

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 23rd February 2012 (10.00 am – 9.30 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

Keith Walker (Chairman)

Carol Pepper (Vice Chairman)

	Reg Adair	Bruce Laughton
	John Allin	Keith Longdon
A	Fiona Asbury	Rachel Madden
	Chris Barnfather	Geoff Merry
	Victor Bobo	Mick Murphy
	Joyce Bosnjak	Philip Owen
	Richard Butler	Sheila Place
	Steve Carr	Darrell Pulk
	Steve Carroll	Mike Quigley MBE
	Allen Clarke	Mrs Wendy Quigley
	Ged Clarke	Alan Rhodes
	John Clarke	Ken Rigby
	L B Cooper	Kevin Rostance
	John Cottee	Mrs Sue Saddington
	Michael J Cox	Mel Shepherd MBE
	Jim Creamer	S Smedley MBE JP
	Bob Cross	Mark Spencer MP
	Mrs Kay Cutts	June Stendall
	V H Dobson	Andy Stewart
	Sybil Fielding	Martin Suthers OBE
	Stephen Garner	Lynn Sykes
	Michelle Gent	David Taylor
	Glynn Gilfoyle	Parry Tsimbiridis
	Keith Girling	Gail Turner
	Kevin Greaves	Stuart Wallace
	John M Hemsall	Les Ward
	Stan Heptinstall MBE	Gordon Wheeler
	Rev. Tom Irvine	Chris Winterton
	Richard Jackson	Brian Wombwell
	Rod Kempster	Martin Wright
	Eric Kerry	Liz Yates
	John Knight	A Jason Zadrozny

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Hon. Alderman Martin Brandon-Bravo OBE

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mick Burrows	(Chief Executive)
Jayne Francis-Ward	(Assistant Chief Executive & Monitoring Officer)
David Pearson	(Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection)
Anthony May	(Children, Families & Cultural Services)
Mike Atkinson	(Environment & Resources)
Tim Gregory	(Environment & Resources)
Robert Knott	(Environment & Resources)
Neil Robinson	(Environment & Resources)
Paul Simpson	(Environment & Resources)
Sara Allmond	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Carl Bilbey	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Claire Dixon	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Martin Done	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Deborah Hinde	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Chris Holmes	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Lyndsey Parnell	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Michelle Welsh	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)

OPENING PRAYER

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

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2012/001

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on 26th January 2012 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following apologies for absence were received:-

Medical/Illness

- Councillor Fiona Asbury
- Councillor Jason Zadrozny

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. CHAIRMAN’S BUSINESS

Budget Debate

Members were reminded that Standing Orders 18.1 to 18.2 applied for this meeting.

5. PETITIONS

(a) PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

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

1. Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle – Petition regarding street lighting in Worksop East
2. Councillor Martin Suthers OBE – Petition regarding the proposed environmental weight limit on C3 Orston, Alverton and Kilvington Road in Thoroton

RESOLVED: 2012/002

That the petitions be referred to the appropriate Cabinet Members for consideration in accordance with Standing Orders.

(b) REPORT BACK ON PETITIONS

RESOLVED: 2012/003

That the contents and proposed actions in the report back on petitions received on 26th January 2012 be noted and the petitioners be informed accordingly.

6. PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT APPROACH AND PRACTICE

Councillor Kevin Rostance introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of the resolution 2012/004 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Stuart Wallace.

During the debate Councillor Rostance confirmed that further reports on the progress of redeploying affected staff would be brought to the relevant committee.

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

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 47 Members voted '**For**' the motion.

'FOR'

Reg Adair
Chris Barnfather
Victor Bobo
Richard Butler
Steve Carr
Allen Clarke
Ged Clarke
L B Cooper
John Cottee
Michael J Cox
Mrs Kay Cutts
V H Dobson
Stephen Garner
Michelle Gent
Keith Girling
John M Hemsall
Stan Heptinstall MBE
Rev. Tom Irvine
Richard Jackson
Rod Kempster
Eric Kerry
Bruce Laughton
Keith Longdon
Rachel Madden

Geoff Merry
Mick Murphy
Philip Owen
Carol Pepper
Mike Quigley MBE
Mrs Wendy Quigley
Ken Rigby
Kevin Rostance
Mrs Sue Saddington
Mel Shepherd MBE
Mark Spencer MP
June Stendall
Andy Stewart
Martin Suthers OBE
Lynn Sykes
David Taylor
Gail Turner
Keith Walker
Stuart Wallace
Les Ward
Gordon Wheeler
Brian Wombwell
Liz Yates

The following 15 Members voted '**Against**' the motion.

