



Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 21 March 2024 (10.30 am – 3.28 pm)

Membership

COUNCILLORS

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

Reg Adair	Richard Jackson
Mike Adams	Roger Jackson
Pauline Allan	Eric Kerry
Sinead Anderson	Bruce Laughton
Callum Bailey	Johno Lee
Matt Barney	Rachel Madden
Chris Barnfather	David Martin
Ben Bradley MP	John 'Maggie' McGrath - apologies
Anne Callaghan BEM - apologies	Andy Meakin
André Camilleri	Nigel Moxon
Scott Carlton	Kane Oliver
Steve Carr	Philip Owen
John Clarke MBE	Michael Payne
Neil Clarke MBE	Sheila Place - apologies
Robert Corden	Mike Pringle
John Cottee	Francis Purdue-Horan
Jim Creamer	Mike Quigley MBE
Debbie Darby - apologies	Mrs Sue Saddington
Sam Deakin - apologies	Dave Shaw
Dr John Doddy	Helen-Ann Smith - apologies
Bethan Eddy	Sam Smith
Boyd Elliott	Tom Smith
Sybil Fielding	Tracey Taylor
Kate Foale	Nigel Turner
Stephen Garner	Roger Upton
Glynn Gilfoyle	Lee Waters
Keith Girling	Michelle Welsh
Penny Gowland	Gordon Wheeler
Errol Henry JP	Jonathan Wheeler
Paul Henshaw	Elizabeth Williamson
Tom Hollis	John Wilmott
Mike Introna	Jason Zadrozny

HONORARY ALDERMEN

Terence Butler
John Carter
Kay Cutts MBE

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Adrian Smith	(Chief Executive)
Marjorie Toward	(Chief Executives)
Sara Allmond	(Chief Executives)
Carl Bilbey	(Chief Executives)
Isobel Fleming	(Chief Executives)
Katherine Harclerode	(Chief Executives)
David Hennigan	(Chief Executives)
Phil Rostance	(Chief Executives)
Nigel Stevenson	(Chief Executives)
Louise Lester	(Adult Social Care and Health)
Lucy Rutter	(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.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2024/003

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 February 2024 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, with a typographical amendment on page 4 to show that Councillor Michelle Welsh returned to the Chamber at 5.18pm and Councillor Michael Payne returned to the Chamber at 5.17pm.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

- Councillor Anne Callaghan BEM (other reasons)
- Councillor Debbie Darby (other reasons)
- Councillor Samantha Deakin (other reasons)
- Councillor John 'Maggie' McGrath (other reasons)
- Councillor Sheila Place (other reasons)
- Councillor Helen-Ann Smith (medical/illness)

Councillor John Wilmot submitted his apology that he would be arriving late to the meeting (other reasons).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

None

SIR JOHN PEACE

The Chairman addressed the Council to thank Sir John Peace for his work in the role of Lord-Lieutenant.

Councillors Sue Saddington, Roger Jackson, Ben Bradley MP, Jason Zadrozny, Kate Foale, Mike Quigley MBE, Pauline Allan, Sybil Fielding, Bruce Laughton, Neil Clarke MBE, Mike Pringle, Keith Girling, Michael Payne and David Martin spoke to thank Sir John for his work.

Sir John Peace addressed the Chamber to thank Members for their kind words and their support in carrying out his duties.

The Chamber wished the new Lord-Lieutenant Professor Veronica Pickering success in her new role.

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 Tom Hollis regarding the impact of the cost-of-living crisis in Sutton West

Councillor Penny Gowland regarding heritage assets of cultural value in West Bridgford North

Councillor Philip Owen regarding the disruption to traffic flow on highways in Nuthall and Kimberley division caused by excessive/poorly planned utilities works

Councillor Lee Waters regarding the benefits of concessionary tram travel to the residents of Hucknall South

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

6a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

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

- (1) Councillor Bruce Laughton request to improve bus service from Farnsfield to other towns
- (2) Councillor Sam Smith request for a pedestrian crossing at the top of Beacon Hill Road, Newark
- (3) Councillor Roger Jackson request for a new roundabout at Gunthorpe
- (4) Councillor Jim Creamer request for a pedestrian crossing on Westdale Lane near Haddon Close, Carlton
- (5) Councillor John Cottee regarding traffic concerns in Hickling Parish
- (6) Councillor Dave Shaw regarding flooding on Watnall Road, Hucknall
- (7) Councillor Steve Carr request to deal with urgent flooding issues on the Bramcote Moor estate
- (8) Councillor Steve Carr request for safety improvements on Derby Road and Wollaton Road
- (9) Councillor Penny Gowland regarding the tram concessionary pass

RESOLVED: 2024/004

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.

