



Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 31 March 2022 (10.30 am – 4.12 pm)

Membership

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 MP
Richard Butler
Anne Callaghan BEM
André Camilleri
Scott Carlton
Steve Carr - Apologies
John Clarke MBE
Neil Clarke MBE
Robert Corden
John Cottee
Jim Creamer
Eddie Cubley
Debbie Darby
Sam Deakin
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 Introna
Richard Jackson - Apologies
Eric Kerry
Bruce Laughton
Johnno Lee
David Martin
John 'Maggie' McGrath - Apologies
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

HONORARY ALDERMEN

Mrs Kay Cutts MBE

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May	(Chief Executive)
Marjorie Toward	(Chief Executives)
Sara Allmond	(Chief Executives)
Carl Bilbey	(Chief Executives)
Gill Elder	(Chief Executives)
Isobel Fleming	(Chief Executives)
David Hennigan	(Chief Executives)
Catherine Haywood	(Chief Executives)
Michael Higginson	(Chief Executives)
James McDonnell	(Chief Executives)
Phil Rostance	(Chief Executives)
Jo Toomey	(Chief Executives)
Melanie Brooks	(Adult Social Care and Public Health)
Colin Pettigrew	(Children and Families)
Adrian Smith	(Place)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Simon Goucher Independent Legal Adviser

OPENING PRAYER

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

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2022/011

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 February 2022 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman with the following alterations:-

Page 12 of the Council book – to correct typographical error that 26 Members voted against the "Motion" not the "amendment" as printed

Page 21 of the Council book – to correct typographical error in the spelling of Councillor Kate Foale

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

- Councillor Steve Carr (other)

- Councillor Richard Jackson (medical/illness)
- Councillor John “Maggie” McGrath (medical/illness)

Councillors Pauline Allan, Penny Gowland and Dave Shaw submitted apologies that they would arrive late to the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. CHAIRMAN’S BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Independent Travel Training – ADEPT Award

Councillor Neil Clarke MBE introduced the award which had been won for the Independent Travel Training (ITT) scheme, operated by the Transport & Travel Services team. The scheme supports many young people with learning disabilities to access education, training and employment opportunities by providing them with the skills and confidence to use public transport.

The Chairman received the award and presented it to Jenney Makler, the ITT Manager.

LGC Awards

The Chairman informed the Chamber that the Council had been shortlisted for a number of awards at this year’s LGC Awards. The winners would be announced on 20th July 2022.

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 undertaking some citizenship ceremonies which had restarted following Covid; attending a concert at Portland College organised by Inspire; attending a number of meetings including an interfaith meeting at Southwell Minster; receiving a cheque presentation from Veolia for £1,000 for the Chairman’s Charity, and attending a Commonwealth concert for the start of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee year, with a highlight on 21st March of attending the opening of the Gedling Access Road.

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 Sybil Fielding regarding school provision in her division

Councillor David Martin regarding road safety issues on Park Lane (B6018) from Selston to Kirkby

Councillor John Wilmott regarding the state of Hucknall's broken roads and pavements

Councillor Michelle Welsh left the Chamber at 10.45am during this item
Councillor Sybil Fielding left the Chamber at 10.49am during this item

6. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

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

- (1) Councillor Nigel Turner, request for a review of road safety on Portland Road, Limes Avenue and Main Road, Nether Langwith
- (2) Councillor John Ogle, regarding safety issues at the crossroads at Laneham Road and Rampton Road, between Woodbeck and Rampton
- (3) Councillor John Ogle, regarding highways safety issues in Eaton
- (4) Councillor Roger Jackson, request to reduce the speed limit on A612 Lowdham to Thurgarton
- (5) Councillor Keith Girling, request to close one end of Southfield Terrace, Newark
- (6) Councillor Mike Adams, request for a pedestrian crossing at the end of Millfield Close to cross the A612, Burton Joyce
- (7) Councillor Lee Waters, request for a residents parking scheme on part of Beardall Street, Park View, Graingers Terrace, Henry Street and Ellis Avenue, Hucknall
- (8) Councillor David Martin, request for safety improvements on Part Lane B6018 (known locally as Bentinck Lane), connecting Selston to Kirkby
- (9) Councillor Mike Pringle, request to look at options for the permanent closure of the short link road from A614 into Station Road, Ollerton