'AGAINST'

John Allin
Joyce Bosnjak
Steve Carroll
John Clarke
Jim Creamer
Sybil Fielding
Glynn Gilfoyle
Kevin Greaves

John Knight
Sheila Place
Darrell Pulk
Alan Rhodes
S Smedley MBE JP
Parry Tsimbirdis
Chris Winterton

Councillor Martin Wright voted to 'abstain'.

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

RESOLVED: 2012/004

1. That the proposal to close Sherwood Industries be approved with support provided to the staff to find alternative jobs within the County Council or with other employers, where this is their preferred wish or to make redundancy payments to those staff seeking voluntary redundancy;
2. That the proposal to restructure the County Horticulture and Work Training Service; cease the service on the Sherwood Pines and Workshop; and continue to operate the service at the Brooke Farm (Linby), Skegby and Balderton be approved.

After consideration of this item, Council adjourned from 12.15 pm until 1.35 pm.

7. ANNUAL BUDGET 2012/13
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2012/13 TO 2015/16
MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2012/13 TO 2015/16
COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT 2012/13

Councillor Reg Adair introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of the resolution 2012/005 below, which was duly seconded by Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts.

Councillor John Clarke moved the Labour Group's amendment (attached as Appendix A) which was seconded by Councillor Alan Rhodes.

Councillor June Stendall moved the Independent Group's amendment (attached as Appendix B) which was seconded by Councillor Martin Wright.

The motion and amendments were debated.

During the debate Council adjourned from 2.40 pm until 3.25 pm to consider the amendments, and from 7.00 pm to 7.22 pm for refreshments.

1. Labour Group's Amendment

The Labour Group's amendment was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared that it was lost.

2. Independent Group's Amendment

The Independent Group's amendment was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared that it was lost.

3. Budget Proposal (Original Motion)

The original motion was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman indicated that it was carried.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 45 Members voted '**For**' the motion.

'FOR'

Reg Adair
Chris Barnfather
Victor Bobo
Richard Butler
Allen Clarke
Ged Clarke
L B Cooper
John Cottee
Michael J Cox
Mrs Kay Cutts
V H Dobson
Stephen Garner
Michelle Gent
Keith Girling
John M Hemsall
Richard Jackson
Rod Kempster
Eric Kerry
Bruce Laughton
Keith Longdon
Rachel Madden
Geoff Merry
Mick Murphy

Philip Owen
Carol Pepper
Mike Quigley MBE
Mrs Wendy Quigley
Ken Rigby
Kevin Rostance
Mrs Sue Saddington
Mel Shepherd MBE
Mark Spencer MP
June Stendall
Andy Stewart
Martin Suthers OBE
Lynn Sykes
David Taylor
Gail Turner
Keith Walker
Stuart Wallace
Les Ward
Gordon Wheeler
Brian Wombwell
Martin Wright
Liz Yates

The following 15 Members voted ‘**Against**’ the motion.

‘AGAINST’

John Allin
 Joyce Bosnjak
 Steve Carroll
 John Clarke
 Jim Creamer
 Sybil Fielding
 Glynn Gilfoyle
 Kevin Greaves

John Knight
 Sheila Place
 Darrell Pulk
 Alan Rhodes
 S Smedley MBE JP
 Parry Tsimbiridis
 Chris Winterton

Councillors Steve Carr, Bob Cross and Stan Heptinstall MBE voted to ‘abstain’.

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

RESOLVED: 2012/005

1. That the Annual Revenue Budget for Nottinghamshire County Council be set at £491.485 million for 2012/13 as set out in paragraph 28 of the report.
2. That Cabinet be authorised to make allocations from the General Contingency for 2012/13 as set out in paragraph 44 of the report
3. That the County Council element of the Council Tax be set at a standard Band D tax rate of £1,193.18 and for the various Bands of property be:-

Band	Value as at 1 st April 1991	No of properties	% no of properties	Ratio	County Council 2011/12 £	County Council 2012/13 £	Change £
A	Up to £40,000	140,120	40.1	6/9	795.45	795.45	-
B	£40,001 - £52,000	71,920	20.5	7/9	928.03	928.03	-
C	£52,001 - £68,000	59,790	17.1	8/9	1,060.60	1,060.60	-
D	£68,001 - £88,000	39,460	11.3	1	1,193.18	1,193.18	-
E	£88,001 - £120,000	21,650	6.2	11/9	1,458.33	1,458.33	-
F	£120,001 - £160,000	10,370	3.0	13/9	1,723.58	1,723.58	-
G	£160,001 - £320,000	5,850	1.7	15/9	1,988.63	1,988.63	-
H	Over £320,000	440	0.1	18/9	2,386.36	2,386.36	-

