



# Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 7 December 2023 (10.30 am – 5.22 pm)

## Membership

### COUNCILLORS

John Ogle (Chairman)  
Richard Butler (Vice-Chairman)

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

Richard Jackson  
Roger Jackson  
Eric Kerry  
Bruce Laughton  
Johnno Lee  
Rachel Madden - apologies  
David Martin  
John 'Maggie' McGrath  
Andy Meakin  
Nigel Moxon  
Kane Oliver  
Philip Owen  
Michael Payne  
Sheila Place  
Mike Pringle  
Francis Purdue-Horan  
Mike Quigley MBE  
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  
Elizabeth Williamson  
John Wilmott  
Jason Zadrozny

## **HONORARY ALDERMEN**

Terence Butler  
John Carter

## **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

|                  |                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Adrian Smith     | (Chief Executive)              |
| Marjorie Toward  | (Chief Executives)             |
| Sara Allmond     | (Chief Executives)             |
| Sarah Ashton     | (Chief Executives)             |
| Carl Bilbey      | (Chief Executives)             |
| Isobel Fleming   | (Chief Executives)             |
| David Hennigan   | (Chief Executives)             |
| Phil Rostance    | (Chief Executives)             |
| Nigel Stevenson  | (Chief Executives)             |
| Phil Smith       | (Chief Executives)             |
| Jonathan Gribbin | (Adult Social Care and Health) |
| Melanie Williams | (Adult Social Care and Health) |
| Colin Pettigrew  | (Children and Families)        |
| Derek Higton     | (Place)                        |

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Upon the Council convening, prayers were led by the Chairman.

## **MINUTE SILENCE**

A minute silence was held in memory of former County Councillor Ken Bullivant and former Chairman's Chaplain The Venerable (Air Vice Marshall) Robin Turner CB, DL.

## **1. MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED: 2023/039**

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 September 2023 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, with an amendment to the declaration of interest provided by Councillor Michelle Welsh to read as follows:

Councillor Michelle Welsh declared an interest in question 7 to Cabinet Members as she was a GMB accompanying representative for union members at work places that were not unionised.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from:-

- Councillor Pauline Allan (medical/illness)

- Councillor Callum Bailey (medical/illness)
- Councillor Anne Callaghan BEM (other reasons)
- Councillor John Clarke MBE (other reasons)
- Councillor Stephen Garner (other County Council business)
- Councillor Rachel Madden (other reasons)

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Ben Bradley MP declared an interest in item 7 – Consent to the East Midlands Combined Authority Regulations 2023 as he had been nominated as the Conservative Party candidate standing for election as mayor of the Combined County Authority. Councillor Bradley MP confirmed that he had sought appropriate advice and having carefully considered the relevant legal tests and the Code of Conduct it was permissible for him to remain in the room and vote. He confirmed he would, as always, approach the issues with an open mind, listen to the debate and consider the wider public interest before voting.

Councillor Michelle Welsh declared an interest in question 3 to the Leader of the Council on the Executive Report as she was a GMB accompanying representative for union members at work places that were not unionised.

### **4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

#### **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

None

#### **AGENDA ORDER**

Due to sewage problems in the building that might result in the meeting being adjourned early, the Chairman used his discretion to change the order of the agenda to ensure the legally required business was concluded. Therefore item 7 – Consent to the East Midlands Combined County Authority Regulations 2023 and item 10 – Changes to Cabinet Member Arrangements and Appointment of Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen were moved to be the next items of business, and the situation would be reviewed following the conclusions of the 2 items.

### **7. CONSENT TO THE EAST MIDLANDS COMBINED COUNTY AUTHORITY REGULATIONS 2023**

Councillor Ben Bradley MP introduced the report, reported a correction to the figure in paragraph 64 of the report to read “£2 - 4m” and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2023/040 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Bruce Laughton.

Following a debate, the motion was put to the meeting. The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 52 members voted '**For**' the motion:-

|                  |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Reg Adair        | Richard Jackson       |
| Mike Adams       | Roger Jackson         |
| Sinead Anderson  | Eric Kerry            |
| Matt Barney      | Bruce Laughton        |
| Chris Barnfather | Johno Lee             |
| Ben Bradley MP   | David Martin          |
| Richard Butler   | John 'Maggie' McGrath |
| André Camilleri  | Andy Meakin           |
| Scott Carlton    | Nigel Moxon           |
| Neil Clarke MBE  | John Ogle             |
| Robert Corden    | Kane Oliver           |
| John Cottey      | Philip Owen           |
| Jim Creamer      | Mike Pringle          |
| Debbie Darby     | Mike Quigley MBE      |
| Samantha Deakin  | Sue Saddington        |
| Dr John Doddy    | Helen-Ann Smith       |
| Bethan Eddy      | Sam Smith             |
| Boyd Elliott     | Tom Smith             |
| Sybil Fielding   | Tracey Taylor         |
| Kate Foale       | Nigel Turner          |
| Glynn Gilfoyle   | Roger Upton           |
| Keith Girling    | Michelle Welsh        |
| Penny Gowland    | Gordon Wheeler        |
| Errol Henry JP   | Jonathan Wheeler      |
| Paul Henshaw     | Elizabeth Williamson  |
| Mike Introna     | Jason Zadrozny        |

