



Meeting POLICY COMMITTEE

Date Wednesday 12 February 2020 (commencing at 10.30 am)

**membership**

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

**COUNCILLORS**

Mrs Kay Cutts MBE (Chairman)

Reg Adair (Vice-Chairman)

Chris Barnfather

Joyce Bosnjak

Richard Butler

John Cottee

Samantha Deakin

Kate Foale

Stephen Garner **A**

Glynn Gilfoyle

Tony Harper **A**

Richard Jackson

Bruce Laughton

Philip Owen

John Peck JP

Mike Pringle

Alan Rhodes

Muriel Weisz **A**

Jason Zadrozny **A**

**SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

Rachel Madden for Jason Zadrozny

Liz Plant for Muriel Weisz

Francis Purdue-Horan for Tony Harper

Rachel Madden for Jason Zadrozny

**OTHER COUNTY COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE**

Nicki Brooks

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Anthony May

Chief Executives Department

Luke Barrett

Phil Cooper

Angie Dilley

Keith Ford

David Hennigan

Holly Marrison

James Silverward

Nigel Stevenson

Marjorie Toward

Jonathan Gribbin                      Adult Social Care and Public Health

Colin Pettigrew                      Children, Young People's and Culture  
Marion Clay  
Lawrence Jones

Adrian Smith                      Place Department  
Andy Evans  
Neil Gamble  
Derek Higton

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Grace Li                      Work Experience

### **1        MINUTES**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 15 January 2020, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **2        APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The following apologies for absence were reported:-

Stephen Garner – on other Nottinghamshire County Council business  
Tony Harper – other reasons  
Muriel Weisz – other reasons  
Jason Zadrozny – medical / illness

### **3        DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS.**

Councillor Mike Pringle declared a private, non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 4 – Investing in Nottinghamshire – Making the Best Use of Council Premises, as the local Divisional Member for Ollerton, an area included within the proposals for Newark-on-Trent, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on this item.

Councillor Alan Rhodes declared a private, non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 – Midlands Engine Development Corporation Update, as his son was employed by Grant Thornton, one of the companies contracted to provide services for the Development Corporation, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on this item.

### **4        INVESTING IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE – MAKING THE BEST USE OF COUNCIL PREMISES**

#### **RESOLVED: 2020/017**

- 1) That the proposals to remodel the County Hall campus, as outlined in paragraphs 11 to 17 of the committee report, including the provision of

additional premises incorporating a new archives provision and to approve a variation to the capital programme to increase it by £3,200,000 for detailed design and costing works to be undertaken for a full campus development plan, be approved in principle.

- 2) That the capital programme be varied to increase it by £14,700,000 for the design and construction of new office accommodation and associated infrastructure at Top Wighay.
- 3) That the capital programme be varied to increase it by £4,795,000 for the refurbishment works to be undertaken at Meadow House, Trent Bridge House, Beeston Central Children's Centre and office accommodation at Castle House in Newark.
- 4) That the capital programme be varied to increase it by £2,500,000 to design and construct new office accommodation on the current site of the former Bassetlaw Learning Centre in Worksop.
- 5) That the capital programme be varied to increase it by £250,000 and one-off revenue funding of £2,500 in respect of the establishment of new office and service facilities in Retford at the Retford Post 16 Centre and 17B The Square.
- 6) That the capital programme be varied to increase it by £220,000 for refurbishment works at Sir John Robinson Way, Arnold, necessary to allow surplus office accommodation to be made available for commercial use.
- 7) That the Investing in Nottinghamshire capital and revenue expenditure in respect of programme management resources, as set out in paragraphs 45-51 of the committee report, be approved.

## **5 RESULTS FROM 2019 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE RESIDENTS' SURVEY**

### **RESOLVED: 2020/018**

- 1) That the results of the survey are used to inform development of the Council's service delivery plans and budget setting.
- 2) That the Residents' Survey be carried out in 2020 using a similar approach and methodology.
- 3) That an ongoing programme of engagement with local people be developed, with progress reported through Improvement and Change Sub-Committee.

