



SUMMONS TO COUNCIL

date Thursday, 12 July 2018
commencing at 10:30

venue County Hall, West Bridgford,
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 10 May 2018 | 7 - 24 |
| 2 | Apologies for Absence | |
| 3 | Declarations of Interests by Members and Officers:- (see note below) | |
| | (a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests | |
| | (b) Private Interests (pecuniary and non-pecuniary) | |
| 4 | Chairman's Business | |
| | a) Presentation of Awards/Certificates (if any) | |
| 5 | Constituency Issues (see note 4) | |
| 6a | Presentation of Petitions (if any) (see note 5 below) | |
| 6b | Responses to Petitions Presented to the Chairman of the County Council | 25 - 34 |
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9 Questions

a) Questions to Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority

b) Questions to Committee Chairmen

10 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Motion One

This Council notes Nottinghamshire County Council's Highways capital and revenue programme that is to be delivered during 2018/19.

This Council further notes the £20m to be invested in highways over the next 4 years.

This Council acknowledges that one of the biggest complaints Councillors received from Constituents is about the state of our broken roads and pavements. This council recognises that there is a need for improvements across our highways network.

This Council welcomes funding spent in every District of this County and welcomes the communication with County Councillors. It is only right that elected members take a leading role in identifying priorities over how this extra £20m will be spent over the next 4 years and we are keen to see this continued dialogue.

This Council notes however that with such a huge investment in our Highways, the quality of any work is critical. This Council therefore instructs the Communities and Place Committee to undertake regular reviews of any highway's improvements undertaken by this Council to ensure best practice so that any investment in our Highways benefits Nottinghamshire for the long term.

Councillor David Martin

Councillor Tom Hollis

Motion Two

The Council notes that:

1. Each year a number of young people (aged 16 or over) leave the care of Nottinghamshire County Council and began the difficult transition out of care and into adult life; and that when a young person leaves care and moves into independent accommodation, they begin to manage their own budget fully for the first time. In many cases, this can lead to a spiral of debt for some of our most vulnerable young people.
2. A recent report by the Children's Society found that when care leavers move into independent accommodation they begin to manage their own budget fully for the first time. The report showed that care leavers can find this extremely difficult and, with no family to support them and insufficient financial education, are falling into debt and financial difficulty.
3. Research from the Centre of Social Justice found that over half (57%) of young people leaving care have difficulty managing their money and avoiding debt when leaving care.

4. Nottinghamshire County Council has a duty of care to care leavers.
5. This Council notes that a number of District Councils in Nottinghamshire have already agreed or are in the process of agreeing to support young care leavers.

The Council believes that:

1. To ensure that the transition from care to adult life is as smooth as possible, and to mitigate the chances of care leavers falling into debt as they begin to manage their own finances, they should be exempt from paying Council Tax until they are aged 25.

2. Care leavers are a particularly vulnerable group for Council Tax debt.

This Council therefore resolves:

- (i) To request officers to explore exempting all care leavers in work from Council tax in Nottinghamshire up to the age of 25 and a report to come to the Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee of Nottinghamshire County Council at the earliest opportunity to implement this change that will make a significant difference to so many young people's lives.

- (ii) That the Leaders of the Ashfield Independents, the Conservatives, Labour and the Mansfield Independent Forum write to the Minister of State for Children and Families, Nadhim Zahawi MP, urging him to introduce a national exemption for care leavers from Council Tax up to the age of 25.

Councillor Jason Zadrozny Councillor Helen-Ann Smith

Motion Three

This Council:-

- a) agrees that the current 'two-tier' structure of the County Council and seven district councils is an inefficient and ineffective way to deliver services in Nottinghamshire, especially at a time when local government finances are under severe pressure;
- b) agrees that forming a unitary council for Nottinghamshire would pool all existing resources and release approximately £20-£30 million pounds of public money annually, currently tied up in bureaucracy;
- c) agrees that a unitary authority would achieve economies of scale and deliver a more responsive service to residents by:-
 - i) creating a single headquarters and management team for the new council to replace the eight headquarters, chief executives and senior management teams currently serving the County Council and the seven district councils;
 - ii) bringing all council services in Nottinghamshire together under one roof, removing duplication and requiring fewer buildings, which would also deliver capital receipts for reinvestment by disposing of surplus property;
 - iii) retaining two councillors per electoral division to serve the principles of localism, but removing the confusion caused by 'two-tier' local government where residents are frequently unclear whether they should raise issues with district councillors or county councillors;
 - iv) establishing single systems for council tax collection, waste management, housing and planning;
 - v) providing a proactive solution to the current budget challenges facing the County and district councils and thereby protecting critical services, such as adult social care, potentially avoiding steep and prolonged increases in council tax and other charges;
- d) Agrees to write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities &

Local Government formally stating Nottinghamshire County Council's support for a unitary council for Nottinghamshire

e) Instructs officers to continue their work preparing a formal case.

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE

Councillor Reg Adair

Motion Four

This Council acknowledges that historically, the East Midlands has not received its fair share of funding from the Government, and therefore welcomes any efforts to form a strategic alliance with the region's County Councils and our region's three cities to improve this situation.

This Council is however, concerned that four County Council Leaders in this region are wishing to pursue discussions on Local Government reorganisation with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

This Council values localism and believes that any discussion involving the Secretary of State regarding future democratic arrangements in the East Midlands should be done with residents in mind.

To this end, this council proposes that any future discussions regarding the potential reorganisation of Local Government in Nottinghamshire should involve all District, Borough and City Council Leaders and Members of Parliament.