The following 5 members voted '**Against**' the altered motion:

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Steve Carr           | Lee Waters   |
| Francis Purdue-Horan | John Wilmott |
| Dave Shaw            |              |

The following member '**Abstained**' from the vote:

Tom Hollis

## **RESOLVED: 2023/040**

That Council:

- 1) agrees to the creation of the East Midlands Combined County Authority with the Council as a constituent member

- 2) consents to the making of the East Midlands Combined County Authority Regulations 2023 as required by section 46(1)(d) of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023
- 3) delegates authority to the Chief Executive to approve any technical amendments to the East Midlands Combined County Authority Regulations 2023, which the Chief Executives of the other three Councils also agree to, on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council. This delegation is to be exercised in consultation with the Leader of the Council; and,
- 4) approves the appointment of Melbourne Barrett, Returning Officer of Nottingham City Council as the first combined county authority returning officer for the proposed East Midlands Combined County Authority, subject to the passing of the amendments to article 6A(1) of the Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 as applied by article 12 of the Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2023.

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

- Councillor Michael Payne left the Chamber at 10.52am and did not return until after the lunch break
- Councillor Kane Oliver left the Chamber at 10.54am and returned at 11.17am

#### **10. CHANGES TO CABINET MEMBER ARRANGEMENTS AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN**

Councillor Chris Barnfather introduced the report, reported an alteration to table 1 of the report changing the Cabinet Member for Children Social Care to Cabinet Member for Children and Families and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2023/041 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Bruce Laughton.

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: 2023/041**

- 1) That the changes which the Leader has made to Cabinet Member portfolios, titles and appointments effective from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 be noted.
- 2) That the revised Cabinet Member Terms of Reference and titles to reflect the changes made by the Leader be noted.
- 3) That the proposed changes to the Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen appointments as highlighted in Table 2 above be approved, for implementation effective from 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

- 4) That any further consequent amendments to the Constitution made by the Monitoring Officer arising from the changes to Cabinet Member portfolios and titles be reported to all Members for information.

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

- Councillor Elizabeth Williamson left the Chamber at 12.15pm and did not return until after the lunch break
- Councillor Steve Carr left the Chamber at 12.15pm and did not return until after the lunch break

The Council adjourned for lunch from 12.49pm to 2.01pm after consideration of this item.

Councillor Sheila Place did not return to the Chamber after the lunch break

#### **4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**

##### **FORMER COUNTY COUNCILLOR KEN BULLIVANT**

The Chairman spoke in memory of former County Councillor Ken Bullivant.

Councillors Steve Butler, Sybil Fielding, Kate Foale and Tracey Taylor also spoke in memory of former County Councillor Ken Bullivant.

##### **CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

The Chairman updated Members on the business he had carried out since the last meeting.

#### **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 Bruce Laughton regarding a young resident who benefited from SEND programme now excelling in sports

Councillor Penny Gowland regarding residents barriers to access public transport in West Bridgford North

Councillor Kane Oliver regarding flooding in Eastwood

Councillor Roger Jackson regarding traffic and highways access issues in Gunthorpe

Councillor Michelle Welsh regarding barriers to residents accessing public transport in Arnold South

Councillor Tom Hollis regarding highways issues on Alfreton Road and Huthwaite Road

The time limit of 15 minutes for speeches was reached and the remaining speeches fell.

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

- Councillor Tom Hollis having not returned after the lunchbreak returned to the Chamber at 2.11pm
- Councillor Elizabeth Williamson having not returned after the lunchbreak returned to the Chamber at 2.15pm
- Councillor Sue Saddington having not returned after the lunchbreak returned to the Chamber at 2.24pm
- Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 2.16pm and returned at 2.34pm

### **MOTION TO CHANGE AGENDA ORDER**

Councillor Kate Foale moved a motion under Council Procedure Rule 87e to vary the order of the agenda to move item 13 – Notice of Motions to next on the agenda.

Councillor Mike Pringle seconded the motion.

