



Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 22 February 2024 (10.30 am – 5.43 pm)

Membership

COUNCILLORS

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

Reg Adair
Mike Adams
Pauline Allan
Sinead Anderson - apologies
Callum Bailey
Matt Barney
Chris Barnfather
Ben Bradley MP
Anne Callaghan BEM
André Camilleri
Scott Carlton
Steve Carr
John Clarke MBE
Neil Clarke MBE
Robert Corden
John Cottee
Jim Creamer
Debbie Darby
Sam Deakin
Dr John Doddy - apologies
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
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 - apologies
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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Adrian Smith	(Chief Executive)
Marjorie Toward	(Chief Executives)
Sara Allmond	(Chief Executives)
Sarah Ashton	(Chief Executives)
Glen Bicknell	(Chief Executives)
Carl Bilbey	(Chief Executives)
Isobel Fleming	(Chief Executives)
Katherine Harclerode	(Chief Executives)
David Hennigan	(Chief Executives)
James Lavender	(Chief Executives)
James McDonnell	(Chief Executives)
Phil Rostance	(Chief Executives)
Nigel Stevenson	(Chief Executives)
Phil Smith	(Chief Executives)
Vivienne Robbins	(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 Councillors LB Cooper and John Hemsall and former Democratic Services Officer Martin Gately.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2024/001

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 December 2023 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

- Councillor Sinead Anderson (medical/illness)
- Councillor Dr John Doddy (medical/illness)
- Councillor Stephen Garner (medical/illness)
- Councillor Dave Shaw (other reasons)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Best Collaboration and Best Creative in the 2023 "Unawards"

Councillor Tracey Taylor introduced the awards which were won for the 'Any of Us' fostering film produced in collaboration with more than 80 local authorities and children's trusts.

The Chairman received the presentation certificate from Councillor Tracey Taylor and presented it to Jenny Whiston, Group Manager Fostering, Residential & Secure Accommodation.

FORMER COUNTY COUNCILLORS LB COOPER AND JOHN HEMPSALL AND FORMER DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER MARTIN GATELY

The Chairman spoke in memory of former County Councillors LB Cooper and John Hemsall and former Democratic Services Officer Martin Gately.

Councillors Sybil Fielding, Sue Saddington, Kate Foale, Gordon Wheeler, Bruce Laughton, Keith Girling, Jason Zadrozny, Jonathan Wheeler, Reg Adair and Steve Carr also spoke in memory of former County Councillors LB Cooper and John Hemsall and former Democratic Services Officer Martin Gately.

LORD-LIEUTENANT SIR JOHN PEACE

On behalf of the Chamber, the Chairman thanked the Lord-Lieutenant Sir John Peace for his dedication to the role and offered their well wishes.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

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

Councillor Mike Adams left the Chamber at 10.52am during consideration of this item and returned later in the agenda.

5. ANNUAL BUDGET REPORT 2024-25

Councillor Richard Jackson introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2024/002 below, which was seconded by Councillor Ben Bradley MP.

Councillor Jason Zadrozny moved the Independent Alliance Group amendment, as printed in the Council agenda, which was seconded by Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan.

Councillor Richard Jackson, the Mover of the Motion, confirmed that he would not accept the amendment. The Motion and amendment were then debated.

The Council adjourned from 12.29pm to 1.32pm for lunch.

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

Having left the Chamber earlier in the meeting, Councillor Mike Adams returned to the Chamber at 12.06pm

