



# Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 26 February 2026 (10.30am – 5.51pm)

## Membership

## COUNCILLORS

Jan Goold (Chairman)  
Christopher Adegoke (Vice-Chairman)

Mike Adams	Dawn Justice
Barry Answer	Bruce Laughton
Janette Barlow	Johno Lee
Mick Barton	Warren Limber
Stuart Bestwick	Richard Lowe
Bert Bingham	Wendy Lukacs
Alan Bite	Gaynor Mann
Paul Brill	Cathy Mason
Andy Brown	Stuart Matthews
Kevin Brown	Andy McCormack
Richard Butler	Hari Om
Steve Carr	Stephen Pearson
Faz Choudhury	Glyn Pepper - apologies
David Clark	James Rawson
John Clarke MBE - apologies	Joseph Rich
Neil Clarke MBE	Mike Robertson
Liz Clunie	Daniel Saban
John Cottee - apologies	Sue Saddington
Terry Cox	John Semens
Teresa Cullen - apologies	David Smith
Kev Dale	Sam Smith
Richard Darrington	Jody Stoll
Russell Dodd	Roger Upton
Dr. John Doddy	Jim Vernon
Helen Faccio	James Walker-Gurley
James Gamble	Richard Ward
Keith Girling	Brian Wheatcroft
Penny Gowland	Jonathan Wheeler
Rory Green	John Wilmott
Mike Introna	Kelvin Wright
Roger Jackson - apologies	Martin Wright
Hana John	Simon Wright

## **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Adrian Smith	(Chief Executive)
Marjorie Toward	(Chief Executives)
Nigel Stevenson	(Chief Executives)
Sara Allmond	(Chief Executives)
Luke Barrett	(Chief Executives)
Gareth Moss	(Chief Executives)
Phil Rostance	(Chief Executives)
Jen Sheriston	(Chief Executives)
Alex Strongman	(Chief Executives)
Andrew Tristram	(Chief Executives)
Kerry Vardy	(Chief Executives)

## **OPENING PRAYER**

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

## **MINUTE SILENCE**

A minute silence was held in memory of former County Councillor Kate Allsop.

## **1. MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED: 2026/001**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2025 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from:-

- Councillor John Clarke MBE – other reasons
- Councillor John Cottee – medical/illness
- Councillor Teresa Cullen – other reasons
- Councillor Roger Jackson – medical/illness
- Councillor Glyn Pepper – medical/illness

Councillor Simon Wright submitted apologies that he would be arriving late to the meeting.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

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

##### **FORMER COUNTY COUNCILLOR KATE ALLSOP**

The Chairman spoke in memory of former County Councillor Kate Allsop.

Councillors Mick Barton, Neil Clarke MBE, Penny Gowland and Keith Girling also spoke in memory of former County Councillor Kate Allsop.

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

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

#### **5. ANNUAL BUDGET REPORT 2026-27**

Councillor Stuart Matthews introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2026/002 below, which was seconded by Councillor Mick Barton.

Councillor Stuart Bestwick moved the Conservative Group amendment, as printed in the Council agenda, which was seconded by Councillor Sam Smith.

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

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 Conservative Group amendment and it was ascertained that the following 17 Members voted '**For**' the amendment:-

Mike Adams	Bruce Laughton
Janette Barlow	Johno Lee
Stuart Bestwick	Hari Om
Andy Brown	Stephen Pearson
Richard Butler	Sue Saddington
Steve Carr	Sam Smith
Neil Clarke MBE	Roger Upton
Keith Girling	Jonathan Wheeler
Mike Introna	

The following 43 Members voted "**Against**" the amendment:-

Christopher Adegoke	Faz Choudhury
Barry Answer	David Clark
Mick Barton	Liz Clunie
Bert Bingham	Terry Cox
Alan Bite	Kev Dale
Paul Brill	Richard Darrington
Kevin Brown	Russell Dodd

Dr. John Doddy  
Helen Faccio  
James Gamble  
Jan Goold  
Penny Gowland  
Rory Green  
Hana John  
Dawn Justice  
Warren Limber  
Richard Lowe  
Wendy Lukacs  
Gaynor Mann  
Cathy Mason  
Stuart Matthews  
Andy McCormack

James Rawson  
Joseph Rich  
Mike Robertson  
Daniel Saban  
John Semens  
David Smith  
Jody Stoll  
Jim Vernon  
James Walker-Gurley  
Richard Ward  
Brian Wheatcroft  
Kelvin Wright  
Martin Wright  
Simon Wright

The following Member '**Abstained**' from the vote on the amendment:

John Wilmott

The Chairman declared that the Conservative Group amendment was lost.

