



SUMMONS TO COUNCIL

date Thursday, 18 January 2018 venue County Hall, West Bridgford,
commencing at 10:30 Nottingham

You are hereby requested to attend the above Meeting to be held at the time/place and on the date mentioned above for the purpose of transacting the business on the Agenda as under.

Chief Executive

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| 1 | Minutes of the last meeting held on 23 November 2017 | 7 - 28 |
| 2 | Apologies for Absence | |
| 3 | Declarations of Interests by Members and Officers:- (see note below)
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| 4 | Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse
<i>Chairman's discretion exercised to change the agenda order (Procedure Rule 15)</i> | 29 - 34 |
| 5 | Chairman's Business
a) Presentation of Awards/Certificates (if any) | |
| 6 | Constituency Issues (see note 4) | |
| 7a | Presentation of Petitions (if any) (see note 5 below) | |
| 7b | Responses to Petitions Presented to the Chairman of the County Council | 35 - 40 |

- 8** Questions
 - a) Questions to Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority
 - b) Questions to Committee Chairmen
- 9** NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Motion One

This Council notes with regret the £2.38 million cut in real terms funding for Nottinghamshire Police for 2018/19.

In December, the Government announced that the core funding for police budgets will remain exactly the same as in 2017/2018. For Nottinghamshire Police, this means that the core funding settlement from the Government remains at £76,843,070. Taking into account inflation, this will mean a cut in real terms of £2.38m.

This Council notes that the Government announced in December that they will be investing an additional £270m in police nationally. This Council acknowledges however that this is entirely reliant on local Police and Crime Commissioners raising the police precept in their areas. This amounts to a Council Tax rise by the back door and will not do much to protect the residents of Nottinghamshire.

This Council believes that the Government should be investing in front line policing proportionately across Nottinghamshire not cutting funding. Also notes that overall crime has risen across Nottinghamshire by 12 per cent with a rise in violence against a person, theft crimes, possession of weapons, and public order offences.

This Council further notes with regret that Nottinghamshire Police failed to answer or respond to 36,000 '101' calls from residents in the last year. This Council believes that as a result, the rise in crime in the County could be the tip of the ice-berg. With crime rising, the government should have increased police budgets in real terms not ignoring the alarming rise in serious crime.

This Council calls for an urgent meeting with Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service with the Leaders of the Conservatives, Labour and Ashfield Independents alongside the current Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire.

Councillor Jason Zadrozny

Councillor David Martin

Motion Two

This Council welcomes the decision of the Children and Young People's Committee to implement shorter summer holidays for pupils in Nottinghamshire in 2019/20. The decision to reduce the summer holidays from six weeks to five weeks and introduce a two week October half term and fixed term break was made after a six week consultation.

This Council notes with concern however, that the increase in fines for unauthorised absence has increased from 1508 during the Summer Term of 2015/16 to 2470 in the Summer Term of 2016/17. Parents fined for taking their children on holiday without permission rose at the same time from 1399 in 2015/16 to 2419 in 2016/17.

This Council believes that the changes in term times across the County was partly a result of the increase in the fines levied and welcomes the proactive decision to tackle this.

This Council notes however, the disgraceful behaviour of holiday companies which force the poorest to take holidays in term time. August prices are often twice those in June, camping holidays quadruple in costs, and flights and ferry fares on peak summer weekends can be up to four times more expensive than at quieter times.

This Council therefore resolves:

1. To write to Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) and ask them to carry out a review of their member's pricing policies and consider withdrawing membership from those members who persisting in sustaining the 'Great Family Holiday Rip Off.'
2. To reduce or suspend any fines for the 2019/20 academic year for parents who take their children on holiday without permission as families get used to the new term time arrangements.

**Councillor Tom Hollis
Smith**

Councillor Helen-Ann

10 ADJOURNMENT DEBATE
(if any)

Notes:-

(A) For Councillors

- (1) Members will be informed of the date and time of their Group meeting for Council by their Group Researcher.
- (2) The Chairman has agreed that the Council will adjourn for lunch at their discretion.
- (3)
 - (a) Persons making a declaration of interest should have regard to the Code of Conduct and the Procedure Rules for Meetings of the Full Council. Those declaring must indicate whether their interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or a private interest and the reasons for the declaration.
 - (b) Any member or officer who declares a disclosable pecuniary interest in an item must withdraw from the meeting during discussion and voting upon it, unless a dispensation has been granted. Members or officers requiring clarification on whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services prior to the meeting.
 - (c) Declarations of interest will be recorded and included in the minutes of this meeting and it is therefore important that clear details are given by members and others in turn, to enable Democratic Services to record accurate information.
- (4) At any Full Council meeting except the annual meeting, a special meeting and the budget meeting, Members are given an opportunity to speak for up to three minutes on any issue which specifically relates to their division and is relevant to the services provided by the County Council. These speeches must relate specifically to the area the Member represents and should not be of a general nature. They are constituency speeches and therefore must relate to constituency issues only. This is an opportunity simply to air these issues in a Council meeting. It will not give rise to a debate on the issues or a question or answer session. There is a maximum time limit of 30 minutes for this item.
- (5) Members are reminded that petitions can be presented from their seat with a 1 minute time limit set on introducing the petition.
- (6) Members' attention is drawn to the question put to the Chairman of the Children & Young People's Committee under paragraphs 32, 39 and 40 of the Procedure Rules, and the answer to which is included at the back of the Council book.
- (7) Members are reminded that these papers may be recycled. Appropriate containers are located in the respective secretariats.



Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 23 November 2017 (10.30 am – 5.27 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

John Handley (Chairman)
Mrs Sue Saddington (Vice-Chairman)

Reg Adair	John Knight	
Pauline Allan	Bruce Laughton	
Chris Barnfather	John Longdon	
Joyce Bosnjak	Rachel Madden	
Ben Bradley	David Martin	
Nicki Brooks	Diana Meale	
Andrew Brown	John Ogle	
Richard Butler	Philip Owen	
Steve Carr	Michael Payne	
John Clarke	John Peck JP	
Neil Clarke MBE	Sheila Place	
John Cottee	Liz Plant	
Jim Creamer	Mike Pringle	
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE	Francis Purdue-Horan	A
Samantha Deakin	Mike Quigley MBE	
Maureen Dobson	Alan Rhodes	
Dr John Doddy	Kevin Rostance	
Boyd Elliott	Phil Rostance	
Sybil Fielding	Andy Sissons	
Kate Foale	Helen-Ann Smith	
Stephen Garner	Tracey Taylor	
Glynn Gilfoyle	Parry Tsimbiridis	
Keith Girling	Steve Vickers	
Kevin Greaves	Keith Walker	
Tony Harper	Stuart Wallace	
Errol Henry JP	Muriel Weisz	
Paul Henshaw	Andy Wetton	
Tom Hollis	Gordon Wheeler	
Vaughan Hopewell	Jonathan Wheeler	
Richard Jackson	Yvonne Woodhead	
Roger Jackson	Martin Wright	
Eric Kerry	Jason Zadrozny	