4. That the County Precept for the year ending 31 March 2013 be £308,840,671 and be applicable to the whole of the District Council areas as General Expenses, as set out in paragraph 49 of the report.
5. That the County Precept for 2012/13 be collected from the District and Borough Councils in the proportions set out in paragraph 50 of the report with the payments of equal instalments on the following dates:

2012	2012	2013
20 April	10 September	4 February
28 May	17 October	11 March
27 June	19 November	
3 August	28 December	

6. That, subject to the final outturn for 2011/12 and 2012/13, up to £9 million of County Fund Balances be transferred to the Capital Projects Reserve to support the future capital programme, as set out in appendix B of the report.
7. That £10 million of the Insurance Reserve be transferred to the Capital Projects Reserve to support the future capital programme as set out in appendix B of the report.
8. That the Capital Programme for 2012/13 to 2015/16 be approved at total amounts of:

2012/13	£118.622 million
2013/14	£ 93.887 million
2014/15	£ 76.549 million
2015/16	£ 66.205 million

and be financed as set out in the report.

9. That the variations to the Capital Programme be approved as set out in paragraphs 55 to 77 of the report.
10. That the Minimum Revenue Provision policy for 2012/13, as set out in appendix D of the report, be approved.
11. That the Prudential Indicators, as set out in appendix E of the report, be approved
12. That the Service Director – Finance & Procurement be authorised to raise loans in 2012/13 within the limits of total external borrowings, as set out in paragraph 85 of the report.

13. That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2012/13, as set out in appendix F of the report, be approved.
14. That the Treasury Management Policy for 2012/13, as set out in appendix G of the report, be approved.
15. That the report on the Annual Budget for 2012/13 and the Capital Programme 2012/13 – 2015/16 be approved and adopted.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm

CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2012

LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

ANNUAL BUDGET 2012/13

The Schedule of Recommendations moved by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property as shown on pages 24 to 25 of the report be deleted and replaced by the following:

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. The Annual Revenue Budget for Nottinghamshire County Council is set at £500.750 million for 2012/13, including the following amendments to give a 3% increase in Council Tax:

	£000
Children & Young People	
Youth Training & Skills – increase investment	3,000+
Adult Social Care & Health	
Supporting People – reinstate part of saving	3,000+
Handy Person Scheme – reinstate saving	50+
Culture & Community	
Libraries & Archives – reinstate saving & remodel service	1,615+
Transport & Highways	
Street Lighting – reinstate saving & increase maintenance	1,400+
Residents Car Parking – cease charging	200+
Total Adjustments to Portfolio Budgets	9,265+

2. The Cabinet be authorised to make allocations from the General Contingency for 2012/13.
3. That the County Council element of the Council Tax is set at a standard Band D tax rate of £1,228.98 and for the various Bands of property shall be:

Band	Value as at 1.4.91	No. of Properties	% no. of properties	Ratio	County Council 2011/12 £	County Council 2012/13 £	Change £
A	Up to £40,000	140,120	40.1	6/9	795.45	819.32	23.87
B	£40,001- £52,000	71,920	20.5	7/9	928.03	955.87	27.84
C	£52,001- £68,000	59,790	17.1	8/9	1,060.60	1,092.43	31.83
D	£68,001- £88,000	39,460	11.3	1	1,193.18	1,228.98	35.80
E	£88,001- £120,000	21,650	6.2	11/9	1,458.33	1,502.09	43.76
F	£120,001- £160,000	10,370	3.0	13/9	1,723.48	1,775.19	51.71
G	£160,001 - £320,000	5,850	1.7	15/9	1,988.63	2,048.30	59.67
H	Over £320,000	440	0.1	18/9	2,386.36	2,457.96	71.60

4. The County Precept for the year ending 31 March 2013 shall be £318,105,891 and shall be applicable to the whole of the District Council areas as General Expenses.
5. The County Precept for 2012/13 shall be collected from the District and Borough Councils in the proportions set out in paragraph 50 with the payment of equal instalments on the following dates:

2012	2012	2013
20 April	10 September	4 February
28 May	17 October	11 March
27 June	19 November	
3 August	28 December	

6. A transfer from County Fund Balances of £7.7 million for 2012/13 be approved to offset the loss of the Council Tax Freeze Grant.
7. £10 million of the Insurance Reserve be transferred to the Capital Projects Reserve to support the future capital programme.
8. The Capital Programme for 2012/13 to 2015/16 be approved at total amounts of:

2012/13	£118.622m
2013/14	£ 93.887m
2014/15	£ 76.549m
2015/16	£ 66.205m

and be financed as set out in the report.