Councillor Sue Saddington left the Chamber at 11.54am and returned at 12.05pm

Councillor John Lee left the Chamber at 12.02pm and returned at 12.15pm

Councillor Helen-Ann Smith left the Chamber at 12.13pm and returned at 12.26pm

Councillor Samantha Deakin left the Chamber at 12.13pm and returned after lunch

Councillor Tom Hollis left the Chamber at 12.15pm and returned at 12.27pm

Councillor Helen-Ann Smith did not return to the meeting after the lunch break

Councillor Tom Smith left the Chamber at 2.08pm and returned at 2.26pm

Councillor Samantha Deakin left the Chamber at 2.10pm and returned at 5.13pm

Councillor Sheila Place left the Chamber at 2.40pm and returned at 3.13pm

Councillor Boyd Elliott left the Chamber at 2.49pm and returned at 3.01pm

Councillor Tom Smith left the Chamber at 2.49pm and returned at 3.15pm

Councillor John Lee left the Chamber at 2.51pm and returned at 3.15pm

Councillor Pauline Allan left the Chamber at 2.53pm and returned at 3.17pm

Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan left the Chamber at 2.53pm and returned at 3.05pm

Councillor Paul Henshaw left the Chamber at 2.53pm and returned at 3.04pm

Councillor Errol Henry JP left the Chamber at 2.58pm and returned at 3.47pm

Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 3.03pm and returned at 3.43pm

Councillor Sue Saddington left the Chamber at 3.03pm and returned at 3.34pm

Councillor Penny Gowland left the Chamber at 3.05pm and returned at 3.20pm

Councillor Ben Bradley MP left the Chamber at 3.08pm and returned at 3.28pm

Councillor Matt Barney left the Chamber at 3.10pm and returned at 3.30pm

Councillor John Clarke MBE left the Chamber at 3.15pm and returned at 3.49pm

Councillor Jonathan Wheeler left the Chamber at 3.19pm and returned at 3.32pm

Councillor Mike Intronat left the Chamber at 3.22pm and returned at 3.34pm

Councillor Sam Smith left the Chamber at 3.22pm and returned at 3.32pm

Councillor Kate Foale left the Chamber at 3.27pm and returned at 3.43pm

Councillor Neil Clarke MBE left the Chamber at 3.32pm and returned at 3.49pm

Councillor Michael Payne left the Chamber at 4.01pm and returned at 4.17pm

Councillor Jonathan Wheeler left the Chamber at 4.04pm and returned at 4.16pm

Councillor Tom Hollis left the Chamber at 4.04pm and returned at 4.16pm

Councillor Lee Waters left the Chamber at 4.07pm and returned at 4.18pm

Councillor Andy Meakin left the Chamber at 4.07pm and returned at 4.22pm

Councillor Debbie Darby left the Chamber at 4.31pm and returned at 4.44pm

Councillor Rachel Madden left the Chamber at 4.35pm and returned at 4.47pm

Councillor Michelle Welsh left the Chamber at 4.37pm and returned at 7.18pm

Councillor Michael Payne left the Chamber at 4.37pm and returned at 7.17pm

Councillor Tom Hollis left the Chamber at 5.18pm and returned at 5.34pm
Councillor Kane Oliver left the Chamber at 5.18pm and returned at 5.32pm

Following the debate, the amendment and motion were put to the meeting. A recorded vote was legally required for the amendment and the motion.

A recorded vote was taken on the Independent Alliance Group amendment and it was ascertained that the following 13 Members voted '**For**' the amendment:-

Steve Carr	Kane Oliver
Debbie Darby	Francis Purdue-Horan
Samantha Deakin	Lee Waters
Tom Hollis	Elizabeth Williamson
Rachel Madden	John Wilmott
David Martin	Jason Zadrozny
Andy Meakin	

The following 48 Members voted '**Against**' the amendment:-

Reg Adair	Paul Henshaw
Mike Adams	Mike Introna
Pauline Allan	Richard Jackson
Callum Bailey	Roger Jackson
Matt Barney	Eric Kerry
Chris Barnfather	Bruce Laughton
Ben Bradley MP	Johnno Lee
Richard Butler	John 'Maggie' McGrath
Anne Callaghan BEM	Nigel Moxon
André Camilleri	John Ogle
Scott Carlton	Philip Owen
John Clarke MBE	Michael Payne
Neil Clarke MBE	Sheila Place
Robert Cordon	Mike Pringle
John Cottee	Mike Quigley MBE
Jim Creamer	Sue Saddington
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

No Members '**Abstained**'.