HONORARY ALDERMEN

Martin Brandon-Bravo
Terence Butler
John Carter

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

David Pearson CBE	(Adult Social Care and Public Health)
Jayne Francis-Ward	(Resources)
Barbara Brady	(Adult Social Care and Public Health)
Colin Pettigrew	(Children, Families and Cultural Service)
Derek Higton	(Place)
Carl Bilbey	(Resources)
Angie Dilley	(Resources)
Martin Done	(Resources)
Keith Ford	(Resources)
David Hennigan	(Resources)
Anna O'Daly-Kardasinska	(Resources)
Nigel Stevenson	(Resources)

OPENING PRAYER

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

MINUTE'S SILENCE

A minute's silence was held in memory of former County Councillor Rod Kempster.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2017/039

That the minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on 21 September 2017 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, subject to recording the attendance of Honorary Aldermen Martin Brandon-Bravo, Terence Butler and John Carter.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from:-

Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan (illness)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

FORMER COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROD KEMPSTER

Councillors Mrs Kay Cutts MBE, Parry Tsimbiridis, Alan Rhodes, Chris Barnfather and Bruce Laughton spoke in memory of former County Councillor Rod Kempster.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

The Chairman updated the Chamber on the business he had carried out on behalf of the Council since the last meeting.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Customer Services Centre's 10 Year Anniversary

Councillor Neil Clarke introduced the award which the Customer Services Centre had recently received in recognition of the best customer satisfaction ratings across all Councils. This award coincided with the Centre's 10 Year Anniversary. The Chairman received the award from Councillor Neil Clarke and presented it to Helen Spiers, Team Manager, Louise Blant-Harwood, Business Partner and Marie Rowney, Group Manager, Customer Service.

East Midlands Care Awards – Care Innovator Award

Councillor Stuart Wallace introduced the award which the Combined Day Services Team had won in recognition of the publication of short stories for children about bullying and friendship. The Chairman received the award from Councillor Wallace and presented it to Rosemary Proctor, Day Service Support Worker and Elaine Bagguley, Team Manager (South).

East Midlands Care Awards – Care Team of the Year finalist

Councillor Stuart Wallace introduced the award which recognised the achievements of the Benefits Team in making the finals of the Care Team of the Year Award. The Chairman received the award from Councillor Wallace and presented it to Paul Stafford, Senior Benefits Advisor, and Benefits Advisors Amanda Shead, Layla Brailsford and Becky Allwood.

Armed Forces Covenant – Employer Recognition Scheme – Silver Award

Councillor Keith Girling introduced the award which recognised the achievements of the Council for its commitment, as an employer, to the Armed Forces Covenant. The Chairman received the award from Councillor Girling and presented it to Neil Bettison, Community Engagement Officer.

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 David Martin – regarding crime and community safety issues

Councillor Tom Hollis – regarding road safety issues

Councillor Jason Zadrozny – regarding the future of the Nottinghamshire Economic Development Fund

Councillor Samantha Deakin – regarding rising crime in Sutton

Councillor Helen-Ann Smith – regarding road safety in Sutton North.

6a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

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

- (1) Vice-Chairman Councillor Sue Saddington (on behalf of all County Councillors) regarding the INEOS Seismic Survey
- (2) Councillor Roger Jackson requesting a pedestrian crossing on Lower Kirklington Road, Southwell
- (3) Councillor Joyce Bosnjak requesting a residents parking scheme in Castleton Close, Mansfield Woodhouse
- (4) Councillor John Ogle requesting the creation of parking spaces at The Beeches, Newark Road, Tuxford
- (5) Councillor John Ogle requesting more parking spaces at the Birch Court flats, Newark Road, Tuxford
- (6) Councillor John Ogle requesting a pelican crossing on Newark Road, Tuxford
- (7) Councillor John Ogle requesting changes to a lay-by situated at the front of The Beeches, Newark Road, Tuxford
- (8) Councillor Michael Payne requesting the installation of a central refuge on the B684 in Mapperley Plains
- (9) Councillor John Cottee requesting the reinstatement of the entire No. 19 Centrebus bus route
- (10) Councillor Tracey Taylor requesting changes to a junction on the A631 at Harwell

- (11) Councillor Andy Wetton requesting an extension to the 30 miles per hour speed limit on Netherfield Lane to Gleadthorpe Hamlet
- (12) Councillor Andy Wetton requesting speed cameras and interactive speed signs on Netherfield Lane through Meden Vale
- (13) Councillor Errol Henry requesting resurfacing of the road on Pierrepoint Avenue, Gedling
- (14) Councillor Yvonne Woodhead requesting a speed reduction from 60 mph to 40 mph along Warsop Lane, from Blidworth to Rainworth
- (15) Councillor Muriel Weisz regarding parking problems at the junction of Kenrick Road and Porchester Road, Mapperley
- (16) Councillor Sybil Fielding regarding parking issues on Hamilton Street, Worksop
- (17) Councillor Andy Wetton regarding – **see David Ebbage** (additional petition)

RESOLVED: 2017/040

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.

6b. RESPONSE TO PETITION PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLVED: 2017/041

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

DERBY - NOTTINGHAM METROPOLITAN (METRO) STRATEGY 2030

It was agreed that the procedure rules be suspended to enable representatives of each of the political parties to make statements about this recently published document. Councillors Mrs Kay Cutts MBE, Alan Rhodes, Jason Zadrozny, Stephen Garner and Steve Carr underlined their concerns about the lack of consultation with Nottinghamshire County Council, Derbyshire County Council and District and Borough Councils within the area. Following these statements, the procedure rules were reinstated.

7. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARKETS IN FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS DIRECTIVE (MIFID II)

Councillor Richard Jackson introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2017/042 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor John Ogle.

RESOLVED: 2017/042

- 1) That the Section 151 Officer be approved to complete the applications for elected professional client status with all relevant institutions in order to ensure it can continue to implement an effective treasury management strategy.
- 2) That it be acknowledged and agreed to forego the protections available to retail clients as a result of electing for professional client status.

8. FAIR FUNDING REVIEW

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE introduced the report and moved a motion reflecting the recommendations as set out in the report.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Reg Adair.

Following a debate, Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE moved an amended motion in terms of resolution 2017/043 below.

The amended motion was seconded by Councillor Reg Adair.

RESOLVED: 2017/043

- 1) That Councillors continue to receive updates on the progress of the fair Funding Review.
- 2) That the Leader of the Council writes to the Government, on behalf of all 66 County Councillors, setting out the evidence in support of the Council's demand for a fair share of funding from Government.

9. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT 2017/18

Councillor Richard Jackson introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2017/042 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Roger Jackson.

RESOLVED: 2017/044

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

10. QUESTIONS

(a) QUESTIONS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY

One question had been received as follows:-

- 1) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding proposed crewing changes at Ashfield, Retford and Worksop fire stations (Councillor Michael Payne – Vice Chairman of the Fire Authority responded)

The full response to this question is set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

(b) QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Fifteen questions had been received as follows:-

1. from Councillor Mike Pringle regarding supporting development locally (Councillor Kay Cutts MBE replied)

Questions 2 and 3 were taken together.