The Chairman put the motion to the meeting and on a show of hands the motion fell.

### **6a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

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

- (1) Councillor Boyd Elliott regarding resurfacing of Grange Crescent, Gedling
- (2) Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan regarding White Lion Crossroads, Bingham
- (3) Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan regarding road safety in Orston
- (4) Councillor Steve Carr regarding the condition of pavements on River Green Crescent and Deanewood Avenue
- (5) Councillor Debbie Darby requesting a residents parking scheme for Post Office Row, Coddington
- (6) Councillor Kate Foale regarding the tram concession consultation

**RESOLVED: 2023/042**

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

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

- Councillor Tom Hollis left the Chamber at 2.37pm and returned later in the meeting
- Councillor Sybil Fielding left the Chamber at 2.38pm and returned later in the meeting

**6b. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED: 2023/043**

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

**8. NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE WASTE LOCAL PLAN – SUBMISSION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

Councillor Neil Clarke MBE introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2023/044 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: 2023/044**

- 1) That the summary of the main issues raised during the consultation on the Draft Plan Stage as outlined in the Report of Consultation including a summary of representations received on the Pre Submission Version (Appendix 2) and how these have been addressed be noted;
- 2) That the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan – Pre Submission Version (Appendix 1) be approved and that it be submitted to the Secretary of State with a request that the appointed Planning Inspector should advise on any necessary modifications considered necessary in order to make the Plan sound.
- 3) That the Corporate Director, Place be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, to consider, propose and publish any modifications during the examination of the Plan in order to deal with issues of soundness and to compile and submit further supporting documents as necessary prior to or following submission.



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

- Councillor Samantha Deakin left the Chamber at 2.46pm and returned later in the meeting
- Having left the Chamber earlier in the meeting, Councillor Sybil Fielding returned to the Chamber at 2.52pm

## **9. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT 2023-24**

Councillor Richard Jackson introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2023/045 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor André Camilleri.

### **RESOLVED: 2023/045**

That the actions taken by the Section 151 Officer to date, as set out in the report, be noted.

## **11. EXECUTIVE REPORT – KEY ISSUES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **RESOLVED: 2023/046**

That the contents of the report be noted.

## **12a. QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL ON THE EXECUTIVE REPORT**

7 questions had been received as follows: -

- 1) from Councillor Kate Foale concerning the Midlands Connect Event
- 2) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding visit by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak
- 3) from Councillor Michelle Welsh concerning the Business and Trade Select Committee

The full response to the questions above are set out in set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

The time limit of 15 minutes allowed for questions to the Leader on the Executive Report 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 available Full Council meeting after the deadline.

- 4) from Councillor Penny Gowland about the Business and Trade Select Committee
- 5) from Councillor Mike Pringle about the CCN Conference
- 6) from Councillor Paul Henshaw regarding the CCN Conference
- 7) from Councillor John 'Maggie' McGrath regarding flooding across Nottinghamshire

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

- Councillor Errol Henry JP left the Chamber at 3.05pm and returned later in the meeting
- Councillor John Cotte left the Chamber at 3.07pm and returned at 3.19pm
- Councillor Tracey Taylor left the Chamber at 3.07pm and returned later in the meeting
- Councillor Matt Barney left the Chamber at 3.07pm and returned at 3.19pm
- Councillor Sinead Anderson left the Chamber at 3.08pm and returned later in the meeting
- Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 3.17pm and returned later in the meeting
- Councillor Dr John Doddy left the Chamber at 3.19pm and returned later in the meeting

#### **12b. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

10 questions had been received as follows: -

- 1) from Councillor John Lee concerning additional funding for highways resurfacing (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 2) from Councillor Michelle Welsh concerning workforce absences (Councillor Richard Jackson replied)
- 3) from Councillor Steve Carr concerning land at Toton (Councillor Keith Girling replied on behalf of Councillor Richard Jackson)
- 4) from Councillor Eric Kerry concerning funding for concessionary tram travel (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 5) from Councillor Paul Henshaw about closure of Ashdale Care Home (Councillor Matt Barney replied)
- 6) from Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan about changes to the MTFP following the autumn statement (Councillor Richard Jackson replied)
- 7) from Councillor André Camilleri regarding implications of the Autumn Statement for Nottinghamshire (Councillor Ben Bradley MP replied)

- 8) from Councillor Penny Gowland regarding consultation on concessionary tram scheme (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 9) from Councillor Dave Shaw regarding evening activities for young people in Hucknall (Councillor Tracey Taylor replied)

The full responses to the questions above are set out in set out in Appendix B to these minutes.