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

RESOLVED: 2024/005

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

7. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2023/24

Councillor Richard Jackson introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2024/005 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor André Camilleri.

The Chairman put the motion to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried and it was:-.

RESOLVED: 2024/006

That the Pay Policy Statement as set out in the appendix to the report be approved for publication on the Council's website in April 2024.

8. EXECUTIVE REPORT – KEY ISSUES AND ACTIVITIES

RESOLVED: 2024/007

That the contents of the report be noted.

9a. QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL ON THE EXECUTIVE REPORT

3 questions had been received as follows: -

- 1) from Councillor Kate Foale regarding Prime Minister Visit
- 2) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding Prime Minister Visit
- 3) from Councillor Kate Foale regarding Prime Minister Visit and Ministerial Visit

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

9b. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

10 questions had been received as follows: -

- 1) from Councillor Tom Smith concerning outcome of bus passenger satisfaction survey (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 2) from Councillor Lee Waters concerning Smokefree Nottinghamshire ambition (Councillor Eric Kerry replied)

- 3) from Councillor Steve Carr regarding road repairs using Roadmaster (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 4) from Councillor Tom Hollis about Roadmaster repairs (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 5) from Councillor Jim Creamer concerning contract extensions (Councillor Richard Jackson replied)
- 6) from Councillor André Camilleri concerning highway repairs on Rock Hill (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 7) from Councillor Paul Henshaw about insurance claims for damage to vehicles due to highways issues (Councillor Richard Jackson replied on behalf of Councillor Neil Clarke MBE)
- 8) from Councillor Penny Gowland regarding 20mph speed limits (Councillor Neil Clarke 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 questions within 15 working days of the meeting and be included in the papers for the next available Full Council meeting after the deadline.

- 9) from Councillor David Martin about funding for road repairs (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE to reply)
- 10) from Councillor Steve Carr regarding Councillor safety (Councillor Ben Bradley MP to reply)

The meeting adjourned from 12.32pm to 1.41pm for lunch during consideration of this item.

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

- Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 12.05pm and returned at 1.43pm
- Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 1.48pm and returned later in the agenda
- Councillor Kane Oliver left the Chamber at 1.48pm and returned later in the agenda

10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

MOTION ONE – RESPONSE TO THE AUTUMN STATEMENT – ALTERED (CARRIED OVER FROM DECEMBER 2023 MEETING)

A Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Jim Creamer and seconded by Councillor Kate Foale:

“Nottinghamshire County Council resolves to:

- 1) Note the County Councils Network budget analysis published on 1 November 2023, and the Office for Budget Responsibility’s ‘Economic and Fiscal Outlook’, published alongside the Autumn Statement on 22 November 2023.
- 2) Agree that a reduction in HM Treasury local authority spending to 4.6% of GDP by 2028 would have a detrimental impact upon this Council’s budget, which will put services under further pressure.
- 3) Write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer and call upon them to increase Treasury local government spending commitments to sustainable levels, including funding for unprotected spending, to ensure that this council can meet the rising demand for services without a requirement to significantly increase council tax or drawdown current reserves going forward.”

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

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 Kane Oliver returned at 2.25pm
- Having left the Chamber earlier in the meeting Councillor Jason Zadrozny returned at 2.28pm
- Councillor Tom Hollis left the Chamber at 1.55pm and returned at 2.20pm
- Councillor Pauline Allan left the Chamber at 2.03pm and did not return

MOTION TWO – NOTTINGHAM FOREST FOOTBALL CLUB

A Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor David Martin and seconded by Councillor Jason Zadrozny:

“This council resolves to explore options with stakeholders at Nottingham Forest Football Club and others to try to secure the future of the club. This may include whether there are any potentially suitable County Council sites which may be marketed for disposal in future.”

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Keith Girling and seconded by Councillor Reg Adair:

“This council resolves to **continue** exploring options with stakeholders at Nottingham Forest Football Club and others to try to secure the future of the club. This may include whether there are any potentially suitable County Council sites which may be marketed for disposal in future.”

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: 2024/008

This council resolves to continue exploring options with stakeholders at Nottingham Forest Football Club and others to try to secure the future of the club. This may include whether there are any potentially suitable County Council sites which may be marketed for disposal in future.

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

- Councillor Tom Smith left the Chamber at 2.27pm and returned at 2.41pm
- Councillor Neil Clarke MBE left the Chamber at 2.39pm and returned at 2.50pm
- Councillor Sam Smith left the Chamber at 2.45pm and returned at 3.02pm
- Councillor Sinead Anderson left the Chamber at 2.48pm and returned at 2.59pm
- Councillor John Cottee left the Chamber at 3.02pm and returned at 3.13pm

Having submitted his apologies Councillor John Wilmott arrived at the Chamber at 2.57pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 3.28 pm.

CHAIRMAN