2. from Councillor David Martin about the Highways Capital Maintenance Programme Budget (Councillor John Cottee replied)
3. from Councillor Tom Hollis concerning the Highways Capital and Revenue Programme (Councillor John Cottee replied)

Having received the answer to their questions, Councillor David Martin moved that there be a debate on their questions. This was seconded by Councillor Tom Hollis. Questions 2 and 3 were therefore adjourned until Item 12 – Adjournment Debate.

4. from Councillor Joyce Bosnjak concerning funding of voluntary organisations (Councillor Gordon Wheeler replied)
5. from Councillor Rachel Madden regarding the roll out of broadband (Councillor Gordon Wheeler replied)
6. from Councillor Rachel Madden about hotspots for dangerous speeding (Councillor John Cottee replied)
7. from Councillor David Martin concerning Garden Waste recycling in Ashfield (Councillor Kevin Rostance replied)
8. from Councillor Tom Hollis regarding a travellers' site in Huthwaite (Councillor John Cottee replied)
9. from Councillor Jason Zadrozny about investment in fossil fuel companies (Councillor Zadrozny withdrew this question at the meeting)
10. from Councillor Rachel Madden about submissions for footpaths and bridleways (Councillor John Cottee replied)

11. from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding the Nottinghamshire Economic Development Fund (Councillor Kay Cutts MBE replied)
12. from Councillor Helen-Ann Smith about the Police store net service (Councillor John Cottee replied)
13. from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding the Secretary of State for Transport and the electrification of Midland Mainline (Councillor Kay Cutts MBE 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 questions were asked. A written response to the questions would be provided to the Councillors who asked the question within 15 working days of the meeting and be included in the papers for the next Full Council meeting.

14. from Councillor Tom Hollis concerning Sure Start Children's Centres (Councillor Philip Owen to provide a written response)
15. from Councillor Samantha Deakin regarding 'The Economic Case for the Derby-Nottingham Metro' (Councillor Deakin withdrew this question at the meeting)

Council adjourned from 1.07 pm to 2.13pm.

Due to illness, Councillor Yvonne Woodhead did not return to the meeting following the adjournment.

13. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

MOTION ONE

A motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Alan Rhodes and seconded by Councillor Jason Zadrozny:-

"Nottinghamshire County Council:

1. Notes that the Government have granted 41 Petroleum Exploration Development Licences by the National Government. This includes sites in all districts in Nottinghamshire.
2. Recognises and acknowledges that in its ownership or management, the County of Nottinghamshire has many jewels in its crown. These areas include the iconic and historic Sherwood Forest and these areas of such natural beauty should be protected for future generations

3. Notes that the Government have granted exploratory licenses to allow companies to conduct seismic testing at a number of sites across the county

Nottinghamshire County Council therefore:

1. Commits to promote a green economy that will deliver skilled jobs and lower bills, as well tackling the urgent threat from climate change.
2. Commits to not permitting seismic testing on any land owned or managed by Nottinghamshire County Council preserving the public use and the environmental benefits of such areas.
3. Will write to the Government asking them to focus on unlocking the jobs and growth that a low-carbon energy infrastructure could provide for our industry, workforce and communities in Nottinghamshire.”

Following a debate, the 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 30 Members voted ‘**For**’ the motion:-

Pauline Allan	John Knight
Joyce Bosnjak	Rachel Madden
Nicki Brooks	David Martin
Steve Carr	Diana Meale
John Clarke	Michael Payne
Jim Creamer	John Peck JP
Samantha Deakin	Sheila Place
Maureen Dobson	Liz Plant
Sybil Fielding	Mike Pringle
Kate Foale	Alan Rhodes
Glynn Gilfoyle	Helen-Ann Smith
Kevin Greaves	Parry Tsimbiridis
Errol Henry JP	Muriel Weisz
Paul Henshaw	Andy Wetton
Tom Hollis	Jason Zadzonzy

The following 34 Members voted ‘**Against**’ the motion:-

Reg Adair	Mrs Kay Cutts MBE
Chris Barnfather	Dr John Doddy
Ben Bradley	Boyd Elliott
Andrew Brown	Stephen Garner
Richard Butler	Keith Girling
Neil Clarke MBE	John Handley
John Cottee	Tony Harper

Vaughan Hopewell
Richard Jackson
Roger Jackson
Eric Kerry
Bruce Laughton
John Longdon
John Ogle
Philip Owen
Mike Quigley MBE
Kevin Rostance

Phil Rostance
Mrs Sue Saddington
Andy Sissons
Tracey Taylor
Steve Vickers
Keith Walker
Stuart Wallace
Gordon Wheeler
Jonathan Wheeler
Martin Wright

The Chairman declared that the motion was lost.

MOTION TWO

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

“This Council notes the current proposals being consulted on by the Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (NSFS) to introduce ‘mixed crewing’ (a mixture of full time or ‘wholetime’ firefighters with on call or ‘retained’ personnel) at two out of three fire stations, Ashfield, Retford or Worksop. This would mean that 2 out of the 3 selected stations would have no full time firefighter cover at night.

This Council believes that the proposals from Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) to save £1m a year would put public safety at risk.

This Council notes that the Public Consultation on the proposals ends on December 17th. NCC call on the public of Nottinghamshire to take part in this vital consultation and will provide details of how to do so prominently on their website.

Calls for the County Council to take part in the consultation and state that the preferred option of this County Council is that current service levels at all 3 stations are maintained.

Calls for a meeting with Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service – Nick Hurd MP and the leaders of the Ashfield Independents, the Conservatives and Labour Parties to discuss budget cuts at the Authority.”

Following a debate, the motion was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was lost

MOTION THREE

Councillor Stuart Wallace introduced and move the motion in terms of resolution 2017/045 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE.

Following a debate, the motion was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 40 Members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Reg Adair	Bruce Laughton
Chris Barnfather	John Longdon
Ben Bradley	Rachel Madden
Andrew Brown	David Martin
Richard Butler	John Ogle
Neil Clarke MBE	Philip Owen
John Cottee	Mike Quigley MBE
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE	Kevin Rostance
Samantha Deakin	Phil Rostance
Dr John Doddy	Mrs Sue Saddington
Boyd Elliott	Andy Sissons
Stephen Garner	Helen-Ann Smith
Keith Girling	Tracey Taylor
John Handley	Steve Vickers
Tony Harper	Keith Walker
Tom Hollis	Stuart Wallace
Vaughan Hopewell	Gordon Wheeler
Richard Jackson	Jonathan Wheeler
Roger Jackson	Martin Wright
Eric Kerry	Jason Zadzonzy

The following 23 Members voted '**Against**' the motion:-

Pauline Allan	John Knight
Joyce Bosnjak	Diana Meale
Nicki Brooks	Michael Payne
Steve Carr	John Peck JP
John Clarke	Sheila Place
Jim Creamer	Liz Plant
Sybil Fielding	Mike Pringle
Kate Foale	Alan Rhodes
Glynn Gilfoyle	Parry Tsimbiridis
Kevin Greaves	Muriel Weisz
Errol Henry JP	Andy Wetton
Paul Henshaw	

Councillor Maureen Dobson abstained from the vote.

