



Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 22 July 2021 (10.30 am – 5.31 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Mike Quigley MBE (Chairman)
Roger Jackson (Vice-Chairman)

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

Tom Hollis
Mike Intronà
Richard Jackson
Eric Kerry
Bruce Laughton
Johnno Lee
David Martin
John 'Maggie' McGrath
Andy Meakin
Nigel Moxon
John Ogle
Philip Owen
Michael Payne
Sheila Place
Mike Pringle
Francis Purdue-Horan
Mrs Sue Saddington
Dave Shaw
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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May	(Chief Executive)
Marjorie Toward	(Chief Executives)
Nigel Stevenson	(Chief Executives)
Sara Allmond	(Chief Executives)

Chief Officers and Group staff observed the meeting from the viewing gallery

OPENING PRAYER

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

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO SUSPEND FULL COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 21

It was moved by Councillor Mike Quigley MBE and seconded by Councillor Roger Jackson and

RESOLVED: 2021/026

That the Council suspends Full Council Procedure Rule 21 (absences of more than 10 minutes be recorded in the minutes of the meeting) for the duration of the meeting.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2021/027

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the County Council held on 27 May 2021 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, with an amendment to the attendance list on page 1, to list Councillor Mike Quigley MBE as Chairman, not Councillor Mike Pringle, as printed.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

- Councillor Matt Barney (medical/illness)
- Councillor Steve Carr (other)
- Councillor John Clarke (other)
- Councillor Dr John Doddy (other)
- Councillor Boyd Elliott (medical/illness)
- Councillor Sybil Fielding (other)
- Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle (other)
- Councillor Errol Henry JP (medical/illness)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Dave Shaw declared a private interest in agenda item 12 motion 2 as a former miner. In response to a query from Members, the Chief Executive clarified that a declaration of interest in this item was only required if a Member was in receipt of a miner's pension.

4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

SHADOW EVENT

Councillor Tracey Taylor updated members on the upcoming Shadow Event for young people.

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 a number of flag flying events.

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 Philip Owen – regarding cars racing on the A610 and the need for average speed cameras

Councillor Andy Meakin – regarding child poverty in Kirkby North

Councillor John Wilmott – regarding service provision at Hucknall Library

Councillor Tom Hollis – regarding consultation with Councillors in Huthwaite and West Sutton

Councillor Jason Zadrozny – regarding working with utility companies in Ashfield's Division

Councillor Elizabeth Williamson – regarding road safety in Brinsley and Moorgreen

Councillor Paul Henshaw – regarding care provision in Mansfield West

6a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

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

- (1) Councillor Maureen Dobson, regarding North Clifton School
- (2) Councillor Bruce Laughton, request for a bridleway on A616 at Little Carlton and for interactive speed sign to work of horses crossing the road
- (3) Councillor Richard Butler, request for school parking safety measures near Ash Lea School, Cotgrave

RESOLVED: 2021/028

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

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

RESOLVED: 2021/029

That the contents and actions taken as set out in the report be noted.

7. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS 2020/21

Councillor Richard Jackson introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2021/030 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Roger Jackson.

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: 2021/030

- 1) To note the provisional 2020/21 year-end revenue position.
- 2) To approve the level of County Fund Balances as set out in paragraph 32 and Appendix A of the report.
- 3) To note the movements in reserves as detailed in paragraphs 33 to 45 and Appendix B of the report.
- 4) To note the Capital Programme and its financing.
- 5) To approve capital variations as set out in paragraphs 50 to 54 of the report.
- 6) To note the Council's 2020/21 Prudential Indicators out-turn as detailed in Appendix D of the report.
- 7) To note the Treasury Management outturn report in Appendix E of the report.

8. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME – REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

Councillor Chris Barnfather introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2021/031 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Kate Foale.

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

RESOLVED: 2021/031

- 1) That the recommendations of the IRP be noted.
- 2) That the proposed revised Councillors' Allowances Scheme, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the IRP report, be approved.

9. GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

Councillor Philip Owen introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2021/032 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Bruce Laughton.

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

RESOLVED: 2021/032

That the achievements of the Governance and Ethics Committee be noted and the intended areas of focus for the current year be endorsed.

10. A COUNTY DAY FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE (NOTTINGHAMSHIRE DAY)

Councillor Ben Bradley MP introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2021/033 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor John Cottee.

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: 2021/033

That the adoption of 25 August as Nottinghamshire Day be approved and that the Leader be authorised to write, on behalf of the Council, to the Secretary of State and Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire to confirm the Council's support.