Councillor Alan Rhodes

Councillor Jason Zadrozny

11 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 questions put to the Chairmen of the Children & Young People's Committee, Personnel Committee, and Leader of the Council under paragraphs 33, 40 and 41 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.

(8) Commonly used points of order

21 – Constituency issues should be about issues which specifically relate to the Member's decision and is relevant to the services provided by the County Council

37 – Supplementary Questions must be on the same matter

49 – The Member has spoken for more than 10 minutes

51 – The Member is not speaking to the subject under discussion

54 – The Member has already spoken on the motion

59 – Points of Order and Personal Explanations

78 – Disorderly conduct

(9) Time limit of speeches

Motions

49 – no longer than 10 minutes (subject to any exceptions set out in the Constitution)

Constituency Issues

21 – up to 3 minutes per speech allowed

25 – up to 30 minutes for this item allowed

Petitions

28 – up to one minute per petition allowed

Questions to Committee Chairmen

33 – up to 60 minutes for this item allowed

Adjournment Debates

73– Mover has up to 5 minutes

74 – any other Councillor has up to 3 minutes

(B) For Members of the Public

(1) Members of the public wishing to inspect "Background Papers" referred to in the reports on the agenda or Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act should contact:

Customer Services Centre 0300 500 80 80.

(2) The papers enclosed with this agenda are available in large print if required. Copies can be requested by contacting the Customer Services Centre on 0300 500 80 80. Certain documents (for example appendices and plans to reports) may not be available electronically. Hard copies can be requested from the above contact.

(3) This agenda and its associated reports are available to view online via an online calendar –

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/dms/Meetings.aspx>



Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 10 May 2018 (10.30 am – 3.48 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	A	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
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 Tsimbirdis
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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May	(Chief Executive)
Paul McKay	(Adult Social Care and Health)
Colin Pettigrew	(Children, Families and Cultural Services)
Derek Higton	(Children, Families and Cultural Services)
John Hughes	(Place)
Sara Allmond	(Resources)
Carl Bilbey	(Resources)
Angie Dilley	(Resources)
Martin Done	(Resources)
Jayne Francis-Ward	(Resources)
David Hennigan	(Resources)
Anna O'Daly-Kardasinska	(Resources)

OPENING PRAYER

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

MINUTE SILENCE

A minute silence was held in memory of former County Council Mohammad Aslam.

OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL

John Handley, outgoing Chairman of the County Council, made an address, during which he referred to the highlights of his year in office, including the Royal visits particularly Prince Harry and Meghan Markel, library openings, visiting staff, citizen ceremonies and celebrating with Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club amongst many others. The Chairman's Charity was Nottinghamshire Hospice for whom over £12,120 had been raised during his time in office.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Councillor Bruce Laughton and seconded by Councillor Alan Rhodes and:-

RESOLVED: 2018/015

That Councillor Mrs Sue Saddington be elected Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council, until the Annual Meeting 2019.

Arising from the above resolution, Councillor Saddington made the prescribed Declaration of Acceptance of Office, was invested with the Chairman's Chain of Office and assumed the chair. Thereafter, Councillor Mrs Sue Saddington's portrait was unveiled by the Chief Executive.

INCOMING CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL

Councillor Mrs Sue Saddington addressed the Council, thanking members for the opportunity to perform the civic role for the County Council. She indicated that her chosen charity was Nottingham Children's Hospital Big Appeal

RETIRING CHAIRMAN VOTE OF THANKS

At the invitation of the newly elected Chairman, Councillor Richard Jackson paid tribute to John Handley's contribution to Nottinghamshire Civic life, and moved a motion thanking him for his work as Chairman.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Andy Sissons who articulated Member's appreciation and congratulations for his year of office.

Councillors Alan Rhodes, Maureen Dobson, Joyce Bosnjak, Gordon Wheeler, Keith Girling, John Cottee, Mrs Kay Cutts MBE, Jason Zadrozny, David Martin and Muriel Weisz also spoke in thanks of the work undertaken by Councillor John Handley as Chairman of the County Council for the municipal year 2017/18.

RESOLVED: 2018/016

That the County Council's thanks for Councillor Handley's work as its Chairman during 2017-18 be recorded.

PAST CHAIRMAN'S BADGE OF OFFICE

Further to the above resolution, the Chairman of the County Council presented to Councillor Handley his Past Chairman's Badge of Office and acknowledged his work during the year.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The appointment of Councillor Kevin Rostance as Vice-Chairman was moved by Councillor Ben Bradley and seconded by Councillor Jason Zadrozny.

RESOLVED: 2018/017

That Councillor Kevin Rostance be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Nottinghamshire County Council until the Annual Meeting 2019.

Arising from the above Resolution, Councillor Kevin Rostance made the prescribed Declaration of Acceptance of Office, was invested with the Vice-Chairman's chain and took his new place alongside the Chairman.

BUSINESS CARRIED OVER FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion carried over from the last meeting, was withdrawn by the mover and removed from the agenda.

3. RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF GROUPS

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2018/018 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Reg Adair.

RESOLVED: 2018/018

- 1) That the membership of the political groups be noted.
- 2) That, in accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Officers of the Groups be noted.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2018/019

That the minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on 22 March 2018 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman with an amendment on page 12, to amend the typographical error in the spelling of Councillor Zadrozny's name.

5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from:-

- Councillor Philip Owen – other reasons

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

7. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

(a) FORMER COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOHAMMAD ASLAM JP

Councillors Parry Tsimbiridis, Alan Rhodes, Mrs Kay Cutts MBE, and Sheila Place spoke in memory of former County Councillor Mohammad Aslam JP.