The Chairman declared that the motion was carried.

RESOLVED: 2017/045

That the Leader of the Council should write to the Secretary of State for Health stating that Nottinghamshire County Council:-

- Supports the policy of successive governments to achieve better integration of health and social care services, and supports the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) as a means of serving the needs of the population and providing the best value for public money, as enshrined in this Council's agreed guiding principles for integration;
- Supports the development of a countywide approach to the commissioning of health and social care provision that is transparent, subject to public consultation, and delivers consistent, flexible, high quality, financially sustainable services, in particular for people with long term conditions and/or disabilities;
- Believes health and social care for Nottinghamshire residents should be provided within the County boundaries, as close to their homes as possible, and specifically calls for Bassetlaw to be part of the Nottinghamshire STP to ensure better and consistent delivery aligned with other council services;
- Supports enhanced political scrutiny of the STP through the participation of elected County Councillors and NHS Board Chairs in an advisory capacity, and well ensure that the Council's legal and financial responsibilities are met through direct oversight by County Councillors and officers.

11. ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

Arising from the response to the questions to Councillor John Cottee concerning the Highways Capital Maintenance Programme and the Highways Capital and Revenue Programme, the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor David Martin and seconded by Councillor Tom Hollis:-

“That the Council does now stand adjourned for a token period.”

The motion having been duly seconded was debated.

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, no vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.27 pm.

CHAIRMAN

APPENDIX A

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2017

QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

Question to the Chairman of the City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Authority, from Councillor Jason Zadrozny

Would the Chairman of the Fire Authority take this opportunity to update Members on the interim position on the Public Consultation currently under way with regards to proposed crewing changes at Ashfield, Retford and Worksop Fire Stations?

Response from Councillor Michael Payne, Vice-Chairman of the City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Fire Authority

In line with our Consultation Framework the Fire Authority has employed Opinion Research Services (ORS), who are an independent company, to undertake the consultation process on our behalf.

We have ensured the consultation information has been disseminated across Nottinghamshire, using a wide range of different communication methods. These include website and intranet publication; public consultation forums; media briefings; letters and correspondence; and online and printed adverts in both the City and County areas.

These activities have been supplemented with extensive work through NFRS (Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service) social media channels, including weekly Facebook advertising, which has allowed tens of thousands of citizens from across the county to become aware of the consultation and its timeframe. The weekly updates we are receiving from Opinion Research indicates that these channels are the most popular way that people are hearing about the consultation.

We have also focused on internal communications with our staff including the strategic leadership team undertaking extensive face-to-face briefings, meeting every team and department in the organisation. This has allowed all staff the opportunity to discuss their thoughts and to give informal feedback on the proposals.

ORS has currently logged nearly 2,000 responses to the consultation survey, however we are obviously expecting more before the deadline of 17 December. Importantly, the ORS data is showing that we are getting a good spread of responses from around the county and during the past few weeks this has enabled us to target communications where the responses have been lower.

At this point in time we do not have an update on the way people have voted on the proposals, as this will only be collated and analysed by ORS when the consultation has closed and they produce an outturn report. This report will be shared publicly at the meeting of the Fire Authority in February.

APPENDIX B

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23RD NOVEMBER 2017 QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Question to the Leader of the Council from Councillor Mike Pringle

Having watched Councillor Bradley's interview as Mansfield's MP on the East Midlands Politics Show, has the Leader of the Council been advised by Councillor Bradley that council's should be spending their reserves on supporting development locally? If so, can she advise this Council on what proportion of our reserves she is prepared to spend and on which projects?

Response from Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE, the Leader of the Council

I did not see Councillor Bradley's interview on the East Midlands Politics Show, but I am happy to explain the position regarding Nottinghamshire County Council reserves.

The Council's reserves are held for specific and statutory reasons, such as PFI (Private Finance Initiative) reserves, schools reserves, insurance fund reserves, Section 256 monies held in agreement with NHS partners or grant monies received in advance for specific revenue or capital schemes. In addition, there is the County Fund Balance set aside as part of our strategy of managing risk in the overall Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

We must remember that reserves are one-off resources and we should try and limit their use in funding on-going costs. However it is inevitable that we will use some of them to support front-line services specifically to allow time for us to transform our services and close the overall funding shortfall over the medium term.

When the Council set the Budget last February it approved a strategy to release over £36 million of reserves to support ongoing service requirements and to allow time for the authority to transform its services. £27 million of this is planned to be utilised in this financial year.

Decisions on the use of reserves both revenue and capital, will be taken when the Council determines its budget in February 2018.

It is worth remembering that the use of reserves was agreed as part of the Labour budget in February.

The following two questions were taken together:-

Question to the Chairman of Communities and Place Committee from Councillor David Martin

Would the Chairman of the Communities and Place Committee give me his assurance that the Districts of Ashfield, Broxtowe, Gedling, and Mansfield will receive a fairer redistributed proportion of the Highways Capital Maintenance Programme Budget for

2018-19 based more on high volume usage rather than geographical areas? Would he also take this opportunity to reassure members that of the currently unallocated remaining forty percent of funding, greater attention will be given to the divisional County Councillors preferred projects for their own areas as previously promised?

Question to the Chairman of Communities and Place Committee from Councillor Tom Hollis

At the last meeting of the Communities and Place Committee it was announced that Ashfield District got the least money allocated to it under the provisional Highways Capital and Revenue programme 2018/19. Of the token allocation of £895,000 for Ashfield District - £335,000 is to be spent in Hucknall, £300,000 in Kirkby North leaving only £260,000 for the rest of the Ashfield District. Of the 60 schemes that Ashfield Independent Councillors put forward – not one is in the provisional plan. What assurances will the Chairman give that Ashfield gets its fair share of urgently needed funding for the remaining 40% of the budget?

Response from Councillor John Cottee, Chairman of Communities and Place Committee

Funding is allocated to the Highways Capital Maintenance Programme Budget based on a combination of the Highway Network Length in each District, and, for carriageway related maintenance, the road condition. This modelling is used for all districts in the county and follows an asset management approach as advocated by national guidance.

The scheme requests submitted by County Councillors are currently being considered. The output from this work will be available once the final budget allocations are known from Government and local contributions from the Council in February 2018. This will be reported to Communities and Place Committee where members will have another opportunity to discuss this important issue.

We did discuss this at Communities and Place Committee and the position is the same – we have not finalised the budgets and the applications are being worked through.

Question to the Chairman of Communities and Place Committee from Councillor Joyce Bosnjak

Does the Chairman share our concerns about the significant impact that the changing criteria to the grant aid scheme and funding of voluntary organisations will have on vulnerable citizens as a result of the decision taken at Policy Committee last week?