9. The variations to the Capital Programme be approved.
10. The Minimum Revenue Provision policy for 2012/13 be approved.
11. The Prudential Indicators be approved.

12. The Service Director – Finance & Procurement be authorised to raise loans in 2012/13 within the limits of total external borrowings.
13. The Treasury Management Strategy for 2012/13 be approved.
14. The Treasury Management Policy for 2012/13 be approved.
15. The report on the Annual Budget for 2012/13, and the Capital Programme 2012/13 – 2015/16 as amended, be approved and adopted to provide a 3% increase in Council Tax in the years 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16.

Cllr John Clarke
Labour Group
Spokesman
for Finance and Property

Cllr Alan Rhodes
Labour Group Leader

Cllr Joyce Bosnjak
Labour Group Deputy
Leader

APPENDIX B

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING - THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2012

INDEPENDENT GROUP AMENDMENT

ANNUAL BUDGET 2012/13

The Schedule of Recommendations moved by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property as shown on pages 24 and 25 of the report be deleted and replaced by the following:-

Recommendations

Paragraph
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It is recommended that:

16. The Annual Revenue Budget for Nottinghamshire County Council is set at £491.485 million for 2012/13 incorporating the following amendments:-

£'000

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Children and Young People

School Transport (permanent)

700 (-)

Adult Social Care and Health

Supporting People services for older people (permanent)

1,000

County Council owned care homes for older people (one-off)

600

Environment and Sustainability

Local Waste Recycling Incentive Scheme (permanent)

700

Total Adjustment to Portfolio Budgets

1,600

Transfer To/(From) County Fund Balance

1,600 (-)

Net Budget Adjustment

0

17. The Cabinet be authorized to make allocations from the General Contingency for 2012/13. 44

18. That the County Council element of the Council Tax is set at a standard Band D tax rate of £1,193.18 and for the various Bands of property shall be 47

Band	Value as at 1.4.91	No. of Properties	% no. of properties	Ratio	County Council 2011/12 £	County Council 2012/13 £	Change £
A	Up to £40,000	140,120	40.1	6/9	795.45	795.45	-
B	£40,001- £52,000	71,920	20.5	7/9	928.03	928.03	-
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F	£120,001- £160,000	10,370	3.0	13/9	1,723.48	1,723.48	-
G	£160,001 - £320,000	5,850	1.7	15/9	1,988.63	1,988.63	-
H	Over £320,000	440	0.1	18/9	2,386.36	2,386.36	-

19. The County Precept for the year ending 31 March 2013 shall be £308,840,671 and shall be applicable to the whole of the District Council areas as General Expenses. 49

20. The County Precept for 2012/13 shall be collected from the District and Borough Councils in the proportions set out in paragraph 50 with the payment of equal instalments on the following dates: 50

Table 10

2012	2012	2013
20 April	10 September	4 February
28 May	17 October	11 March
27 June	19 November	
3 August	28 December	

21. Subject to the final outturn for 2011/12 and 2012/13, up to £9m of County Fund Balances be transferred to the Capital Projects Reserve to support the future capital programme Appendix B

22. £10m of the Insurance Reserve be transferred to the Capital Projects Reserve to support the future capital programme. Appendix B

23. The Capital Programme for 2012/13 to 2015/16 be approved at total amounts of: Table 11

2012/13	£118.622m
2013/14	£ 93.887m
2014/15	£ 76.549m
2015/16	£ 66.205m

and be financed as set out in the report.

24. The variations to the Capital Programme be approved. 55-77

25. The Minimum Revenue Provision policy for 2012/13 be approved. Appendix D

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| 26. The Prudential Indicators be approved. | Appendix E |
| 27. The Service Director – Finance & Procurement be authorised to raise loans in 2012/13 within the limits of total external borrowings. | 85 |
| 28. The Treasury Management Strategy for 2012/13 be approved. | Appendix F |
| 29. The Treasury Management Policy for 2012/13 be approved. | Appendix G |
| 30. The report on the Annual Budget for 2012/13, and the Capital Programme 2012/13 – 2015/16 be approved and adopted. | |

CLLR JUNE STENDALL

CLLR MARTIN WRIGHT