The Chairman declared that the Independent Alliance Group amendment was lost.

A recorded vote was then taken on the original motion and it was ascertained that the following 46 Members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Reg Adair
Mike Adams
Callum Bailey
Matt Barney
Chris Barnfather
Ben Bradley MP
Richard Butler
André Camilleri
Scott Carlton
Steve Carr
Neil Clarke MBE
Robert Cordon
John Cottee
Debbie Darby
Samantha Deakin
Bethan Eddy
Boyd Elliott
Keith Girling
Tom Hollis
Mike Introna
Richard Jackson
Roger Jackson
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John Ogle
Kane Oliver
Philip Owen
Francis Purdue-Horan
Mike Quigley MBE
Sue Saddington
Sam Smith
Tom Smith
Tracey Taylor
Nigel Turner
Roger Upton
Lee Waters
Gordon Wheeler
Jonathan Wheeler
Elizabeth Williamson
John Wilmott
Jason Zadrozny

The following 15 Members voted '**Against**' the motion:-

Pauline Allan
Anne Callaghan BEM
John Clarke MBE
Jim Creamer
Sybil Fielding
Kate Foale
Glynn Gilfoyle
Penny Gowland

Errol Henry JP
Paul Henshaw
John "Maggie" McGrath
Michael Payne
Sheila Place
Mike Pringle
Michelle Welsh

No Members '**Abstained**'.

The Chairman declared the motion was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2024/002

- 1) That the Annual Revenue Budget for Nottinghamshire County Council be set at £638.835 million for 2024/25, as set out in table 1 of the report, be approved
- 2) That the principles underlying the amended Medium-Term Financial Strategy as set out in table 3 of the report, be approved
- 3) That the Cabinet be authorised to make allocations from General Contingency for 2024/25 as set out in paragraph 73 in appendix 2 of the report.

- 4) That the 2.00% Adult Social Care Precept be levied in 2024/25 to part fund increasing adult social care costs as set out in paragraph 87 in appendix 2 of the report.
- 5) That the County Council element of the Council Tax be increased by 2.84% in 2024/25. That the overall Band D tax rate be set at £1,807.08 with the various bands of property as set out in paragraph 88 in appendix 2 of the report.
- 6) That the County Precept for the year ending 31 March 2025 shall be £482,559,408 and shall be applicable to the whole of the District Council areas as General Expenses as set out in paragraph 12 of the report.
- 7) That the County Precept for 2024/25 shall be collected from the District and Borough Councils in the proportions set out in Table 5 of the report on the dates set out in Table 8 of appendix 2 of the report.
- 8) That the Capital Programme for 2024/25 to 2027/28 be approved at the total amounts below and be financed as set out in table 11 in appendix 2 of the report:

Year	Capital Programme
2024/25	£161.296m
2025/26	£69.711m
2026/27	£47.467m
2027/28	£48.601m

- 9) That the variations to the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraphs 118 – 122 in appendix 2 of the report, be approved.
- 10) That the Minimum Revenue Provision policy for 2024/25, as set out in appendix D of the report, be approved.
- 11) That the Capital Strategy including the 2024/25 Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Strategy, as set out in appendix E of the report, be approved.
- 12) That the Service Director – Finance, Infrastructure and Improvement be authorised to raise loans in 2024/25 within the limits of total external borrowings, as set out in paragraph 132 in appendix 2 of the report, be approved.
- 13) That the Treasury Management Policy for 2024/25, as set out in appendix F of the report, be approved.
- 14) That the Council delegates responsibility for the setting of Treasury Management Policies and Practices relating to Pension Fund cash to the Pension Fund Committee, as set out in paragraph 131 in appendix 2 of the report.
- 15) That the implementation of the savings options set out in appendix B of the report be approved.

16) That the undertaking of future consultations on savings options where required, as set out in paragraph 59 of appendix 2 of the report, be approved.

17) That the report be approved and adopted.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

CHAIRMAN