Response from Councillor Gordon Wheeler, Vice-Chairman of Communities and Place Committee, on behalf of Councillor John Cottee, Chairman of Communities and Place Committee

The comprehensive report and strategy which was agreed at Policy Committee last week provides the Council with a funding strategy for three years which will significantly and positively invest in and support voluntary organisations and local communities across Nottinghamshire.

Bringing together three different pots of discretionary funding to establish the new Local Improvement Scheme will ensure that targeted support for voluntary and community groups is provided in a single coherent strategy.

This will support communities to be more resilient through, for example, encouraging active community support, volunteering, and giving groups the backing and confidence to seek wider funding opportunities. In 2015/16 funded groups attracted an extra £2million from other funders.

Groups will be able to apply for capital and revenue funding, and in line with the Council's strategic priorities, the Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) will contribute to making Nottinghamshire a great place to live, work, visit and relax. The funding will focus on supporting communities to be strong, vibrant and resilient.

We are encouraging innovative applications for projects and activities which support the council's priorities. Examples include:

- Community based improvement schemes;
- Projects and activities which help people to live independently for longer and help our most vulnerable people to make healthier life choices, minimising risk and improving community safety;
- Projects that increase, develop and support volunteering, helping people to have stronger links their communities.

Councillor Bosnjak, if you look at the website this morning you will find all the information you could possibly want on the LIS Scheme. I urge every Councillor to get involved with the launch of the scheme.

Detailed information and guidance on the criteria and how to apply is now available online and officers will support groups through the process. In addition, three events are being held in early December to provide information and the opportunity for questions and answers on the process.

Have no doubt whatsoever that we are doing absolutely everything we can to engage communities across Nottinghamshire.

Question to the Chairman of Communities and Place Committee from Councillor Rachel Madden

Is the Chairman of Communities and Place Committee happy with the progress of the roll out of broadband across the county, with special reference to Ashfield?

Response from Councillor Gordon Wheeler, Vice-Chairman of Communities and Place Committee, on behalf of Councillor John Cottee, Chairman of Communities and Place Committee

I am extremely pleased with the progress of the broadband rollout, far exceeding the coverage that was expected at the commencement of the Better Broadband for

Nottinghamshire programme. By September 2018, over 98% of properties across Nottinghamshire will have access to superfast Broadband.

I want to give a lot of thanks to officers for the work that has gone into rolling out the broadband. Almost 99% of homes and businesses within Ashfield district are now able to receive superfast broadband speeds, with further properties due to be provided with access during the coming months.

Question to the Chairman of Communities and Place Committee from Councillor Rachel Madden

Firstly, following receipt of further information last week may I express my thanks to the Chairman of Communities and Place Committee for the latest actions being taken over the J27 problem. It looks like this may finally solve this matter to the relief of both my residents and drivers using the A608. My question is about another aspect of highway safety - is he confident that the Authority is doing all it can regarding hot spots for dangerous speeding?

Response from Councillor John Cottee, Chairman of Communities and Place Committee

Casualty reduction has always been taken very seriously in Nottinghamshire and in 2018/19 the County Council will spend over £1million to help reduce casualties resulting from road traffic collisions. One of the key ways of achieving this is through our speed management initiatives. Our in-depth investigations of police accident reports identify sites where groups of similar accidents lead to road users being injured. Improvement schemes are tailored to address specific issues identified by the investigations, ensuring that the most effective treatments can be deployed. By this means, the maximum reduction in the number and severity of casualties can be achieved with the available funding.

Our long standing relationship with Nottinghamshire Police has enabled us to work with them in a data-led approach to delivering speed management initiatives and awareness raising around the dangers of travelling at inappropriate speeds. Safety cameras, speed limit reductions, speed indicator devices, traffic calming, signing and road markings all assist road users to travel at a speed appropriate to the situation.

In 2018/19 the County Council has also increased the integrated transport block allocation for schemes to address community concerns about speeding at locations where there is no reported history of injury accidents. £250,000 has been allocated for such measures which include interactive speed signs and changes to local speed limits; and this funding is prioritised at those locations where significant numbers of vehicles are travelling above the speed limit.

Question to the Chairman of Communities and Place Committee from Councillor David Martin

Would the Chairman of Communities and Place Committee take note of the calamitous debacle of Ashfield District Councils horrendous miss-management of County Council's £1.4 million funds issued over the provision of Garden waste bins after a

successful two years increasing recycling, Ashfield is now expected to reduce the recycled rate of garden waste by forty percent over the next year, which will only lead to an increase in domestic waste and fly tipping?

Response from Councillor Kevin Rostance, Vice-Chairman of Communities and Place Committee, on behalf of Councillor John Cottee, Chairman of Communities and Place Committee

The County Council's financial contribution to the Ashfield District Council Green Waste Incentive Scheme was agreed by Finance and Property Committee in November 2015. £1.4million was granted by the previous administration to reduce the size of the bins in Ashfield which was not popular at the time. This was based on the assumption that the District Council intended to reintroduce charges for green waste collections after two years of free provision.

The business case presented identified a potential reduction in subscribers of up to 50% at that point in the project, with an assumed reduction in recycling performance at District and County level. Currently looking at 40% of garden waste rather than the target of 50%.

Whilst the District Council is proposing to reintroduce the charges for green waste next year, the County Council continues to provide 12 recycling centres, all of which accept green waste free of charge for those residents not willing or able to subscribe to the scheme.

Question to the Chairman of Communities and Place Committee from Councillor Tom Hollis

Is the Chairman aware that travellers have moved onto Highways land on Chesterfield Road, Huthwaite? They appear to have a flagrant disregard for rules. For example, disposing of rubbish on the street, outdoor disposal of human waste and loud late night parties. The travellers are now over the 28 day notice period issued and continue to expand the site. As the Chairman can imagine this being in a family area, local residents are extremely concerned and frightened by this in what is happening. Could the Chairman advise me on what action has been taken to remove this group from this location?

This question was withdrawn at the meeting by Councillor Hollis.

Question to the Chairman of the Nottinghamshire Pension Fund Committee from Councillor Jason Zadrozny

I have been asked my many residents to express their concerns about the investments of our Council Pension Fund in fossil fuel companies and to ask you to support the divestment of the fund.

A new report (<http://gofossilfree.org/uk/fuellingthefire>) shows that across the UK council-managed pension funds are investing more £16 billion in oil, coal and gas companies. These investments undermine local and national efforts to address climate change, and represent an unacceptable financial risk to pension-holders.

Two years ago, world governments signed the Paris Agreement – pledging to curb emissions and limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees. But the actions of fossil fuel companies like Shell and BP are pushing us far beyond this vital climate threshold.

Since 2015, the world has experienced the warmest year ever recorded and 2017 has brought devastating extreme weather events. Further extraction and burning of fossil fuels is not compatible with tackling climate change, and investing in fossil fuels is deeply irresponsible.

These investments also represent a serious financial risk to council pension funds. The value of fossil fuel companies is based on their reserves, and ability to burn them. But if global climate targets are going to be met, these reserves are ‘unburnable’ (<https://goo.gl/EU3F95>).

