (formerly part of the A612), Lowdham (Ref:2022/0440)

37. A 363-signature electronic petition was presented to the 31 March 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Roger Jackson requesting the reduction of the speed limit on the former A612 between Lowdham and Thurgarton.

38. Southwell Road (formerly part of the A612) is subject to a 60mph speed limit. The petition requests that this limit is reduced to 40mph.

39. The County Council is obliged to review speed limits using national guidance. An assessment will be carried out and the County Councillor and lead petitioner will be informed accordingly of the results once this is complete. If a change to the speed limit is considered appropriate it will be considered for inclusion in a future year's work programme.

40. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

I. Request for a pedestrian crossing on A612 Nottingham Road (near Millfield Close), Burton Joyce (Ref:2022/0442)

41. A 462-signature online petition was presented to the 31 March 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Mike Adams requesting the construction of a pedestrian crossing over the A612 Nottingham Road near Mill Field Close in Burton Joyce.

42. Mill Field Close is situated within the 30mph village speed limit. A pedestrian refuge is available to assist residents when crossing the road. Following an assessment of the site, it is proposed that a signalled crossing at this location is put forward for consideration for inclusion in the 2022/23 integrated transport programme (subject to the necessary consultation, statutory undertakings and other issues arising from feasibility studies, detailed scheme investigation, and design; and value for money considerations).

43. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

J. Request for residents' parking scheme, Hucknall (Ref:2021/0443)

44. A petition with 24 signatures was presented to the 31 March 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Lee Waters on behalf of residents requesting the introduction of a residents' permit scheme, Hucknall.

45. Beardall Street is a residential street with a significant through traffic function. There is a commercial premises that employs staff who need to park on-street. Two concerns have been raised with the highway district manager.

46. Firstly, residents have complained that the presence of staff vehicles makes it difficult for them to park near their properties. Secondly, residents of nearby Warburton Court and Park View have complained about visibility issues when attempting to enter Beardall Street from the off-street parking facility and side road respectively.
47. Residents' permit schemes are intended to be used on roads where on-street parking would not be inappropriate but where the presence of non-resident parking makes it difficult for residents who rely on such on-street parking to park. Such schemes are, therefore, prioritised in locations where residents do not have access to off-street parking.
48. To determine the impact of non-resident parking, a survey will be carried out. This will be used to determine whether a permit scheme is likely to assist residents and whether one can be prioritised.
49. However, permit schemes are not intended to – and do not – address problems caused by vehicles causing an obstruction by parking too close to side roads or entrances and would not address the problems experienced by Park View and Warburton Court residents.
50. The installation of double yellow lines would be appropriate at the junctions with Park View and Warburton Court, and this will be considered for inclusion in a future year's programme of work regardless of the outcome of the assessment of the request for a permit scheme.
51. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

K. Request for a pedestrian crossing on Tuxford Road, Ollerton (Ref:2022/0447)

52. A 105-signature petition was presented to the 31 March 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Mike Pringle requesting a pedestrian crossing on Tuxford Road in Ollerton. The section of Tuxford Road is in Boughton, in the vicinity of Greenwood Crescent near Victoria Close. The purpose of the petition is to provide a safe crossing facility on Tuxford Road for school children from the local schools and between residential bungalows and local business located on the opposite side of Tuxford Road to the rest of the community.
53. The County Council receives far more requests for pedestrian crossings (such as puffin or zebra crossings) than it is able to fund and therefore requests for crossings are prioritised based on the number of people crossing, the volume of traffic and other relevant factors such as accident history at a proposed location so that the available funding helps the greatest number of people. For road safety reasons formal crossings are also currently only installed where they are used by pedestrians throughout the day.
54. A pedestrian and traffic survey will therefore be undertaken on Tuxford Road in the vicinity of Greenwood Crescent/Victoria Close to determine whether a pedestrian crossing at this location should be prioritised for future funding. At locations where formal crossings aren't provided, alternative measures are also considered to help overcome issues raised. Officers will therefore also carry out an assessment of the site to determine if there are alternative options to a formal crossing that could be considered for inclusion in a future years' highways programme.
55. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