The time limit of 60 minutes allowed for questions was reached before the following question was asked. A written response to the question would be provided to the Councillor who asked the question within 15 working days of the meeting and be included in the papers for the next available Full Council meeting after the deadline.

- 10) from Councillor Tom Hollis about serving venison in maintained schools (Councillor Scott Carlton to reply)

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

- Councillor Jonathan Wheeler left the Chamber at 3.11pm and returned at 3.36pm
- Councillor Mike Introna left the Chamber at 3.22pm and returned at 3.41pm
- Councillor Tom Smith left the Chamber at 3.22pm and returned at 3.43pm
- Councillor Michael Payne left the Chamber at 3.29pm and returned later in the meeting
- Having left earlier in the meeting, Councillor Tracey Taylor returned to the Chamber at 3.41pm
- Having left earlier in the meeting, Councillor Tom Hollis returned to the Chamber at 3.56pm
- Councillor Michelle Welsh left the Chamber at 3.50pm and returned at 4.05pm
- Having left earlier in the meeting, Councillor Errol Henry JP returned to the Chamber at 3.51pm
- Councillor Helen-Ann Smith left the Chamber at 3.52pm and returned at 4.04pm
- Having left earlier in the meeting, Councillor Jason Zadrozny returned to the Chamber at 3.56pm
- Having left earlier in the meeting, Councillor Dr John Doddy returned to the Chamber at 4.01pm

### **13. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

#### **MOTION ONE – NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE FLOODING CAUSED BY STORM BABET**

A Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Jason Zadrozny and seconded by Councillor Tom Hollis:

“That Nottinghamshire County Council:

1. Requests that the Place Select committee carry out a full review of Nottinghamshire County Council's preparation for and response to the flooding caused by Storm Babet.
2. Requests that the Place Select committee carry out a full review of gully cleaning across Nottinghamshire.
3. Offers its thanks to council staff and their partners like District, Borough, Parish and Town Councils; and infrastructure/ utility providers, such as Severn Trent Water and National Highways."

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Neil Clarke MBE and seconded by Councillor John Cottee:

"That Nottinghamshire County Council:

- ~~2.~~ 4. Requests that the Place Select committee carry out a full review of Nottinghamshire County Council's preparation for and response to the flooding caused by Storm Babet-, **including consideration of information and recommendations that are automatically brought forward in Section 19 reports and from reports of the Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Local Resilience Forum in response to all significant flooding incidents.**
- ~~3.~~ 2. Requests that the Place Select committee carry out a full review of gully cleaning across Nottinghamshire-, **including the role and responsibilities of other local councils (e.g.) in relation to street cleaning.**
- ~~1.~~ 3. Offers its thanks to **its own** council staff and **those of its** their partners like District, Borough, Parish and Town Councils; **emergency services; community volunteers;** and infrastructure/ utility providers, such as Severn Trent Water and National Highways **for their efforts combating the effects of Storm Babet and helping residents across the County.**"

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

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: 2023/046**

That the Council agrees to:

- 1) Offers its thanks to its own staff and those of its partners like District, Borough, Parish and Town Councils; emergency services; community volunteers; and infrastructure/utility providers, such as Severn Trent Water and National Highways for their efforts combating the effects of Storm Babet and helping residents across the County.

- 2) Requests that the Place Select committee carry out a full review of Nottinghamshire County Council's preparation for and response to the flooding caused by Storm Babet, including consideration of information and recommendations that are automatically brought forward in Section 19 reports and from reports of the Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Local Resilience Forum in response to all significant flooding incidents.
- 3) Requests that the Place Select committee carry out a full review of gully cleaning across Nottinghamshire, including the role and responsibilities of other local councils (e.g.) in relation to street cleaning.

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

- Having left earlier in the meeting, Councillor Sinead Anderson returned to the Chamber at 4.05pm
- Having left earlier in the meeting, Councillor Samantha Deakin returned to the Chamber at 4.05pm
- Having left earlier in the meeting, Councillor Michael Payne returned to the Chamber at 4.10pm
- Councillor Penny Gowland left the Chamber at 4.09pm and returned at 4.38pm
- Councillor Dave Meakin left the Chamber at 4.29pm and did not return
- Councillor Samantha Deakin left the Chamber at 4.57pm and returned at 5.17pm
- Councillor Michelle Welsh left the Chamber at 4.59pm and returned at 5.15pm
- Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 5.02pm and returned at 5.14pm
- Councillor Ben Bradley MP left the Chamber at 5.06pm and returned at 5.19pm

As there would not be enough time to conclude any further business before the time limit of 5.30pm was reached, all remaining business would be carried over to the next ordinary meeting of Full Council.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.22 pm.

**CHAIRMAN**