Leading financial experts, including the Governor of the Bank of England, Mark Carney, have highlighted the risks of fossil fuels becoming ‘stranded assets’ and the danger which this poses to funds which continue to invest in them.

Council pension funds should be invested in the long-term interests of their members but they are not well served by risky investments which are driving climate change. Instead, councils could be investing in ways that benefit the local community – like renewable energy infrastructure and green social housing.

Fossil fuel divestment is a practical, legal and responsible way for pension funds to respond to climate change and address financial risk. Over 800 institutions around the world have made divestment commitments, including council pension funds in the UK like Southwark and Waltham Forest.

Local councillors have significant power over the investment decisions of the Local Government Pension Scheme:

1. Do you agree that the council should divest its pension fund from fossil fuels and reinvest in ways that benefits the community?
2. What steps are the council taking to end fossil fuel investments and invest responsibly?

This question was withdrawn at the meeting by Councillor Zadrozny.

Question to the Chairman of Communities and Place Committee from Councillor Rachel Madden

Can the Chairman of Communities and Place Committee assure us that all submissions for footpaths and bridleways to be added to the definitive map will be processed successfully by the deadline drawn up by Tony Blair's government?

Response from Councillor John Cottee, Chairman of Communities and Place Committee

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CROW) introduced a cut-off date of 2026 for registering public rights of way on the Definitive Map and Statement. This cut-off applies to claims for paths and carriageways based on old documentary evidence. Claims based on use, for example, where use has been over 20 years are not affected by the deadline.

This cut-off date is subject to commencement by a statutory instrument. Following a review by Natural England in 2007 a stakeholder group representing users, landowners and local authorities was set up. Their remit was to look at reforms to speed up the claims process. The group's recommendations formed the basis of the rights of way elements in the Deregulation Act 2015. The cut-off date will now take effect once the regulations and guidance of the 2015 Act have been completed. A date has yet to be set.

The cut-off date could change. However, public right of way claims based on documentary evidence will be protected from the cut-off date if valid applications are received and registered prior to 1st January 2026.

Question to the Chairman of Policy Committee from Councillor Jason Zadrozny

Is the Chairperson aware of the impact of withdrawing the Nottinghamshire Economic Development Fund? Seven businesses across our County including two in Ashfield have gone through a costly application process only for the money to be withdrawn. Would the Chairman like to express her regret to the businesses affected? Does the Chairman think that this sends out the unfortunate message that this Council no longer backs jobs and growth?

Response from Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE, Chairman of Policy Committee

Nottinghamshire County Council faces significant funding challenges over the next four years and as such our political administration has to carefully review our spending commitments. In recognising that businesses need certainty and as a result of the applications, successful or otherwise, on 31st October, the seven businesses were informed that the Economic Development Fund would be reviewed.

On 15th November the Council considered the future of the Nottinghamshire Economic Development Capital Fund (NEDCF) to ensure alignment with the current priorities of Nottinghamshire County Council. The decision was made by the County Council's Policy Committee to close, with immediate effect, the Fund. I recognise that this news will be disappointing and I would like to apologise that we have not been in a position to inform the seven businesses sooner of the outcome of their application. The decision was not taken lightly and was heavily debated by Councillors of all parties, you included Councillor Zadrozny.

I would like to take the opportunity to emphasise that we do value the impact these businesses have in our economy and although we will not be awarding the grant they sought, we would like to assist them in identifying other suitable sources of funding to

help grow their businesses. There are other loan providers around as well as funds coming forward under the Midlands Engine Investment Fund. We are all about jobs and growth in this area which is why I so object to the Metro Strategy. If there is any way we can help this company we will do so.

Question to the Chairman of Communities and Place Committee from Councillor Helen-Ann Smith

Is the Chairman aware that the store net service keeps shops in Sutton-in-Ashfield in contact with the Police? The antenna does not reach the new police station based at Kirkby council offices and there is not enough coverage leaving shops without a valuable service. Will the Chairman agree to raise this with the Police and Crime Commissioner?

Response from Councillor John Cottee, Chairman of Communities and Place Committee

I understand that a new booster antenna will be up and running by this Friday. We believe this will ensure that the shops in Sutton-in-Ashfield are able to once again use the store net service.

Question to the Leader of the Council from Councillor Jason Zadrozny

Does the Council Leader share my disappointment that The Rt. Hon. Chris Grayling MP, the Secretary of State for Transport has not replied to your letter calling for an urgent meeting with the Leaders of the Ashfield Independents, the Conservatives and the Labour Party on Nottinghamshire County Council to discuss the electrification of the Midland's Mainline? Chris Grayling visited Nottingham on Monday this week – did you have prior knowledge of the Ministerial Visit and did any member of the County Council take this opportunity to question him about the cancellation of the electrification of the Midland's Mainline?

Response from Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE, the Leader of the Council

As Council Leader I have sent a letter to the Secretary of State setting out the motion passed by Members, and asking him to respond as he considers appropriate. The letter has been circulated to Members by Democratic Services. I trust everyone has received a copy. I trust that it is being considered and that a reply will be forthcoming in due course.

I did not have prior knowledge of Chris Grayling's visit to Nottingham on Monday. While he was heading north, both myself and the Deputy Leader were heading south to Marlow in Buckinghamshire for the County Councils Network Conference, an important event on the local government calendar which has been in our diaries for some time. No councillors have informed me that they had an opportunity to question the Secretary of State during his visit, and we would not normally get notifications, which is something we have taken up with Civil Servants in the past. I have spoken to local MPs about this. We are doing all we can to get better connectivity.

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Purpose of the Report

1. To update on the Council's response to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA).

Information and Advice

Background

2. The County Council is committed to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA). The Council fully supports the principles of the Inquiry and welcomes the review and the transparency that this investigation will provide for victims/survivors of historic abuse.
3. IICSA is an independent statutory Inquiry which will investigate whether public bodies and other non-state institutions in England and Wales have taken seriously their responsibility to protect children from sexual abuse, and make meaningful recommendations for change in the future.
4. The Inquiry was announced in 2014 and is led by Professor Alexis Jay. The Inquiry consists of thirteen investigations, across a wide range of institutions including local authorities, the police, the Crown Prosecution Service, the Immigration Service, the armed forces, schools, hospitals, churches, charities and voluntary organisations.
5. The Inquiry will identify: institutional failings where they are found to exist; will demand accountability for past institutional failings; will support victims and survivors to share their experience of sexual abuse; and will make practical recommendations to ensure that children are given the care and protection they need.
6. To date the following public hearings have taken place:
 - a. Children Outside the UK (Child Migration Programmes Case Study) – 10 to 21 July 2017
 - b. Cambridge House, Knowl View and Rochdale Council – 9 to 27 October 2017
 - c. Child Sexual Abuse in the Roman Catholic Church - 27 November to 15 December 2017
7. The next phase of hearings are as scheduled below:
 - a. The Internet and Child Sexual Abuse - 22 to 26 January 2018
 - b. Child Sexual Abuse in the Anglican Church – 5 to 23 March 2018