L. Request to cease proposed experimental Traffic Regulation Order on Dovecote Lane, Beeston (Ref:2022/0448)

56. An 881-signature petition was presented to the 31 March 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Kate Foale on behalf of residents and others demanding that the County Council ceases a proposed experimental Traffic Regulation Order on Dovecote Lane in Beeston and carries out further public consultation. The petition, dated 27 January 2022, requests that the County Council puts the implementation of the experimental Order on hold and requests that further consultation is carried out.
57. The County Council secured funding, as part of its Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 allocation, to introduce a point closure on Dovecote Lane, Beeston (that would close the road to motorised through traffic but not pedestrians or cyclists). Following a first round of consultation on the proposals, at its 5 January 2022 meeting Transport & Environment Committee approved the introduction of the proposed point closure as an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (which includes public consultation during the length of the experimental order) to enable its impacts to be determined before deciding on whether it would become permanent. Following the decision, a number of concerns about the proposals were, however, raised by the local community. In response to these concerns the Council negotiated an extension to the scheme's delivery timescales with the Department for Transport, enabling additional consultation to be undertaken to further consider concerns from the local community prior to the introduction of a scheme. The County Council agreed to this request prior to receipt of the petition, and the additional consultation was subsequently approved by Transport & Environment Committee at its 9 February 2022.
58. The additional consultation was undertaken between 17 March 2022 to 13 April 2022 and, following analysis of the responses, its results will be considered by the Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment at a future meeting.
59. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

M. Updates on petitions presented to the County Council at its 21 November 2021 meeting

60. At its 23 March 2022 meeting Transport & Environment Committee considered a petition requesting a pedestrian crossing on Compton Acres, West Bridgford (Ref:2021/0425). Committee determined that officers should look at alternatives to a formal crossing at this location to try and address the issues raised in the petition. These investigations into alternative options have, however, identified that alternative options would be more difficult and more expensive to deliver than the provision of a zebra crossing at this location.
61. Given the above, it is proposed that a zebra crossing at this location is added to the 2022/23 integrated transport programme for delivery (subject to the necessary consultation, statutory undertakings and other issues arising from feasibility studies, detailed scheme investigation, and design; and value for money considerations).
62. At its 23 March 2022 meeting Transport & Environment Committee considered a petition request for a raised zebra crossing on Digby Avenue, Mapperley (Ref:2021/0427). Committee determined that officers should undertake the necessary pedestrian and traffic survey to help inform what type of crossing could be considered at this location. The surveys have indicated that there is sufficient pedestrian activity throughout the day to undertake further investigations into whether it is feasible to deliver a raised zebra crossing at this location.

63. It is therefore proposed that a zebra crossing at this location is added to the 2022/23 integrated transport programme for delivery (subject to the necessary consultation, statutory undertakings and other issues arising from feasibility studies, detailed scheme investigation, and design; and value for money considerations).

64. It was agreed that the lead petitioners be informed accordingly.

Statutory and Policy Implications

65. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the contents of the report be noted.

Councillor Neil Clarke MBE
Chairman of Transport and Environment Committee

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Background Papers and Published Documents

- Responses to Petitions Presented to the Chairman of the County Council – Delegated Decision by Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment (published)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- Beeston Central and Rylands – Councillor Kate Foale
- Carlton East – Councillor Mike Adams
- Hucknall South – Councillor Lee Waters
- Newark West – Councillor Keith Girling
- Ollerton – Councillor Mike Pringle
- Selston – Councillor David Martin
- Southwell – Councillor Roger Jackson
- Tuxford – Councillor John Ogle
- Worksop South – Councillor Nigel Turner

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF GROUPS

Purpose of the Report

1. To report the details of the revised membership of political Groups of the Council.

Information

2. At the annual meeting of the Council in May 2022 Members noted the composition of the political Groups as required by The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations made under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
3. There are currently three political Groups on the Council, which are:-
 - the Nottinghamshire County Council Conservative Group
 - the Nottinghamshire County Council Labour Group
 - the Independent Alliance Group
4. The memberships of the Groups are shown in the Appendix to this report. There has been no change to the Officers elected by the Groups reported at the annual meeting in May 2022. Councillor Nigel Turner is now a member of the Nottinghamshire County Council Conservative Group as his appeal was successful and he is once again a member of the national Party.
5. In addition to the three Groups detailed in this report, there is therefore now one non-aligned County Councillor who is not part of any political Group of the Council. This is Councillor Stephen Garner.
6. The membership of each Group is set out in Appendix A along with the officers of each Group (Leader, Deputy Leader and Business Manager). This means that the overall political balance of the Council is now as follows:-