A recorded vote was then taken on the original motion and it was ascertained that the following 40 members voted '**For**' the motion:

Christopher Adegoke  
Barry Answer  
Mick Barton  
Bert Bingham  
Alan Bite  
Paul Brill  
Kevin Brown  
Faz Choudhury  
David Clark  
Terry Cox  
Kev Dale  
Richard Darrington  
Russell Dodd  
Dr. John Doddy  
James Gamble  
Jan Goold  
Rory Green  
Hana John  
Dawn Justice  
Warren Limber

Richard Lowe  
Wendy Lukacs  
Gaynor Mann  
Cathy Mason  
Stuart Matthews  
Andy McCormack  
James Rawson  
Joseph Rich  
Mike Robertson  
Daniel Saban  
John Semens  
David Smith  
Jody Stoll  
Jim Vernon  
James Walker-Gurley  
Richard Ward  
Brian Wheatcroft  
Kelvin Wright  
Martin Wright  
Simon Wright

The following 20 members voted '**Against**' the motion:

Mike Adams  
Janette Barlow

Stuart Bestwick  
Andy Brown

Richard Butler  
Steve Carr  
Neil Clarke MBE  
Liz Clunie  
Helen Faccio  
Keith Girling  
Penny Gowland  
Mike Introna

Bruce Laughton  
Johno Lee  
Hari Om  
Stephen Pearson  
Sue Saddington  
Sam Smith  
Roger Upton  
Jonathan Wheeler

The following Member '**Abstained**' from the vote on the amendment:

John Wilmott

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

**RESOLVED: 2026/002**

- 1) That the Annual Revenue Budget for Nottinghamshire County Council be set at £880.007 million for 2026/27, 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 tables 3 and 4 of the report, be approved
- 3) That the Cabinet be authorised to make allocations from the General Contingency for 2026/27 as set out in paragraph 102 in appendix 2 of the report.
- 4) That the County Council element of the Council Tax be increased by 3.99% in 2026/27. That the overall Band D tax rate be set at £1,970.13 with the various bands of property as set out in paragraph 110 in appendix 2 of the report.
- 5) That the County Precept for the year ending 31 March 2027 shall be £537,715,894 and shall be applicable to the whole of the District Council areas as General Expenses as set out in paragraph 17 of the report.
- 6) That the County Precept for 2026/27 shall be collected from the District and Borough Councils in the proportions set out in Table 6 of the report on the dates set out in Table 7 of appendix 2 of the report.
- 7) That the Capital Programme for 2026/27 to 2028/29 be approved at the total amounts below and be financed as set out in table 10 in appendix 2 of the report:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Capital Programme</b>
<b>2026/27</b>	£173.210m
<b>2027/28</b>	£117.514m
<b>2028/29</b>	£83.134m

- 8) That the variations to the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraphs 131 – 138 in appendix 2 of the report, be approved.
- 9) That the Minimum Revenue Provision policy for 2026/27, as set out in appendix D of the report, be approved.

- 10) That the Capital Strategy including the 2026/27 Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Strategy, as set out in appendix E of the report, be approved.
- 11) That the Service Director – Finance, Infrastructure and Improvement be authorised to raise loans in 2026/27 within the limits of total external borrowings, as set out in paragraph 147 in appendix 2 of the report, be approved.
- 12) That the Treasury Management Policy for 2026/27, as set out in appendix F of the report, be approved.
- 13) 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 146 in appendix 2 of the report.
- 14) That the Council notes the significant benefits of operating the Nottinghamshire Business Rates pool since 2013/14, the dissolution of the Nottinghamshire Rates pool at the end of 2025/26 and to review 2026/27 Business Rates income levels during the year to determine potential pooling viability in 2027/28.
- 15) That the report be approved and adopted.

The Council adjourned for lunch from 12.30pm to 1.33pm.

Having submitted his apologies, Councillor Simon Wright arrived at the meeting at 1.33pm following the lunch break.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.51pm.

**CHAIRMAN**