(b) PRESENTATION AND AWARDS

Nottingham Post Awards – Carer of the Year Award, Supporting Independent Work and Worker of the Year

Councillor Stuart Wallace introduced the awards for Dulsey Hook and Trevor Warren. Dulsey was runner up in Carer of the Year Award and Trevor won the award for Supporting Independence Worker and also the overall Worker of the Year award. The Chairman received the awards from Councillor Wallace and

presented them to Dulsey and Trevor along with their manager Vera Ragsdale who had nominated them for the awards.

LGC Awards – Finalist in Public / Private Party Partnerships Category and Shortlisted for Driving Efficiency through Technology Category

Councillor Stuart Wallace introduced the awards from the LGC. The Integrated Community Equipment Loan Service (ICELES) was a finalist in the public / private partnerships category, and the Council was also shortlisted for the 'driving efficiency through technology' category in recognition of a number of innovative IT developments supporting the integration of health and social care. The Chairman received the awards from Councillor Wallace and presented them to Louise Hemment, Transformation Manager and Sarah Docksey, ICELES Partnership Manager on behalf of their Teams.

National Police Aid Convoys – 25th Anniversary

The Chairman informed the Chamber that Heather Roberts a volunteer for the National Police Aid Convoys (NPAC) was in attendance to present the Council with a certificate of appreciation. NPAC had been operating for 25 years from Mansfield, sending basic health and education donations to trusted partners across the work. To celebrate their 25 year anniversary they decided to award the Council with a frame certificate of appreciation, one of only 25 being presented, in recognition and thanks for the support the Council had provided to NPAC over the past 25 years. The Chairman received the certificate from Heather.

'Soldiering On Awards' – Lifetime Achievement Award

Councillor Keith Girling introduced the award which recognised the long standing achievements by Neil Bettison in his work supporting current and former armed forces personnel. The Chairman received the award from Councillor Girling and presented it to Neil Bettison.

(c) FUNDRAISING BY COUNCILLORS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The Chairman informed the Chamber that Councillor Dr. John Doddy had raised approximately £2,080 for Wizz Kids by running the London Marathon, and the wife of Councillor Andrew Brown had raised approximately £900 for the Chairman's Charity – Nottinghamshire Hospice by completing a sky dive.

(d) JAYNE FRANCIS-WARD'S LAST MEETING

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE, Councillor Keith Girling, Councillor Bruce Laughton, Councillor Alan Rhodes, Councillor Tom Hollis, Councillor Steve Carr, Councillor Maureen Dobson, Councillor John Knight, Councillor Keith Walker, Councillor Michael Payne, Councillor Stuart Wallace, Councillor Mike Pringle and Councillor Jason Zadrozny spoke to thank Jayne Francis-Ward for her hard work and dedication during her time at the Council;

as the Corporate Director, Resources and Monitoring Officer and wished her well in the future.

Council adjourned from 12.30pm to 1.34pm for lunch.

8a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

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

- (1) Councillor Richard Butler regarding a request for speed limit and road safety improvements on Plumtree Road, Cotgrave
- (2) Councillor Kate Foale requesting a residents only parking scheme on Barton Street, Beeston

RESOLVED: 2018/020

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.

8b. RESPONSE TO PETITION PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLVED: 2018/021

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

9. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Councillor Richard Butler introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2018/021 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE.

RESOLVED: 2018/021

- 1) That the establishment of the Committees and Sub-Committees of the Council with their existing terms of reference subject to any changes made at this meeting, and with the membership and its continued participation of the Joint Committees set out in Appendix A of the report be confirmed.
- 2) That the establishment and appointments of the committees and its continued participation in the Joint Committees set out in Appendix B of the report be confirmed.
- 3) That the following appointments of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be made until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2019, it being noted that the appointment of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Mental Health

Guardianship Panel and Senior Staffing Sub-Committee will be a matter for that Sub-Committee:-

Committee	Chairman	Vice-Chairmen
Adult Social Care and Public Health	Stuart Wallace	Tony Harper, Steve Vickers
Children and Young People	Philip Owen	Tracey Taylor, Boyd Elliott
Communities and Place	John Cottee	Phil Rostance, Gordon Wheeler
Finance and Major Contracts Management	Richard Jackson	John Ogle, Roger Jackson
Governance and Ethics	Bruce Laughton	Andy Sissons
Health and Wellbeing Board	Dr John Doddy	Appointed by the Board
Health Scrutiny for Nottinghamshire	Keith Girling	Martin Wright
Improvement and Change Sub	Reg Adair	None
Joint Strategic Planning and Transport	Gordon Wheeler	City Councillor
Nottinghamshire Pension Fund	Eric Kerry	Stephen Garner
Personnel	Neil Clarke MBE	Keith Walker
Planning and Licensing	Chris Barnfather	Jim Creamer
Policy	Mrs Kay Cutts MBE	Reg Adair

- 4) That the other representatives on the following committees / sub-committees be appointed as follows:-
- (a) Children and Young People’s Committee: One representative of the Church of England Diocese, one representative of the Roman Catholic Diocese, and two Parent Governors
 - (b) Health and Wellbeing Board: Seven District / Boroughs Councillors, six NHS Clinical Commissioning Group representatives, one Healthwatch, one NHS England, the Police and Crime Commissioner, three officers – Corporate Director, Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection, Corporate Director, Children, Families and Cultural Services, Director of Public Health
 - (c) Nottinghamshire Pensions Fund Committee: Three City Councillors, two Nottinghamshire District / Borough Council representatives, two Trade Union Representatives, one Scheduled Body representative plus two pensioner representatives.
- 5) That the Leader of the Council be an ex-officio member of all committees and sub-committees except Health Scrutiny for Nottinghamshire Committee, Mental Health Guardianship Panel, Planning and Licensing Committee and Joint Committees.