	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>
Conservative Group	35	53.85
Labour Group	15	23.08
Independent Alliance Group	14	21.54
Councillor Stephen Garner (Independent)	1	1.52

7. There is a statutory requirement for seats on Committees and Sub-Committees to be allocated to the political groups in a way which reflects the overall balance of the Council. Details of these are dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

Other Options Considered

8. None, it is a requirement of the Constitution to report annually to Full Council.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. It is necessary for Council to note the political Groups on the Council and their Officers.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the membership of the political Groups be recognised.
- 2) That the Officers of the Groups be noted.

Anthony May
Chief Executive

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Constitutional Comments (HD 06/09/2022)

11. The proposals in this report are within the remit of the Council.

Financial Comments (RWK 05/09/2022)

12. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Recognition of Members and Officers of Groups report to Full Council – 12 May 2022 (published)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF GROUPS

(A) Nottinghamshire County Council Conservative Group

35 Members

Reg Adair	Richard Jackson
Mike Adams	Roger Jackson
Sinead Anderson	Eric Kerry
Callum Bailey	Bruce Laughton
Matt Barney	Johnno Lee
Chris Barnfather	Nigel Moxon
Ben Bradley MP	John Ogle
Richard Butler	Philip Owen
André Camilleri	Mike Quigley MBE
Scott Carlton	Mrs Sue Saddington
Neil Clarke MBE	Sam Smith
Robert Corden	Tom Smith
John Cottee	Tracey Taylor
Dr John Doddy	Nigel Turner
Bethan Eddy	Roger Upton
Boyd Elliott	Gordon Wheeler
Keith Girling	Jonathan Wheeler
Mike Introna	

Officers

Leader:	Ben Bradley MP
Deputy Leader:	Bruce Laughton
Business Manager:	Chris Barnfather

(B) Nottinghamshire County Council Labour Group

15 Members

Pauline Allan	Errol Henry JP
Anne Callaghan	Paul Henshaw
John Clarke MBE	Maggie McGrath
Jim Creamer	Michael Payne
Sybil Fielding	Sheila Place
Kate Foale	Mike Pringle
Glynn Gilfoyle	Michelle Welsh
Penny Gowland	

Officers

Leader:	Kate Foale
Deputy Leader:	Mike Pringle
Business Manager:	Errol Henry JP

(C) Independent Alliance

14 Members

Steve Carr
Debbie Darby
Samantha Deakin
Tom Hollis
David Martin
Andy Meakin
Francis Purdue-Horan

Dave Shaw
Helen-Ann Smith
Lee Waters
Daniel Williamson
Elizabeth Williamson
John Wilmott
Jason Zadrozny

Officers

Leader: Jason Zadrozny
Deputy Leader: Helen-Ann Smith
Business Manager: Samantha Deakin

(D) Other Members

Councillor Stephen Garner (Independent)

1 vacancy

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Purpose of the Report

1. To agree the revised allocation of committee seats following a recent change in political group membership, to ensure political proportionality.

Information

2. The County Council is under a duty to review the allocation of committee seats to political Groups where there is a change to the membership of political Groups. As detailed in a previous report, Councillor Nigel Turner has joined the Conservative Group and this has changed the overall political balance of the Council.
3. In determining the composition of Committees, account must be taken of the requirements of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. This requires that seats on Committees and Sub-Committees are allocated to the political Groups of the Council in a way which reflects the overall balance on the Council. The advice of the Monitoring Officer is that to comply with legislative requirements the allocation of seats should be based on overall seat numbers rather than on individual committee numbers.
4. In order to comply with legislative requirements, changes are proposed to the allocation of committee seats as set out in Appendix A.
5. Appropriate checks have also been made regarding the members nominated by the Council to sit on the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority; however, no changes are required to the current arrangements to meet the requirements of political balance.

Other Options Considered

6. It is possible to allocate the discretionary allocation of seats in a number of different permutations, but any allocation must still meet the principles set out in paragraph 3 above as far as is practical.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

7. To meet the Council's duty to review the allocation of seats to political groups on a change in political group membership, in order to ensure seat allocation is made in accordance with the principles of proportionality prescribed by law.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Council confirm the revised allocation of committee seats as set out in Appendix A.