## **6 SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL PROVISION IN WEST BRIDGFORD**

During discussions, Members requested a copy of the pupil place demand information referenced within paragraph 3 of the committee report.

**RESOLVED: 2020/019**

- 1) That the Children and Young People's capital programme be varied by £445,000 to enable detailed analysis, site surveys and feasibility studies to be undertaken to determine the deliverability and estimated costs for the proposed construction in the West Bridgford planning area of a new secondary school and a relocated and enlarged Lady Bay Primary School.
- 2) That a report summarising the outcomes of the analysis, site surveys and feasibility studies be submitted to a future meeting of Policy Committee.

**7 YOUTH VIOLENCE AND CHILD CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION**

**RESOLVED: 2020/020**

- 1) That funding of up to £100,00 be sought from contingency subject to the availability of external funding, to continue in 2020-21 the posts established in May 2019 to tackle youth violence, as detailed in paragraphs 27-28 of the committee report.
- 2) That an update report be submitted to Policy Committee in November 2020.

**8 MIDLANDS ENGINE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - UPDATE**

**RESOLVED: 2020/021**

- 1) That the progress with the work to examine the feasibility of a Midlands Engine development corporation be endorsed.
- 2) That Nottinghamshire County Council's continued lead role in the development corporation programme be supported.
- 3) That the Statement of Intent, as set out in Appendix A of the committee report, be endorsed.
- 4) That the attendance of Anthony May and Ken Harrison at Le Marche International des Professionnels de L'immobilier on 10-13 March 2020, be noted

**9 REVISED CHILDREN MISSING EDUCATION STRATEGY AND ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION POLICY**

**RESOLVED: 2020/022**

- 1) That the revised Children Missing Education Strategy be approved.
- 2) That the revised Elective Home Education Policy be approved.

**10 SCHOOLS AND EARLY YEARS FUNDING – AGREEMENT OF THE LOCAL FUNDING FORMULA FOR 2020-21**

**RESOLVED: 2020/023**

That the recommendations of the Schools Forum to distribute available funding between Nottinghamshire schools, academies and early years providers in 2020-21 be approved.

**11 ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM**

**RESOLVED: 2020/024**

That the Council adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working definition of antisemitism as follows:-

'Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred towards Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.'

**12 COUNTY COUNCIL CIVIC SERVICE**

**RESOLVED: 2020/025**

That approval be given to the estimated costs of £1500 in connection with the Civic Service on 28 June 2020 at Southwell Minster being met from the County Hospitality budget.

**13 OPERATIONAL DECISIONS ANNUAL REVIEW & QUARTERLY UPDATE JULY-DECEMBER 2019**

During discussions, Members clarified that the location of Middle Street, decision ref. 3534, was within the Beeston Central and Rylands Division.

**RESOLVED: 2020/026**

- 1) That the process for the authorising of operational decisions, as originally approved by the Committee on 20 January 2014, be continued.
- 2) That the operational decisions taken between July-December 2019 be noted.

**14 SALE OF BEVERCOTES HOUSE, DARWIN DRIVE, OLLERTON**

**RESOLVED: 2020/027**

That approval be given to the sale of Bevercotes House, Darwin Drive, Ollerton on terms detailed in this report and its appendix.

**15 WORK PROGRAMME**

During discussions, Members requested that updates on HS2, the Violence Reduction Unit and the National Rehabilitation Centre be scheduled for future meetings as appropriate.

**RESOLVED: 2020/028**

That the Work Programme, as updated by the Committee, be agreed.

**16 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED: 2020/029**

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.

**17 SALE OF BEVERCOTES HOUSE, DARWIN DRIVE, OLLERTON – EXEMPT APPENDIX**

**RESOLVED: 2020/030**

That the information set out in the exempt appendix be noted.

The meeting closed at 12.46 pm.

CHAIRMAN