- 6) That the appointment of members of the political groups to committees, sub-committees and joint committees be undertaken by the Team Manager, Democratic Services on behalf of the Chief Executive (the Proper Officer) in order to give effect to the wishes of the political groups in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Local Government Act 2000, the relevant Statutory Regulations and the Council's Standing Orders.
- 7) That the Team Manager, Democratic Services be authorised to act on behalf of the Chief Executive (Proper Officer) to appoint people as co-optees to committees when required.
- 8) That the change of Council meeting dates, to enable a more regular cycle of meetings, be noted.

10. THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Councillor Bruce Laughton introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2018/022 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Andy Sissons.

RESOLVED: 2018/022

- 1) That the revised Code of Conduct for Councillors and Co-opted Members and accompanying protocols, and a revised procedure for dealing with conduct allegations as set out in the Appendices to the report be approved.
- 2) That Charles Daybell and Robert Lilley be re-appointed as the Council's Independent Persons for the forthcoming year, and to commence a full recruitment process for 2019-20 with oversight by Governance and Ethics Committee.

11. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2018/023 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Reg Adair

RESOLVED: 2018/023

- 1) To approve the amendments to the Council's Constitution set out in the Appendix to the report.
- 2) To delegate authority for the commencement or defence of, or participation in legal proceedings to the Group Manager for the Legal Service with effect from 30 June 2018.

- 3) To delegate authority to the Council's Monitoring Officer to make any necessary consequential amendments to the Constitution.

12. COUNCILLORS TRAINING AND THE GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

Councillor Bruce Laughton introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2018/024 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Andy Sissons

RESOLVED: 2018/024

- 1) That all Councillors have access to the new data protection e-learning and are encouraged to undertake the training.
- 2) That two half day, cross-party sessions be arranged for Councillors to undertake this training as part of a group (N.B. the training package will still be available to individual members to undertake on an individual basis if that is more appropriate)
- 3) That additional role specific training is developed and made available in summer / autumn 2018 for Councillors to enable them to better understand how they can fulfil their data protection responsibilities under the new law.

13. MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2018/025 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Reg Adair

RESOLVED: 2018/025

That the Chief Executive be authorised to sign the application for admission as a member authority of the Local Government Association in accordance with the Associations new Articles of Association with effect from 1 April 2018.

14. QUESTIONS

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

No questions were received

(b) QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Thirteen questions had been received as follows:-

- 1) from Councillor Tom Hollis concerning Carillion (Councillor Eric Kerry replied)
- 2) from Councillor Errol Henry JP about measure in place to support those affected by the Windrush immigration issue (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE replied)
- 3) from Councillor Tom Hollis regarding Waste Recycling Centre, Huthwaite (Councillor John Cottee replied)
- 4) from Councillor Alan Rhodes concerning Combined 'East Midlands' Authority (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE replied)
- 5) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny concerning scrutiny of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE replied)
- 6) from Councillor David Martin concerning housing and education provision (Councillor Tracey Taylor replied on behalf of Councillor Philip Owen)

The full responses to the seven questions above are set out in set out in Appendix A 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.

- 7) from Councillor Kevin Greaves about criteria for allocating road repair work (Councillor John Cottee to reply)
- 8) from Councillor Kate Foale about women in senior NCC positions (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE to reply on behalf of Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE)
- 9) from Councillor Mike Pringle regarding Government funding to Councils (Councillor Richard Jackson to reply)
- 10) from Councillor Muriel Weisz regarding Children's Centre budget (Councillor Boyd Elliott to reply on behalf of Councillor Philip Owen)
- 11) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding rail issues (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts to reply)
- 12) from Councillor Samantha Deakin about Universal Credit and its impact of schools finances (Councillor Tracy Taylor to reply on behalf of Councillor Philip Owen)
- 13) Councillor Alan Rhodes withdrew his question after the meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

None

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 3.48 pm.

CHAIRMAN

APPENDIX A

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10TH MAY 2018 QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Question to the Chairman of the Nottinghamshire Pensions Fund Committee from Councillor Tom Hollis

Does the Chairman regret not taking action about repeated warnings over the value of Carillion and its share price? Many public bodies and councils took decisive action based on these warnings. Why didn't Nottinghamshire?

Response from Councillor Eric Kerry, Chairman of the Nottinghamshire Pensions Fund Committee

As at 15th January the Nottinghamshire Pension Fund held 450,000 shares in Carillion, and as at the most recent valuation (30th September 2017) these shares were valued at £229,500.

This investment formed part of the Fund that is passively managed rather than actively managed. By that, we mean it was part of £620 million of UK investments that track the market index. As a consequence, since Carillion was a listed company it was inevitable that the Pension Fund would hold shares in this company, in proportion to the total index.

There are benefits from passively managing part of the Fund, not just in terms of reducing management costs, but also as the index increases so too does the Fund valuation. This is simply explained by the fact that the value of the holdings in UK equities managed passively has increased by £22m since September 2017, far exceeding any loss on one investment in Carillion.