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

None

11b. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Eighteen questions had been received as follows: -

Note questions one and two were taken together:-

- 1) from Councillor David Martin concerning work of the former Communities and Place Review and Development Committee (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 2) from Councillor Callum Bailey regarding update on the Highways Review Panel (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 3) from Councillor John Wilmott about Hucknall Library roof repairs (Councillor John Cottee replied)
- 4) from Councillor Penny Gowland concerning use of pesticides for weed killing (Councillor Mike Adams replied on behalf of Councillor Neil Clarke MBE)
- 5) from Councillor Tom Hollis concerning purchase of house for Looked After Children (Councillor Richard Jackson replied)
- 6) from Councillor John Wilmott about land on Titchfield Street (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)

The Council adjourned from 12.35pm to 1.40pm for lunch.

- 7) from Councillor Elizabeth Williamson concerning reopening of local footpaths (Councillor Richard Butler replied)
- 8) from Councillor Helen-Ann Smith about adopting a proactive approach to speeding (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 9) from Councillor David Shaw about review of council estate following change of work practices (Councillor Keith Girling replied)
- 10) from Councillor Elizabeth Williamson concerning disabled access on footpaths (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 11) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny concerning setting up a Combined Authority (Councillor Ben Bradley MBE replied)
- 12) from Councillor David Shaw regarding poor street lighting and crime (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.

- 13) from Councillor Samantha Deakin about number of free school meal claimants since March 2020 (Councillor Tracey Taylor to reply)
- 14) from Councillor Tom Hollis regarding use of COVID reserves (Councillor Richard Jackson to reply)
- 15) from Councillor Lee Waters regarding resurfacing Brookside, Hucknall (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE to reply)
- 16) from Councillor Lee Waters regarding fossil fuel investments (Councillor Eric Kerry to reply)
- 17) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding racism in Nottinghamshire (Councillor Ben Bradley MP to reply)
- 18) from Councillor Mike Pringle about removal of the £20 Universal Credit uplift (Councillor Ben Bradley MP to reply)

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Motion One

A Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Ben Bradley MP and seconded by Councillor Bruce Laughton:

“Nottinghamshire County Council has an ambitious plan for Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands. In recent times, by speaking with one voice, and with careful planning and preparation, we have secured success, including:

- establishing an interim Development Corporation, as a precursor to a statutory development vehicle for Toton, Chetwynd, the Ratcliffe-on-Soar Power Station and the area around the East Midlands Airport;
- working with partners to develop the UK’s only inland Freeport;
- leading the work to establish the UK’s most connected HS2 Hub Station at Toton;
- securing two sites on the long list for the STEP nuclear fusion demonstrator;
- securing £24.3 million to improve the A614/A6097;
- supporting our District and Borough Councils in securing Towns Fund grants totalling over £120 million;

- leading a world first 5G connected forest project – digitising the visitor economy and providing 5G network coverage to new communities in Edwinstowe through a £10 million Government-sponsored project, working with local businesses and national research institutes;
- working with Midlands Connect and Highways England to deliver the A46 improvements and upgrade the A1 to motorway standard, to improve connectivity and unlock development sites of national significance;
- working with Midlands Connect and our District Councils to explore a Levelling Up Fund bid to extend the Robin Hood Line and open the Maid Marion line, to transform connectivity in mid and north Nottinghamshire;
- being seen by Government as a credible and reliable partner – this is generating new opportunities for funding and to test and trial new initiatives – such as our success with the Social Housing Decarbonisation programme.

These successes are borne out of strong collaboration, across the County and with our regional partners. Regionally, this Council plays a leading role in the Midlands Engine and Midlands Connect, and we are a key player in East Midlands Councils and Transport for the East Midlands.

We stand on the cusp of significant levelling up opportunities – our Development Corporation alone would deliver 84,000 jobs, up to 10,000 homes and £4.8 billion of new GVA. With continued Government support and early decision making, we stand ready to deliver tangible outcomes and benefits, across our County and Region.

