

Meeting **POLICY COMMITTEE**

Date **Thursday 14 October 2021 (commencing at 10.30 am)**

membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Ben Bradley MP (Chairman)
Bruce Laughton (Vice-Chairman)

Chris Barnfather
Anne Callaghan
Neil Clarke MBE - **A**
John Cottey
Jim Creamer
Boyd Elliott
Kate Foale
Glynn Gilfoyle
Keith Girling

Richard Jackson
David Martin
Philip Owen
David Shaw - **A**
Helen-Ann Smith
Tracey Taylor
Michelle Welsh - **A**
Gordon Wheeler - **A**
Jason Zadrozny

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Councillor Mike Adams substituted for Councillor Neil Clarke

Councillor Sinead Anderson substituted for Councillor Gordon Wheeler

Councillor Mike Pringle substituted for Councillor Michelle Welsh

OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

None

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May Chief Executive's Department
Marjorie Toward
Keith Ford

Colin Pettigrew Children, Families and Cultural Services Department

Adrian Smith Place Department
Derek Higton
Matthew Neal

1 MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting of Policy Committee held on 2 September 2021, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Neil Clarke – medical reasons

Councillor Dave Shaw – medical reasons

Councillor Michelle Welsh – other reasons

Councillor Gordon Wheeler – medical reasons

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

No interests were declared.

4 REVISED NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FAIR ACCESS PROTOCOL

In response to a query raised by Members officers agreed to provide details of how many children had been dealt with through the Fair Access Protocol since 2018.

RESOLVED: 2021/060

That the revised Nottinghamshire Fair Access Protocol be approved.

5 THE BIG NOTTS SURVEY: INITIAL FINDINGS AND NEXT STEPS

In response to a request from Members, officers agreed to produce, via the political group support officers, a high level summary of casework dealt with by Members to better understand existing areas of focus and priorities of residents.

RESOLVED 2021/061

- 1) That the initial findings of the resident and stakeholder engagement be noted.
- 2) That a high level summary of casework be collated by officers to help inform the development of the new Council Plan.

6 SOCIAL HOUSING DECARBONISATION FUNDING – WAVE 1 BID SUBMISSION

RESOLVED 2021/062

- 1) That the submission of a bid to the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund under Wave 1, utilising the Memorandum of Understanding, as further detailed in the exempt appendix to the committee report, be approved in principle.
- 2) That authority for the final sign-off of the Wave 1 submission be delegated to the Corporate Director, Place Department, in consultation with the Chairman of Policy Committee and the Section 151 Officer.
- 3) That subject to the bid being successful, a further report be submitted to a future meeting to approve the appropriate amendment to the Council's Capital Programme to reflect the amount of funding awarded and the Council entering into the necessary agreements to deliver Wave 1 with the Council's partners.

7 WORK PROGRAMME

In response to a request from Members, officers agreed to clarify whether the previously requested agenda item on a review of secondary school places in Hucknall had been scheduled for Children and Young people's Committee instead of Policy Committee.

With regard to the scheduled item on the East Midlands Freeport, officers explained that briefings and further discussions will be arranged for Group Leaders and non-aligned Members. These discussions would include the format of the report and arrangements for sharing information if possible ahead of the publication of the agenda for the 2 December meeting.

In response to a request from Members, it was agreed to add an update on HS2 and the Integrated Rail Plan to a future meeting agenda following any subsequent Government announcements.

RESOLVED: 2021/063

That the work programme be updated as discussed.

8 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: 2021/064

That the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the discussions were likely to involve disclosure of exempt information described in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

9 SOCIAL HOUSING DECARBONISATION FUNDING – WAVE 1 BID
SUBMISSION – EXEMPT APPENDIX

RESOLVED: 2021/065

That the information contained in the exempt appendix be noted.

The meeting closed at 11.53 am.

CHAIRMAN