Every Member on the Pension Fund Committee should understand that there are risks in holding any form of investment. This is set out in the Funding Strategy Statement and I would ask the Member to read this, as it may help to further understand the investment strategy and how we manage risks to the Fund.

Question to the Leader of the Council from Councillor Errol Henry JP

Could the Leader please clarify what arrangements this County Council has put in place to ensure that Nottinghamshire's citizens, who may be affected by their government's disgraceful handling of the Windrush immigration issue, are adequately supported to ensure that longstanding members of our communities across Nottinghamshire feel valued?

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

All relevant staff in the Registration Service for births, deaths, marriages and other services have been advised of the guidance provided by the General Register Office section of Her Majesty's Passport Office. The guidance makes reference to the

announcement by the Home Secretary regarding a Commonwealth Taskforce set up in the Home Office to help those affected.

If Registration Officers are asked to advise individuals, especially in respect of a lack of documents, they will direct them to the Commonwealth Taskforce on Freephone number on 0800 678 1925. Alternatively, registration staff are aware that the taskforce can be contacted by email at the address commonwealthtaskforce@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk, and that further information is available at www.gov.uk/windrush.

This information has also been passed to the Customer Services Centre, for use by advisers dealing with registrations enquires. The Corporate Black and Minority Ethnic Network has also confirmed that it has sent guidance information to its staff membership, and is holding a workshop on 16th May where those who are either directly affected or have family that are affected can come and find out more about this issue.

I will give you this written reply, Councillor Henry, because it has the telephone number, email and web address on there and I appreciate it is difficult to write down this information as spoken in the Chamber.

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

Following discussion at both Finance and Property and Communities and Place Committee's; can the Chairman confirm to the residents of Ashfield that following my request he will investigate reopening Sutton in Ashfield's Waste Recycling Centre in Huthwaite and bring a report back to the Communities and Place Committee at the earliest opportunity?

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

I can confirm that officers are currently investigating the potential of re-opening the Sutton-in-Ashfield Recycling Centre, and a report on the subject is programmed to be considered at the Communities and Place Committee meeting in July.

Question to the Leader of the Council from Councillor Alan Rhodes

On the 1st May, a joint statement was issued from the Leader of this administration and Leaders from three other local authorities in the East Midlands declaring that discussions have taken place with a view to forming a combined 'East Midlands' authority. Could the Leader please update all members on the outcomes of this meeting, and indicate whether future meetings have been or will be scheduled? Could she also indicate clearly whether this 'Strategic Alliance' is focussed purely on procuring a bigger share of business revenue, or whether this 'super council' is intending to combine administrative functions or share the provision of services in the future? Could she now provide an approximate timeline along which she anticipates these talks to progress, and update members on her previously stated plans for unitary status for this authority?

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

The statement published on Nottinghamshire County Council's website on 1st May stated, and I quote:

'The Leaders of Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Lincolnshire County Councils have agreed to explore a Strategic Alliance that would create a unified voice for the region. This would be a first step in an ambitious journey towards a future devolution deal that could help boost the East Midlands' economy.'

The release continues: 'The next stage in the plans will be to have further detailed talks to see how we can take the Strategic Alliance forward with a view to eventually being able to draw down powers and funding from Government.'

Chairman, the clue is in the words: "explore", "first step", and "plans...to have further detailed talks". These are initial discussions, albeit based on the firm and common belief that we can achieve more if we work together, particularly in the areas of connectivity, trade, investment and growth.

At this stage we have agreed nothing except to further investigate ways we can work collaboratively to grow our economy, build on our strengths and tackle our challenges, working with Local Enterprise Partnerships and Chambers of Commerce as part of the Midlands Engine.

The words 'Combined Authority' and 'Super Council' were not in the statement, for good reason. There is no secret plan to create a body or a mechanism which would usurp the individual sovereignty of the councils involved.

As I stated in January, when this Council is in a position to put forward formal proposals for a unitary authority, a report will be presented to Members setting out the business case and the intended timeline for developing that model. Plans to develop a Strategic Alliance will obviously be linked to and influenced by these plans and the plans of other participating authorities, so the timeline for this will also be clarified in due course.

Question to the Leader of the Council from Councillor Jason Zadrozny

Like all members of this Council, the Ashfield Independents are concerned that in almost every category - crime is rising across Nottinghamshire. In the last year, there has been an 18.4% increase in recorded crime including increases in violent crime, rape and weapon-carrying. Nottinghamshire Police claim this is because of a '...more open and honest crime recording policy.' This is despite a recent Freedom Information Request revealing that 36,000 101 calls were not answered in the last year alone.

Does the Leader of the Council agree with me that this Council has little or no chance to scrutinise the current Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), that the Police and Crime Panel are unable to do their job properly and that the PCC, as the person ultimately responsible should come before this Council at the earliest opportunity to explain the rise in crime?

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

Under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, councillors are envisaged to play an important role in holding Police and Crime Commissioners to account through the local Police and Crime Panel.

The Panel's role is to scrutinise the Commissioner's decisions and actions and also assist them in carrying out their functions. They have the power to veto PCCs' precepts and nominees for Chief Constable, to summon the PCC to answer questions, and to review the Commissioners' police and crime plans.

In England, all the councils in a Force area have to appoint a member to serve on the local Police and Crime Panel, and in Nottinghamshire County Council's case that nominee is Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan.

Any County Councillor with questions or matters of concern in relation to the performance of the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Nottinghamshire Police Force in general are welcome to contact Councillor Purdue-Horan and ask him to raise those issues at the next Police and Crime Panel meeting.