This Council calls upon the three political Group Leaders to write collectively to the Prime Minister, setting out this unique opportunity to support Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands’ levelling up agenda, and to make the decisions necessary to catalyse the following key elements of our plan:

- to confirm the HS2 Eastern leg will be constructed in full, with Toton as the Hub Station;
- to place our Development Corporation on a statutory footing, recognising the potential it brings for planned and sustainable development, jobs, skills and homes; and
- to prioritise the East Midlands for a devolution deal, off the back of the forthcoming Levelling Up White Paper, so we can accelerate growth and prosperity for the East Midlands and Nottinghamshire”

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Jason Zadrozny and seconded by Councillor Tom Hollis:-

“Nottinghamshire County Council has an ambitious plan for Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands. ~~In recent times, by speaking with one voice, and with careful planning and preparation, we have secured success, including:~~ **This Council notes that according to the Government’s own figures on identifiable Government spending per head – the East Midlands has the lowest spend per head in the UK of £8,879. This compares unfavourably to the West Midlands at £9,570 per head, Yorkshire and the Humber at £9,401 per head. Spend per head in the East Midlands is £1,016 less per head a year than the UK average £9,895.**

Nottinghamshire County Council therefore welcomes:

- establishing an interim Development Corporation, as a precursor to a statutory development vehicle for Toton, Chetwynd, the Ratcliffe-on-Soar Power Station and the area around the East Midlands Airport;
- working with partners to develop the UK's only inland Freeport;
- leading the work to establish the UK's most connected HS2 Hub Station at Toton;
- securing two sites on the long list for the STEP nuclear fusion demonstrator;
- securing £24.3 million to improve the A614/A6097;
- ~~supporting our District and Borough Councils in securing Towns Fund grants totalling over £120 million;~~ **Ashfield District Council securing £62.6 million, Newark and Sherwood District Council securing £25 million, Broxtowe Borough Council receiving £21.1 million and Mansfield District Council securing £12.3 million in the Town's Fund bids;**
- leading a world first 5G connected forest project – digitising the visitor economy and providing 5G network coverage to new communities in Edwinstowe through a £10 million Government-sponsored project, working with local businesses and national research institutes;
- working with Midlands Connect and Highways England to deliver the A46 improvements and upgrade the A1 to motorway standard, to improve connectivity and unlock development sites of national significance;
- working with Midlands Connect and our **Borough and** District Councils to explore a Levelling Up Fund bid to extend the Robin Hood Line and open the Maid Marion line, to transform connectivity in mid and north Nottinghamshire;
- ~~being seen by Government as a credible and reliable partner – this is generating new opportunities for funding and to test and trial new initiatives – such as our success with the Social Housing Decarbonisation programme.~~

~~These successes are borne out of~~ **ambitions need** strong collaboration, across the County and with our regional partners. Regionally, this Council plays a leading role in the Midlands Engine and Midlands Connect, and we are a key player in East Midlands Councils and Transport for the East Midlands.

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- to confirm the HS2 Eastern leg will be constructed in full, with Toton as the Hub Station;
- **to confirm the full electrification of the Midland's Mainline so that Nottinghamshire can realise the economic and environmental benefits;**

- to place our Development Corporation on a statutory footing, recognising the potential it brings for planned and sustainable development, jobs, skills and homes; and
- to prioritise the East Midlands for a devolution deal, off the back of the forthcoming Levelling Up White Paper, so we can accelerate growth and prosperity for the East Midlands and Nottinghamshire”

The Council adjourned from 2.26pm to 2.41pm to allow the amendment to be considered. The amendment was accepted by the mover of the motion and therefore the motion was altered.

Following the debate, the amended motion was put to the meeting. The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 46 members voted ‘**For**’ the motion:-

Reg Adair	Johnno Lee
Mike Adams	David Martin
Sinead Anderson	Andy Meakin
Callum Bailey	Nigel Moxon
Chris Barnfather	John Ogle
Ben Bradley MP	Philip Owen
Richard Butler	Francis Purdue-Horan
André Camilleri	Mike Quigley MBE
Scott Carlton	Mrs Sue Saddington
Neil Clarke MBE	Dave Shaw
Robert Corden	Helen-Ann Smith
John Cottee	Sam Smith
Eddie Cubley	Tom Smith
Samantha Deakin	Tracey Taylor
Bethan Eddy	Nigel Turner
Stephen Garner	Roger Upton
Keith Girling	Lee Waters
Tom Hollis	Gordon Wheeler
Mike Introna	Jonathan Wheeler
Richard Jackson	Daniel Williamson
Roger Jackson	Elizabeth Williamson
Eric Kerry	John Wilmott
Bruce Laughton	Jason Zadrozny

No members voted ‘**Against**’ the motion.

The following 12 Members ‘**Abstained**’ from the motion:-

Pauline Allan	Penny Gowland
Anne Callaghan	Paul Henshaw
Jim Creamer	John ‘Maggie’ McGrath
Maureen Dobson	Michael Payne
Kate Foale	Sheila Place

The Chairman declared it was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2021/034

Nottinghamshire County Council has an ambitious plan for Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands. This Council notes that according to the Government's own figures on identifiable Government spending per head – the East Midlands has the lowest spend per head in the UK of £8,879. This compares unfavourably to the West Midlands at £9,570 per head, Yorkshire and the Humber at £9,401 per head. Spend per head in the East Midlands is £1,016 less per head a year than the UK average £9,895.