- (10) Councillor Mike Pringle, request for a pedestrian crossing on Retford Road outside St Joseph's Academy
- (11) Councillor Mike Pringle, request for a pedestrian crossing on Tuxford Road
- (12) Councillor Kate Foale, request to keep Dovecote Lane open and to cease the proposed experimental road closure

RESOLVED: 2022/012

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.

Councillors Sybil Fielding and Michelle Welsh returned to the Chamber at 11.03am during this item

7. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2022/23

Councillor Gordon Wheeler introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2022/013 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Jonathan Wheeler.

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

RESOLVED: 2022/013

That the Pay Policy Statement, as set out in the appendix to the report, be approved for publication on the Council's website in April 2022.

8. CHANGE TO THE COUNCIL GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Councillor Philip Owen introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2022/014 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Ben Bradley MP.

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: 2022/014

- 1) That a change to the Council's governance arrangements from a committee system of governance to the executive system (Leader and Cabinet model) be

approved, to be implemented with effect from the Council's annual meeting on 12 May 2022.

- 2) That the detailed documents setting out the main elements of the changed system appended to the report at Appendices 2 – 15 be approved.
- 3) That the public and partners be informed, as appropriate, of the Council's decision by the Chief Executive placing a public notice of the decision with a link to the documents giving effect to the arrangements as soon as reasonably practicable.
- 4) That the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) be convened in order to consider the Council's changed governance arrangements and to make its recommendations to Council regarding a revised Councillors Allowances Scheme.
- 5) That the staffing establishment of the Democratic Services Team be increased to include a post of Senior Scrutiny Officer and the necessary budget provision transferred to the Democratic Services budget and the post recruited to as a matter of priority.
- 6) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any necessary corrections, clarifications, and consequential amendments to the Council's Constitution to bring the new arrangements into effect and where these are material changes that relevant sections of the Constitution be brought back to the annual meeting in May for approval.
- 7) That the Members Working Group, reporting to Governance and Ethics Committee as appropriate, be authorised to maintain an overview of the operation of the new arrangements during the first year of executive arrangements and to make any suggested proposals for change to the Governance and Ethics Committee for recommendation to Full Council.

Councillors Pauline Allan and Penny Gowland arrived at the meeting during consideration of this item.

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

Councillor Samantha Deakin left the Chamber at 11.30am and returned at 11.46am
Councillor Daniel Williamson left the Chamber at 11.31am and returned at 11.46am
Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber 11.37am and returned at 12.13pm
Councillor Tom Hollis left the Chamber at 11.51am and returned at 12.20pm

9a. QUESTIONS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY

None

The Council adjourned from 12.27pm to 1.32pm for lunch.

Councillor Stephen Garner submitted his apologies (other reasons) and did not return to the meeting after lunch.

9b. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Seventeen questions had been received as follows: -

- 1) from Councillor Kate Foale about living with Covid (Councillor Ben Bradley MP replied)
- 2) from Councillor Nigel Turner concerning a new primary school in Worksop (Councillor Keith Girling replied)
- 3) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny about provisional Highways Capital and Revenue Programme (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 4) from Councillor Tom Smith regarding progress with Devolution (Councillor Ben Bradley MP replied)
- 5) from Councillor Michael Payne regarding Notts Holiday Activity and Food Programme (Councillor Tracey Taylor replied)
- 6) from Councillor Keith Girling about Hucknall Library (Councillor John Cottee replied)
- 7) from Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan concerning attendance at Policy Committee (Councillor Ben Bradley MP replied)
- 8) from Councillor Paul Henshaw regarding funding for social care (Councillor Boyd Elliott replied)
- 9) from Councillor Penny Gowland regarding discontinuation of the No19 Centrebus service (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.