I am sure our Police and Crime Panel representative would provide appropriate personal feedback to Members on any issues that were raised with him, although I acknowledge that at present, we do not have a formal report back procedure through a council committee. I would be happy to discuss with Group Leaders whether and how such provision might be introduced.

Clearly from your question, you believe the Police and Crime Panel is unable to do its job. Others may have a different view, but in any case the law provides that Police and Crime Commissioners are answerable to those Panels, and of course the ultimate sanction on any incumbent Commissioner lies with the public, who can vote them out of office directly. This was not the case for the Chairman of the Police Authority previously.

Question to the Chairman of Children and Young People's Committee from Councillor David Martin

Across Nottinghamshire, we are about to see the biggest housing explosion since the Second World War. What plans has the Chairman made to ensure that our education service is fit for purpose?

Response from the Vice-Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee, Councillor Tracey Taylor, on behalf of Councillor Philip Owen.

Nottinghamshire County Council retains the responsibility to ensure that there is a sufficiency of school places in an increasingly diverse and complex educational landscape. There are now more pupils attending schools which are 'academies' than attending maintained schools. The responsibility around the quality of education rests with the Multi Academy Trusts for academies, and with the County Council in relation to schools which are 'maintained'.

To ensure that there is a sufficiency of school places, this Council works in collaboration with the planning departments and committees of the seven district councils, as well as with existing schools and academy sponsors. We do this in order to clearly understand the housing growth trajectories in the Local Plans and land supply documents, and thereby ensure that school places are available when they are required.

Nottinghamshire County Council proactively arranged a public meeting in January 2017 attended by multi academy sponsors, local planning authorities, housing developers and representatives from the Department for Education. This was to outline the possible timelines around anticipated school requirements arising from housing growth.

As a result of these public meetings, we have already made a recommendation to the Regional Schools Commissioner in respect of the sponsor for the Hucknall, Watnall Road (Rolls Royce) new school expected to open in September 2019 and that is following a formal interview process (known as a presumption process) which was chaired by the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee, Councillor Phillip Owen.

We are also replacing Hawthorne Primary School in Bestwood, and 'future proofing' it to allow it to further expand when the housing development in that village takes place.

In the special school sector, when we replace Orchard School, Newark, we will expand its capacity by 50%. These three examples illustrate our preparedness.

The County Council will continue to ensure that there is a sufficiency of school places for every child including residents arising from housing developments. We will continue to seek contributions from developers through Section 106 processes. It is anticipated that in the coming ten years there may be a requirement for at least 10 new schools in the county. However, the exact number will only be determined by actual housing growth.

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 22 March 2018.

A. Petition requesting double yellow lines on Tiln Lane outside Carr Hill Primary School, a speed limit reduction and road safety measures (Ref: 2016/0282)

2. A petition of more than 300 signatures was presented to the 22 March 2018 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Steve Vickers. The petitioners requested double yellow lines, measures to prevent parking on the pavement and a speed limit reduction on Tiln Lane outside Carr Hill Primary School.
3. On 15 January 2018 a pupil of Carr Hill Primary and Nursery School was involved in a road traffic collision at the end of the school day and sadly died a few days later. A meeting was subsequently held at the school on the 2 February 2018, attended by County Council representatives, to discuss possible highway measures on Tiln lane, such as those requested in the petition.
4. Many schools across the county experience similar parking issues at school start and finish times. The number of pupils attending schools in Nottinghamshire has been increasing over the last five years; and this increase in the primary cohort in particular has increased the volume of traffic on roads in and around schools at the start and end of the school day. Head teachers and school governors regularly raise concerns relating to driver behaviours and the challenges facing schools as more children are driven to school; and road safety is a key concern of parents and carers as well as members of all political parties. Consequently, to help address these issues on 19 March 2018 Children & Young People's Committee approved the establishment of a cross-party working group, to be chaired by the Vice Chairman of the Children's and Young People's Committee and facilitated by senior officers.
5. Key objectives of this working group will include reviewing all of the road traffic collisions between 2012 and 2018 in Nottinghamshire and to explore ways of working with schools, parents and the wider community to improve road safety for all children on Nottinghamshire's roads, particularly in and around schools. In addition, the working group will review the road safety advice offered to schools, particularly in relation to driving and parking around school at the beginning and end of the school day.
6. In the meantime, officers are working closely with the school to offer road safety guidance and education; and the camera car enforcement vehicle has been deployed at the school and will

continue to visit it to record and log for a Penalty Charge Notice any vehicle it sees contravening the 'no stopping orders' which now underpin all 'School Keep Clear' markings in the county.

B. Petition requesting speed limit reduction on A638 London Road, Retford from 40mph to 30mph (Ref: 2016/0283)

7. A 104 signature petition was presented to the 22 March 2018 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Steve Vickers requesting a 40mph speed limit on London Road in Retford. London Road currently has a 30mph speed limit from the town centre until Elm Walk where it changes to 40mph. The roadside development at this point is predominantly set back from the carriageway and there is a footway on both sides. The 40mph continues until the Jet Petrol Station where it changes to 50mph.
8. To consider the 30mph speed limit request an assessment will 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 regarding parking outside Abbey Primary School, Stuart Avenue, Mansfield (Ref: 2016/0284)