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These ambitions need strong collaboration, across the County and with our regional partners. Regionally, this Council plays a leading role in the Midlands Engine and Midlands Connect, and we are a key player in East Midlands Councils and Transport for the East Midlands.

With Government support and early decision making, we stand ready to deliver tangible outcomes and benefits, across our County and Region.

This Council calls upon the three political Group Leaders to write collectively to the Prime Minister, setting out this unique opportunity to support Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands' levelling up agenda, and to make the decisions necessary to catalyse the following key elements of our plan:

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- to prioritise the East Midlands for a devolution deal, off the back of the forthcoming Levelling Up White Paper, so we can accelerate growth and prosperity for the East Midlands and Nottinghamshire

Motion Two

An altered motion was moved by Councillor Jason Zadrozny and seconded by Councillor Daniel Williamson in terms of the resolution 2021/035 below.

Following a debate the Chairman put the altered motion to the meeting and after a roll call vote the Chairman declared the amendment was carried.

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: 2021/035

Nottinghamshire County Council notes the historical contribution that mining has played in our County, and will always be indebted to those miners and other mine workers who contributed to shaping our County.

This council welcomes the Inquiry of the House of Commons' Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Select Committee (BEIS) on the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme on 29 April 2020. This recommended that ministers tackle "historic injustice" in the scheme.

This Council notes with regret the response from the Minister of State for Energy, Clean Growth and Climate Change on 28 June 2021 which rejected the recommendations of MPs on this Select Committee.

Whether or not the government knew in 1994 that it would disproportionately benefit from the arrangement, and whether all parties thought it was fair at the time, it is clear today that the arrangements have unduly benefitted the government and it is untenable for the government to argue that the arrangements remain.

We therefore ask for a letter to be sent from all members on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council to the Chancellor of the Exchequer – The Rt. Hon. Rishi Sunak MP and all Nottinghamshire MPs outlining this Council's support for a fairer arrangement for mineworkers, including reconsideration of the Select Committee Report.

Motion Three

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

“Nottinghamshire County Council notes that the Government is currently consulting on increasing the free prescription age to 66 and that tens of thousands of residents in Nottinghamshire aged 60-65 will be adversely impacted.

This Council further notes that residents aged between 60 and 65 receive free prescriptions when they turn 60 in England, whereas the State Pension Age is now 66.

This Council also notes the comments made by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) who said it was "deeply concerned" by the plan - and warned it could leave people without the important medications that they need.

This Council acknowledges that according to the Institute for Fiscal Studies - among older workers, 37% reported that their household income was now lower because of the impact of successive coronavirus lockdowns. These are the very residents who will be impacted if the age for free prescriptions is raised.

This Council therefore resolves to write a formal submission to the consultation opposing any plans to raise to free prescription age to 66. This Council further resolves to send a letter to Secretary of State for Health and Social Care - The Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP from the leaders of the 3 groups on Nottinghamshire County Council formally opposing these plans.”

Following a debate, the Chairman put the motion 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 22 members voted ‘**For**’ the motion:-

Pauline Allan	Michael Payne
Anne Callaghan	Sheila Place
Jim Creamer	Mike Pringle
Samantha Deakin	Dave Shaw
Kate Foale	Helen-Ann Smith
Penny Gowland	Lee Waters
Paul Henshaw	Michelle Welsh
Tom Hollis	Daniel Williamson
David Martin	Elizabeth Williamson
John ‘Maggie’ McGrath	John Wilmott
Andy Meakin	Jason Zadrozny

The following 33 members voted ‘**Against**’ the motion:-

Reg Adair	Callum Bailey
Sinead Anderson	Chris Barnfather

Ben Bradley MP
Richard Butler
André Camilleri
Scott Carlton
Neil Clarke MBE
Robert Corden
John Cottee
Eddie Cubley
Bethan Eddy
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Philip Owen
Francis Purdue-Horan
Mike Quigley MBE
Mrs Sue Saddington
Sam Smith
Tom Smith
Tracey Taylor
Nigel Turner
Roger Upton
Gordon Wheeler
Jonathan Wheeler

The following Member '**Abstained**' from the motion:-

Maureen Dobson

The Chairman declared it was lost.

As set out in the Constitution, the time limit of 5.30pm was reached and the remaining business would be carried over to the next meeting.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.31 pm.

CHAIRMAN