Anthony May
Chief Executive

For any enquiries about this report please contact:

Marjorie Toward, Service Director, Customers, Governance and Employees and Monitoring Officer

Constitutional Comments (HD 06/09/2022)

9. The matters within the report fall within the remit of Full Council.

Financial Comments (RWK 05/09/2022)

10. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Establishment of Committees report to Full Council – 12 May 2022 (published)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

Allocation of Committee Seats

Meeting	Number of County Cllrs	Conservatives	Labour	Independent Alliance	Councillor Garner	Other
Overview Committee	11	6	3	2		
Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee	11	6	3	2		
Children and Young People's Select Committee	11	6	3	2		4 Statutory co-optees:
Place Select Committee	11	6	2	2	1	
Health Scrutiny Committee	11	6	2	3		
Governance and Ethics Committee	11	6	2	3		
Governance and Ethics Sub-Committee	5	3	1	1		
Nottinghamshire Pension Fund Committee	11	6	2	2	1	10 non-voting co-optees
Planning & Rights of Way Committee	13	7	3	3		
Health and Wellbeing Board *	5	3	1	1		Plus other members**
Greater Nott'm Light Rapid Transit Advisory Committee ***	5	3	1	1		5 City Council Members
Joint Committee on Strategic Planning & Transport ***	4	2	1	1		4 City Council Members
Local Joint Resolutions Committee	6	3	2	1		
Senior Staffing Committee	5	3	1	1		
TOTAL	120	66	27	25	1	

* In accordance with the decision of the Health and Wellbeing Board every other meeting will be a non-public workshop

** Other members as follows: 7 District/Borough Councillors, 6 NHS PBP representatives, 1 Healthwatch, 1 NHS England, 1+ Integrated Care Board representative(s), the Police and Crime Commissioner, Corporate Director Adult Social Care and Health, Corporate Director Children and Families and Director of Public Health

*** A joint committee between Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE REPORT: KEY ISSUES AND ACTIVITIES

Purpose of the Report

1. The report seeks to update Members on various matters relating to the Leader's portfolio and the work of the Executive.

Information

2. **Her Majesty the Queen** – On Thursday 8th September we received news of the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, which marks the end of an era. She has been the one constant throughout many decades of immeasurable change and progress for the nation, and across Britain many of us looked to her as a truly great and inspirational leader, for security and for hope in difficult times.
3. My thoughts are with her family who have to bear the weight of both mourning the loss of their mother, their grandmother - the figurehead and mainstay of their family – but also now adhere to the sensibilities, the traditions and protocols of office, through their own grief. That must be incredibly challenging, and my heart goes out to them.
4. Well-rehearsed plans were rolled out across the county and on Friday 9th September I joined the Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Sir John Peace, the High Sheriff, Paul Southby, our Chairman Councillor Roger Jackson, and our Chief Executive Adrian Smith as we each laid floral tributes to Her Majesty the Queen outside County Hall and signed a book of condolence. Members of the public were also invited to pay their respects.
5. The end of the Elizabethan age also marks the start of a new one. King Charles III is our new monarch and Head of State. I know and trust that King Charles, who has increasingly been acting for and supporting his mother in recent months and years, will continue to provide that constant presence and that sense of continuity for the country as we face many and complex challenges.
6. An event was held outside of County Hall on Sunday 11th September along with many others across the country, to proclaim the accession of King Charles III.