9. A 68 signature petition was presented to the 22 March 2018 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Martin Wright requesting measures to address school parking outside Abbey Primary School on Stuart Avenue, Mansfield at school start and finish times. The petition raises concerns about the obstruction of bus and emergency services caused by such parking and an altercation between a resident and a driver which involved the Police. Abbey Primary School was expanded circa 2016 and the bus stops were repositioned to assist in regulating their stopping places. There was an increase in school parking complaints and this was investigated in 2017. It was hoped that a nearby area of Council-owned non-highway land might be used for a drop off/pick up area, but on investigation this was not feasible as it is planned to sell the land.
10. The parking issue raised is not an isolated case and the Council regularly receive similar complaints relating to inconsiderate parking in the vicinity of schools. Effective solutions to address these problems are very difficult to implement due to the typical behaviour of traffic in these areas; and suggested solutions, such as double yellow lines or other parking restrictions, often simply displace the parking to adjacent areas causing similar problems. Also, loading or unloading of passengers, which is usually the case near schools, is still permitted on double or single yellow lines.
11. Congestion at school start and finish times normally acts as a form of natural traffic calming and reduces average vehicle speeds significantly; and also deters non-essential through traffic from using the routes at these times both of which can improve safety around schools. There is also a benefit in allowing some parking close to the school entrance to avoid child pedestrian movements being spread any wider than necessary, including to areas where passing drivers

may not expect them to be. The emergency services have stated that they do not expect to have free passage through residential areas and subsequently have developed methods to deal with this type of situation which they experience frequently.

12. The Council has recently undertaken two major works programmes to help address local safety concerns around schools – making all ‘School Keep Clear’ markings legally enforceable and installing 20mph speed limits outside schools. These programmes targeted keeping the direct school entrances clear of parking whilst impressing upon drivers that they are expected to lower their speed whenever a school is present anywhere in Nottinghamshire. The enforcement of ‘School Keep Clear’ markings was improved further with the commissioning of our enforcement car which can immediately record and log for a Penalty Charge Notice any vehicle it sees contravening the ‘No Stopping’ orders which now underpin all ‘School Keep Clear’ markings.
13. The County Council has recently established a cross-party working group to explore ways of working with schools, parents and the wider community to improve road safety for all children on Nottinghamshire’s roads, particularly in and around schools. In addition, the working group will review the road safety advice offered to schools, particularly in relation to driving and parking around school at the beginning and end of the school day.

D. Petition requesting a residents’ parking scheme on Stanton Place, Mansfield (Ref: 2016/0285)

14. A 13 signature petition was presented to the 22 March 2018 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Paul Henshaw on behalf of residents of Stanton Place, Mansfield. The petition requests that a residents’ parking scheme is introduced on the road due to intrusive parking by non-residents.
15. Requests for residents’ parking schemes are prioritised in locations where residents do not have off-street parking and where a scheme won’t negatively affect nearby streets and town centres, or increase rat running or traffic speeds. Schemes are prioritised based on the level of non-resident parking throughout the day.
16. Stanton Place is a residential road situated to the west of the town centre. Roughly two thirds of the properties on the relevant section of the road have no off-street parking. There is an existing residents’ parking scheme on Layton Avenue, which joins Stanton Place at its eastern end. A parking survey will be undertaken to determine whether a residents’ parking scheme at this location should be considered a priority for inclusion in a future year’s integrated transport programme.

E. Petition regarding speeding and traffic calming measures in Halam (Ref: 2016/0286)

17. A 132 signature petition was presented to the 22 March 2018 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Bruce Laughton on behalf of the residents of Halam. The petition requests a 40mph speed limit on Halam Road/Halam Hill, between Halam and Southwell. The road is rural in nature with a 60mph speed limit.

18. To consider the speed limit request an assessment will 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.

F. Petition regarding maintenance of footpath Kirkby Road, Ravenshead (Ref: 2016/0287)

19. A 6 signature petition was presented to the 22 March 2018 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Chris Barnfather on behalf of residents who request that the existing footway be restored as it had become restricted and hazardous to use. The footway was said to be used to access Priory Wood, Thieves Wood and Newstead Abbey.

20. This footway, on the north side of the B6020 Kirkby Road, is an historic rural footway which does not appear to have been constructed to modern design standards. Subsequently, it has had an average width of considerably less than a metre for at least 10 years. The overall route referred to is nearly one kilometre in length and would require significant investment to reconstruct it to a modern standard.

21. The footway was surveyed in September 2017 for a maintenance treatment known as 'siding up', which involves scraping back the verge which has crept over (and narrowed) the footways edges. It was assessed at the time that the footway was an average width of 300 millimetres, but it was hoped that 500 millimetres might be achieved. However, siding up relies on the footway edges underneath the verge being intact and this is generally not known until the works are attempted. This planned maintenance work is currently pending but a weed spray of the adjacent verges was undertaken at the time of inspection to prevent further overgrowth.

G. Petition requesting solutions to non-resident parking on Renals Way, Bricknell Road and Stripes View, Calverton (Ref:2016/0288)

22. A 78 signature petition was presented to the 22 March 2018 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Boyd Elliott on behalf of residents of Renals Way, Bricknell Road and Stripes View, Calverton. The petition requests that solutions are found to alleviate concerns that additional non-resident parking will occur on these roads following the introduction of short -stay parking restrictions in nearby Crookdole Lane car park.

23. The car park currently allows unlimited waiting but the borough council intends to introduce a maximum free stay of two hours. The roads in question are residential roads located to the south of the village centre. Residents are concerned that staff working in local businesses will be forced to park on-street as a result.