- c. Sexual Abuse of Children in Custodial Institutions – 9 to 20 July 2018
 - d. Child Sexual Abuse in the Anglican Church (Peter Ball case study) – 23 to 27 July 2018
 - e. Children in the Care of Nottinghamshire Councils – 1 to 26 October 2018
 - f. Child sexual abuse in the Roman Catholic Church (Archdiocese of Birmingham case study) – 12 to 16 November 2018
 - g. Accountability & Reparations for victims and survivors of child sexual abuse - w/c 26 November 2018 - w/c 10 December 2018
 - h. Child Sexual Abuse in the Roman Catholic Church - (Ealing Abbey case study) - w/c 4 February 2019
 - i. Children Outside the UK - w/c 11 February 2019
 - j. Westminster Investigation - w/c 4 March 2019 - w/c 25 March
8. Further information on all of the investigations is available at www.iicsa.org.uk

Children in the Care of Nottinghamshire Councils Investigation

Scope

- 9. The Nottinghamshire Councils (Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County Council) investigation is focussed on children who lived in residential homes and with foster families.
- 10. The investigation is considering the experience of victims and survivors and will examine the scale and nature of the abuse that may have taken place under the care of the relevant authorities, dating back from the 1940s to today.
- 11. It will critically consider how both Councils responded to allegations that children were being sexually abused and will seek to identify any common themes and failings. It is important to note that the County Council also had responsibility for social care functions within the Nottingham City Council administrative area between 1 April 1974 and 31 March 1998.
- 12. Alongside the Nottinghamshire Councils investigation, the investigations into local authorities in Lambeth and Rochdale, will provide the Inquiry with a sound basis from which to consider contemporary, national issues concerning the sexual abuse and exploitation of children in care.

Progress

- 13. The Council is responding to IICSA in a corporate manner. IICSA does not just impact on children's services, the Inquiry will consider how the Council as a whole responded to concerns and investigated allegations, including Members in their role as corporate parent.
- 14. Since February 2016, the Council has submitted a significant quantity of information to the Inquiry over four information requests; and information searches are ongoing. Information submitted includes allegations, civil claims, investigations, follow-up actions, policies, procedures and training records.
- 15. At the Council's first Preliminary Hearing on 11 May 2017, the County Council was confirmed as a Core Participant in the investigation. There are currently 72 individual core participants involved in the Nottinghamshire Councils investigation; and 5 group core participants, namely the two Councils, Nottinghamshire Police, the Secretary of State for Education and the Crown Prosecution Service.

16. The Inquiry is progressing its review of the material provided in response to requests for disclosure; and requests have been made for witness statements from all complainant core participants, the Councils, Nottinghamshire Police and the Crown Prosecution Service. The Inquiry has asked the Council to submit its draft corporate witness statement by 31 January 2018.
17. The Council's second preliminary hearing is scheduled to take place on 31 January 2018 and will focus on four proposed case studies that the Inquiry have identified based on their review of material submitted so far. The Inquiry's intention is that the case studies will provide the Inquiry with the opportunity to look at a broad span of themes and issues on the one hand, whilst giving the Inquiry sufficient time to focus on the evidence in each one.
18. As outlined in paragraph 7, the full public hearing for the Nottinghamshire Councils investigation is scheduled to begin on 1 October 2018 and is listed for three weeks (the hearing will be split into two parts with a break of one week in the week commencing 15 October 2018).
19. To date, the public hearings have taken place in London. However, at the first Nottinghamshire preliminary hearing in May 2017, a request was made by victims/survivors for the full public hearing to take place in Nottingham, which Professor Alexis Jay said she would consider further.
20. Prior to the Public Hearing, the Council will be required to complete a significant amount of preparatory work, including responding to further information requests and reviewing submitted material, including that of other core participants.

Sexual Abuse of Children in Custodial Institutions

21. In addition to the Children in the Care of Nottinghamshire Councils investigation, the Council has also been involved in the Sexual Abuse of Children in Custodial Institutions investigation. Namely, the Council has responded to two witness statement requests, in relation to the Council's secure accommodation unit, Clayfields House. At this stage, the Council has not applied for core participant status in this investigation, because Clayfields House is not identified in the Inquiry's interim investigation proposals, which were published in October 2017.

Children Outside the UK

22. The Council is not actively involved in this investigation, but has been referenced by the Child Migrants Trust in their submissions to the Child Migration Programmes case study, in terms of the Councils support to the organisation. The Child Migrants Trusts was established by Margaret Humphreys CBE, OAM; a Nottinghamshire Social Worker. It addresses the devastating impact of the deportation of children from Britain, a practice that continued as late as 1970.

Other Options Considered

23. None. The Inquiry is a statutory process.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

24. All councillors have a duty as a corporate parent for looked after children. The Council wishes to support investigations into allegations of historical abuse by individuals previously in the care of the local authority. The Council will facilitate a thorough and accurate response to IICSA.

Statutory and Policy Implications

25. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Data Protection and Information Governance

26. IICSA is subject to the Inquiries Act 2005 and the Inquiry Rules 2006. Other relevant legislation includes the Data Protection Act 1998, the Public Records Act 1958 and once the Inquiry has closed, the Freedom of Information Act 2000. IICSA have published an Information Management Policy and an Inquiry protocol on redaction of documents. Both documents are available at www.iicsa.org.uk

Financial Implications

27. To ensure the Council has adequate resource to help support the Council's response to IICSA, financial resources have been approved by Policy Committee. Namely, on 15 June 2016 Policy Committee approved a total of £356,000 of initial additional staff resource over financial years 2016/17 and 2017/18; and on 20 December 2017 Policy Committee approved a further £560,000 for 2018/19. These costs do not include the costs of external legal advice, which is currently estimated to be at a cost of up to £0.5m. There is also the potential for a significant amount of further costs, which will need to be taken into account in the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications

28. IICSA will investigate whether public bodies, including Nottinghamshire County Council, and other non-state institutions in England and Wales have taken seriously their responsibility to protect children from sexual abuse, and make meaningful recommendations for change in the future.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That Full Council supports the actions taken to respond to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.
- 2) That a further update report be brought to a future meeting of Full Council.

**Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE
Leader of the Council**

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Constitutional Comments GR 08/01/2018

29. The recommendations contained within this report fall within the delegated authority to Full Council.

Financial Comments SAS 19/12/2017

30. The financial implications of the report are contained within paragraph 27 above.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Staffing Resources for the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse - Report to Policy Committee 15 June 2016
- Response to Historical Child Abuse – Resources Report to Policy Committee 20 December 2017

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITIES AND PLACE COMMITTEE**RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
COUNTY COUNCIL****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the decisions made by the Communities and Place Committee concerning issues raised in petitions presented to the Chairman of the County Council on 21st September 2017.