7. **Chief Executive** – On Wednesday 31st August we said farewell to our departing Chief Executive Anthony May after 18 years of service for the County Council. Anthony’s leaving event, which was held in the assembly hall, was extremely well attended by friends, colleagues, and partners, with many more sending their well wishes electronically which demonstrated the incredible impact Anthony has had during his time here.
8. There were memorable speeches from Sir John Peace and Anthony himself recounting some fantastic memories and achievements for which he should be highly commended. Again, I would like to thank Anthony for his dedication and commitment to his roles within the County Council and wish him every success in his future endeavours.
9. As outlined in agenda item 4, following a rigorous recruitment exercise I am pleased to report that Adrian Smith was selected by the Senior Staffing Committee as the new Chief Executive at Nottinghamshire County Council.
10. Adrian impressed members of the interview panel with his incisive grasp of the strategic issues we’re facing. I look forward to working alongside him as we continue to deliver against the priorities we have set out to improve the lives of residents in Nottinghamshire, attracting major investment and transforming our care services.
11. **Devolution** – On Tuesday 30th August 2022 the Leaders of the four City and County Councils representing Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, and Nottinghamshire signed up to a devolution deal worth £1.14 billion over the next 30 years.
12. The new East Midlands Mayoral Combined Authority will be one of the largest in the country (approximately 2.2million people) which means Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands will have a much greater influence at the highest levels to deliver a better quality of life for local people.
13. This is a huge opportunity for the East Midlands to get onto a similar footing as the West Midlands and Greater Manchester and will enable us to bring in significantly more regional funding. The £1.14 billion can be used to draw in new additional public sector investment meaning the true benefit of the deal could potentially be in the several billions.
14. Devolution will bring more funding, more control, and a brighter future for everyone in Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands. Some of the key benefits of devolution will be :
 - a. more investment in our area
 - b. economic growth
 - c. more and better jobs
 - d. better transport, skills training, infrastructure, and housing
 - e. an enhanced and greener environment
 - f. more power in local hands.
15. The deal is not about local government reorganisation, and no councils will be abolished or merged. Devolution will transfer powers from a national to a regional level, moving resources and decision-making powers which already exist from London to the East Midlands.

16. Devolution does not mean a rise in Council Tax. Of the nine existing mayoral combined authorities, eight have the power to raise money through Council Tax, but only two have ever actually used it. This Council has already made a commitment not to raise money through a Mayoral Precept.
17. The four councils will continue to work together and develop the details of the deal. Each council will then take a report through their respective council meetings, this will be followed by a public consultation later in the year to ensure that the views of residents, businesses and partners are taken fully into account.
18. **Tour of Britain** – On Thursday 8th September 2022 the 5th stage of the Tour of Britain graced the streets of Nottinghamshire once again after a four-year absence from the UK's leading race. Nottinghamshire previously hosted a stage in 2017 and again in 2018 which led to national and international interest in the county.
19. The Nottinghamshire stage of the famous cycle race took the world's best riders from Central Avenue in West Bridgford to Chesterfield Road South in Mansfield. Past events have attracted in the region of 250,000 people, making it one of the largest free to watch sporting events in Nottinghamshire's history.
20. There are countless benefits to the tour of Britain returning to Nottinghamshire, especially for our businesses and communities. In 2018 it is estimated that the economic windfall as a result of the tour was in the region of £3.9m, which was spent by participants and spectators on accommodation, food, drinks and shopping.
21. Live coverage of the event showcased our beautiful county as communities really engaged in the event. As a council we worked closely with schools, held art competitions, and partnered at a grassroots level with district, parishes and town councils who all took part in decorating our towns and villages. We developed a real sense of community involvement which was really great to see.
22. In a thrilling finish in Mansfield Belgian rider Jordi Meeus sprinted to the biggest victory of his career taking stage five of the tour in dramatic fashion. He praised the Nottinghamshire crowds, who despite the inclement weather were out in huge numbers to show their support.
23. **Nottinghamshire Day** – On Thursday the 25th of August we raised our county's flag at the historic Newark castle to celebrate our second annual Nottinghamshire Day. The event is a great opportunity to celebrate the identity, heritage, culture, and local traditions of our historic county. It is also an excellent platform to help promote and support many local businesses particularly in the visitor and tourism sector.
24. Councillor Roger Jackson led the commemorations, he was joined at the showpiece event by the Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Sir John Peace, local MPs, representatives from the County, District, and Borough councils as well as Nottingham City Council plus other local organisations.
25. On Saturday 27th August we held our first ever Nottinghamshire Day festival to celebrate all things Notts. The free event was an opportunity to showcase the county's great music, fascinating history, world-famous legends, top sports teams and a reputation for being pioneers in technology and science.