- 10) from Councillor John "Maggie" McGrath concerning funding for the Helpful Bureau (Councillor John Cottee to reply)
- 11) Councillor Andy Meakin about branded school uniforms (Councillor Tracey Taylor to reply)

- 12) Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan concerning outcome of the strategic review of recycling centres (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE to reply)
- 13) Councillor Tom Hollis regarding the responsibilities of being a Corporate Parent (Councillor Tracey Taylor to reply)
- 14) Councillor Michelle Welsh about actions arising from the CCN “The Future of Children’s Social Care” report (Councillor Tracey Taylor to reply)
- 15) Councillor Mike Pringle concerning funding for carers (Councillor Boyd Elliott to reply)
- 16) Councillor Lee Waters regarding disinvesting Russian-based assets (Councillor Eric Kerry to reply)
- 17) Councillor Helen-Ann Smith concerning spending on improvements to County Hall (Councillor Keith Girling to reply)

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

Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber 1.54pm and returned at 2.11pm
Councillor David Martin left the Chamber at 1.58pm and returned at 2.28pm
Councillor Samantha Deakin left the Chamber at 2.15pm and returned at 2.26pm
Councillor Daniel Williamson left the Chamber at 2.14pm

10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Motion One – from 20 January 2022 meeting

The motion was withdrawn

Motion Two – from 20 January 2022 meeting

The motion was withdrawn.

Motion Three

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

“This Council notes that residents across Nottinghamshire are going through an unprecedented cost of living crisis.

Disposable incomes across Nottinghamshire are at their lowest level for generations.

This Council further notes the rises in energy bills, water bills, broadband and mobile phone bills, food bills, Council Tax and now National Insurance.

We therefore ask for the Leaders of the Conservatives, Independent Alliance and Labour Groups on Nottinghamshire County Council to write an urgent letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer calling for the National Insurance rise to be scrapped to avoid making the cost-of-living crisis even worse than it already is.”

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Mike Pringle and seconded by Councillor Jim Creamer:-

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Disposable incomes across Nottinghamshire are at their lowest level for generations. This Council further notes the rises in energy bills, water bills, broadband and mobile phone bills, food bills, Council Tax and now National Insurance.

We therefore ask the Leaders of the Conservative, Labour and Independent Alliance Groups of Nottinghamshire County Council to write an urgent letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer calling for the National Insurance rise to be scrapped **and for the implementation of a windfall tax on North Sea oil and gas producer profits**, to avoid making the cost-of-living crisis even worse than it already is.”

The Council adjourned from 2.52pm to 2.58pm to allow the amendment to be considered. Councillor Dave Shaw arrived at the meeting during the adjournment.

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

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 27 members voted ‘**For**’ the altered motion:-

Pauline Allan
Anne Callaghan
John Clarke MBE
Jim Creamer
Debbie Darby
Samantha Deakin
Sybil Fielding
Kate Foale
Glynn Gilfoyle
Penny Gowland
Errol Henry JP
Paul Henshaw
Tom Hollis
David Martin

Andy Meakin
Michael Payne
Sheila Place
Mike Pringle
Francis Purdue-Horan
Dave Shaw
Helen-Ann Smith
Lee Waters
Michelle Welsh
Daniel Williamson
Elizabeth Williamson
John Wilmott
Jason Zadrozny

The following 35 members voted '**Against**' the altered motion:

Reg Adair	Mike Introna
Mike Adams	Roger Jackson
Sinead Anderson	Eric Kerry
Callum Bailey	Bruce Laughton
Matt Barney	Johno 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
Eddie Cubley	Nigel Turner
Dr John Doddy	Roger Upton
Bethan Eddy	Gordon Wheeler
Boyd Elliott	Jonathan Wheeler
Keith Girling	

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 Daniel Williamson returned to the Chamber at 2.44pm

Councillor Sheila Place left the Chamber at 2.41pm and returned at 2.58pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4.12 pm.

CHAIRMAN