A. Petition requesting road surfacing on Aukland Road, Hucknall (Ref 2016/0249)

2. A 41 signature petition was presented to the 21st September 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Phil Rostance on behalf of residents of Aukland Road, Hucknall; requesting that the road be resurfaced.
3. This is an unclassified road in a residential area. The overall condition is visually poor but the road surface failure is limited to the upper layer due to the past surface treatment beginning to fail.
4. This road has previously been identified as a site requiring resurfacing and it is currently included in the Highway maintenance programme for delivery during 2019/20. There has, however, been further deterioration since the last planned inspection and therefore it was agreed that this road is considered for the second phase of the maintenance repair schedule being implemented through the additional maintenance funding allocated this year.

B. Petition requesting 30mph speed limit on Beckingham Road, Coddington (Ref: 2016/0250)

5. A petition was presented to the 21st September 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Maureen Dobson requesting a 30mph speed limit on Beckingham Road, Coddington. The road is predominantly rural in nature with a 40mph speed limit through the village.
6. To consider the speed limit request an assessment would be carried out including consideration of the road layout and its purpose, the number of properties fronting the road, an evaluation of traffic speeds, and an investigation of the speed related injury accident data. Once this data is available the request will be considered in line with guidelines for setting

local speed limits; and if appropriate, alterations to the speed limit will be considered for inclusion in a future integrated transport programme.

C. Petition requesting a residents' parking scheme on Lowtown View, Worksop (Ref 2016/0251)

7. A 17 signature petition was presented to the 21st September 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle on behalf of residents of Lowtown View, Worksop. The petition requested that a residents' parking scheme be introduced on Lowtown View, Worksop.
8. Requests for residents' parking schemes are prioritised in locations where residents do not have off-street parking and where a scheme would not negatively affect nearby streets and town centres, or increase rat running or vehicle speeds. Schemes are prioritised based on the level of non-resident parking throughout the day. Lowtown View has a number of properties with garages and also a large parking area. The highways area manager will contact Councillor Gilfoyle to discuss what is causing the parking issue and consider what action, if any, may be the most appropriate solution to the residents' concerns.

D. Petition regarding land ownership in Ollerton (Ref: 2016/0252)

9. A 41 signature petition was presented to the 21st September 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Mike Pringle regarding trees on Yew Tree Road and Forest View, Ollerton. The petition reported that the trees had not been maintained sufficiently and requested that the land owner, or the responsible party, be identified and the trees be maintained or removed.
10. The open grassed area at the end of Yew Tree Road cul de sac, with the alleyway leading to Briar Court, is considered public highway. Likewise, Forest View is adopted highway including the open space. Therefore, Nottinghamshire County Council is responsible for the maintenance of the trees.
11. A Via EM forestry officer would undertake an inspection of the trees and organise suitable arboricultural works.

E. Petition regarding HGVs travelling through Gringley on the Hill (Ref 2016/0253)

12. A 46 signature petition was presented to the 21st September 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Tracey Taylor on behalf of Gringley on the Hill residents. The residents had stated that HGVs travelling through the village to legitimately access local businesses were directly impacting on road surfacing; and indirectly causing issues such as cars parking on verges along the route. Consequently they asked the Council to work with the residents' representatives and local businesses to try and identify solutions to these issues.
13. The highway area manager would meet the local business and village representatives to discuss the issues raised in the petition and potential solutions to their concerns.

F. Petition requesting a pedestrian crossing on Alford Road, West Bridgford (Ref: 2016/0254)

14. A 428 signature e-petition was presented to the 21st September 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Jonathan Wheeler. The petition requested the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Alford Road, West Bridgford to enable access to the playground and bus stop.
15. The County Council receives far more requests for pedestrian crossings (such as puffin or zebra crossings) than it is able to fund and therefore requests for crossings are prioritised based on the numbers of people crossing, the volume of traffic and other relevant factors such as accident history at a proposed location so that the available funding helps the greatest number of people. Surveys would therefore be undertaken to determine whether a crossing at this location should be prioritised for possible inclusion in a future year's integrated transport programme.

G. Petition requesting a residents' parking scheme on The Ropewalk, Newark (Ref: 2016/0255)

16. An 11 signature petition was presented to the 21st September 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Stuart Wallace on behalf of residents of The Ropewalk, Newark. The petition requested that a residents' parking scheme be introduced on The Ropewalk, Newark.
17. Requests for residents' parking schemes are prioritised in locations where residents do not have off-street parking and where a scheme would not negatively affect nearby streets and town centres, or increase rat running or vehicle speeds. Schemes are prioritised based on the level of non-resident parking throughout the day.
18. The Ropewalk is a residential road situated to the east of the town centre and whilst there are currently no parking restrictions on it, all the properties have off-street parking. As all the properties on The Ropewalk have off-street parking, the introduction of a residents' parking scheme would not currently be considered a priority. Residents are, however, able to fund the provision of white advisory H-bar markings to help prevent obstruction of their driveways.

H. Petition requesting measures to tackle speeding traffic calming on the A608 Mansfield Road, Eastwood (Ref: 2016/0256)

19. A petition was presented to the 21st September 2017 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Tony Harper on behalf of residents of Mansfield Road, Eastwood. The petition requested that the Council provide suitable traffic control measures along Mansfield Road to reduce the speed of vehicles.
20. A fatal road accident occurred on this road in December 2014 and the driver responsible was imprisoned as a result. This collision involved "some extremely dangerous driving", and as such is likely to have been beyond the control of the Highway Authority. We do, however, have great sympathy with the innocent lives that this terrible crash affected, and the ongoing fear of those who live and travel there.
21. The most effective form of traffic calming in a 30mph speed limit consists of 'vertical deflection' features, i.e. road humps of various kinds. However, these projects are not appropriate on

classified 'A' roads because of the volume of traffic on these strategic routes which often include a high proportion of lorries and buses.

22. Another effective way to reduce traffic speeds is the introduction of speed cameras. The A608 route is already one of the core mobile speed camera sites on which enforcement takes place regularly, and the performance of this activity is monitored on an annual basis. In the last three and a half years, seven reported injury accidents have occurred including the fatal collision. Four of these occurred at the junction of Mansfield Road with Greenhills Road, and the Crash Reduction Team have been investigating this location with a view to implementing a remedial scheme.

23. It is likely that a remedial scheme can be justified for funding in the future, possibly as early as 2018/19 subject to approvals and budgets. This could include additional signing and road markings, with the possibility of road repairs around the same time. Such measures would be devised to increase the safety of road users on this route, and could be funded from the County Council's allocation for casualty reduction schemes.

Statutory and Policy Implications

24. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the contents of the report and the actions approved be noted.

Councillor John Cottee
Chairman of Communities and Place Committee

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Background Papers and Published Documents

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- Hucknall South – Councillor Phil Rostance
- Collingham – Councillor Maureen Dobson
- Worksop East – Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle
- Ollerton – Councillor Mike Pringle
- Misterton – Councillor Tracey Taylor

- West Bridgford South – Councillor Jonathan Wheeler
- Newark East – Councillor Stuart Wallace
- Eastwood – Councillor Tony Harper