26. Huge thanks to everyone who attended, the numbers were in the thousands. A special mention must go out to the Nottinghamshire Day Festival team who worked with RSPB, Notts Outdoors, Inspire Youth Arts and other partners to make the day a huge success.
27. Crowds were entertained by 13 of Notts most exciting young artist's and a variety of local acts which included the highly popular two-part combat show 'Lionheart' put on by Notts Outdoors, the council's outdoor and environmental education service, in partnership with the Sherwood Outlaws.
28. Hundreds of Nottinghamshire residents queued to get a selfie with Nottingham Forest's Robin Hood mascot and the European Cup, which they famously lifted twice in 1979 and 1980.
29. Festivalgoers also flocked to try out one of the world's first interactive holographic movies, starring Robin Hood, using multi-media headsets. It forms part of our council-led 5G Connected Forest project.
30. **County Hall Fire Update and Reinstatement** - On Thursday 28th July 2022 at 11.45am a fire broke out on the first floor Members Corridor at County Hall causing considerable damage to the building.
31. Huge praise must be given to our emergency services who were on the scene in under four minutes. At the height of the incident there were twelve fire engines plus two Aerial Ladder Platform's in attendance. The incident scaled down around three hours later, however crews remained on site to inspect the building. Thankfully there have been no reported injuries.
32. Watch Manager Tim Marston carried out the fire investigation alongside Station Manager Jim Dykes. The fire has been attributed to an accidental electrical cause, leading to the overheating of a lighting fixture and adjacent wiring within the ceiling void on the first floor of the building.
33. Our fire precaution arrangements and infrastructure worked effectively, with our automatic fire doors functioning correctly to contain the damage at County Hall and to ensure the safety of all those who were in the building at the time. This has been commended by the Watch Manager.
34. Since the fire was extinguished, we have worked well to ensure that any disruption to our services has been minimal, and I can confirm that our services are now fully operational.
35. I would like to thank the public and our staff, who I must stress followed our fire safety regulations correctly and without panic, for their continued patience during this challenging period for us.
36. Within days of the fire our NCC team in partnership with Arc began works on the decontamination and reinstatement of services back into County Hall.
37. Due to the hard work and flexibility of the NCC team, the Arc team and their supply chain, we have been able to formulate a 4-phase approach for the completion of the works. This has enabled certain areas of County Hall to be handed over far sooner than originally anticipated.

38. Phases 1,2 and 3 are now complete and have had an average of 70 people on-site, 7 days per week, including bank holidays to ensure the building has been fully cleansed, and any necessary repair works carried out to allow for safe reoccupation at the earliest opportunity.
39. The full re-occupation (excluding the members area on the first floor – phase 4) was originally programmed to be completed in 12 weeks. However, we have delivered this in under 8 weeks.

Progress Report

40. **Financial Monitoring Report - Period 2 2022-23** – A summary was provided to Cabinet on the budget monitoring position as at Period 2 and the contents of the report were noted.
41. **Draft Management Accounts 2021-22** – Cabinet noted the report which outlined the financial out-turn position of the Authority's 2021/22 accounts including treasury management activities, variations to the capital programme and approved the transfer of £3.1m to the General Fund Balance.
42. **Adult and Social Care Market Pressures** – Cabinet recently approved the proposed increase in fee rates to commissioned home care, and care support and enablement services, by a £1 per hour uplift from September 2022 to address current instability and support longer term sustainability in the social care market.
43. In order to help mitigate the risks raised in the report Cabinet agreed a full year effect of investment of £5 million to increase fee rates to commissioned home care, and care support and enablement services.
44. **Social Care Reform** – A decision has been taken by Cabinet to recognise the potential requirements, cost, and risks to the Council associated with the implementation of the reforms.
45. Cabinet agreed to make further representations to the Government about the issues and risks highlighted and endorsed continued work through the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health to raise the specific issues for Nottinghamshire to Government.
46. **All decisions agreed at Cabinet are published online, you can find more details on the Council's Website - [Democratic Management System > Decisions \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/DEMOCRATIC-Management-System/Decisions)**

Decisions taken under Special Urgency procedures

47. None.

Other Options Considered

48. None

Reason for Recommendation

49. This is a noting report to update the Full Council on matters relating to the Leader's portfolio and the work of the Executive since the last meeting, as required by the Constitution.

Statutory and Policy Implications

50. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

51. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION

1) That the contents of the report be noted.

**COUNCILLOR BEN BRADLEY MP
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

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Constitutional Comments (CEH)

52. Full Council is required to receive this report, which is to note, as set out in the Constitution.

Financial Comments (SES)

53. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All