24. Parking restrictions can be introduced to ban parking at all or certain times of the day but this would also apply to residents, their visitors and tradespersons. Similarly, limited waiting restrictions would also apply to residents etc. Residents' parking schemes can be introduced that would restrict parking by non-residents but continue to allow residents to park freely (although permits would also be required for visitors and tradespersons). This is considered to be the most appropriate solution in residential areas.

25. However, requests for residents' parking schemes are prioritised in locations where residents do not have off-street parking and where a scheme won't negatively affect nearby streets and town centres, or increase rat running or traffic speeds. All properties on the roads subject to this request have off-street parking and, given that the request specifically cites the likelihood of town centre staff using the road to park on, it is considered that such a scheme *would* negatively affect town centre businesses.
26. As a result, this request would not be considered a priority for inclusion in a future year's integrated transport programme and so no further assessment will be undertaken. If residents are experiencing issues with people parking across their drives they are, however, able to pay to have white H-bar markings installed to help ensure access to their driveways.

H. Petition requesting junction protection Priory Road, Abbey Road, Radcliffe Road, West Bridgford (Ref: 2016/0289)

27. A 78 signature petition was presented to the 22 March 2018 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Liz Plant behalf of residents predominantly from the middle section of Priory Road (between Abbey Road and Cyril Road) concerning non-local parking by shoppers and commuters. The parking problems were said to be the obstruction of driveways, obstruction of larger/emergency vehicles passing along the road, safety hazards at the Abbey Road and Radcliffe Road junctions, obstruction of pavements, and also that the further length of Priory Road to the east should be included in any proposals arising.
28. Prior to receipt of this petition, consultation was already underway on a proposed scheme to introduce parking restrictions along Abbey Road, including to protect the Priory Road junction and the pedestrian dropped kerbs from obstruction. This proposal forms part of the overall West Bridgford Combined Traffic Regulation Order scheme with the public consultation being completed in March 2018; and the proposals were approved at 17 May 2018 Communities & Place Committee. The Radcliffe Road junction was not included as it already has adequate yellow lines restricting parking which can be enforced by the Council. The proposals also include an amendment to an existing parking bay on the western section of Priory Road between Albert Road and Abbey Road (i.e. not the section that this petition relates to).
29. With regard to the general parking along the road length, it is now commonplace for drivers to park on both sides of many residential roads. This should help in deterring larger vehicles from using these routes unnecessarily and emergency services do not expect unimpeded access along residential roads. Subsequently, they have methods to deal with these situations which they encounter frequently. Parking on pavements is enforceable by the police, but they will only act if physical obstruction is occurring, not obstruction of visibility. The police should be contacted directly regarding any ongoing instances of this.
30. Residents' parking schemes can be introduced on roads where there is intrusive parking by non-residents. Such schemes are, however, prioritised on roads on which the households suffer the most significant negative impact from non-resident parking, i.e. those roads that do not have off-street parking and can't park anywhere near their property; as opposed to roads where households do have off-street parking but do not wish to see non-residents utilising the highway. As all of the properties on this section of Priory Road (and Abbey Road) have off-street parking facilities, a residents' parking scheme at this location would not be considered

a priority for inclusion in a future year's integrated transport programme. It is appreciated that the adjacent section of Priory Road (from Albert Road to Abbey Road) had a residents' parking scheme installed in 2006, but this was a privately funded scheme to mitigate the effects of the then new Marks & Spencer's store.

31. If residents are experiencing issues with people parking across their drives they are, however, able to pay to have white H-bar markings installed to help ensure access to their driveways.

I. Petition requesting the introduction of new taxi ranks across Gedling borough (Ref: 2016/0290)

32. A 140 signature petition was presented to the 22 March 2018 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Sue Saddington on behalf of hackney cab operators in Gedling borough. The petition requests that a number of new taxi ranks are created across the borough to accommodate an increasing number of taxi operators.

33. An initial assessment of the specific requests suggests the following:

- B684 Plains Road (west of Westdale Lane), Mapperley – the introduction of taxi ranks at this location would result in the loss of several parking spaces in a busy shopping area
- B686 Carlton Hill (east of Standhill Road), Carlton – the introduction of taxi ranks at this location would result in the loss of several parking spaces in a busy shopping area
- B686 Carlton Hill (west of First Avenue, Carlton – there are 'No Waiting' restrictions here at present necessitated by the presence of a bus stop on the opposite side of the road to ensure that traffic is able to flow freely when buses are picking up and dropping off. There is no scope to relocate the bus stop and the footway does not appear to be wide enough to accommodate a bay. The introduction of taxi ranks at this location is therefore not considered feasible
- Church Drive East, Arnold – there is an existing marked bay that forms part of a residents' parking scheme. It would be necessary to reduce the amount of available parking within the existing permit scheme, which is likely to lead to objections from permit holders. However, there may be scope to introduce a modest rank
- Front Street, Arnold – the operators request the reinstatement of a rank that was removed due to access difficulties it caused adjacent shop owners. The present restriction is 'No Waiting At Any Time' with exemptions for disabled badge holders, loading and licensed hackney carriages or taxis. This means that the petitioners are able to use the bay as a rank if it is not being utilised by other users. Surveys were carried out at the time that the present restrictions were being considered which confirmed that the bay was little-used for loading and by blue badge holders, and so no modifications are considered necessary.

34. The County Council recognises the role that taxis have in an integrated passenger transport system and works in partnership with district councils and taxi operator representatives to identify taxi loading requirements in the town and district centres. In assessing proposals, the Council has to consider whether there is a requirement based on patronage/potential use of the rank; and must ensure that the rank will not have a significant negative impact on other road users. Given the need to balance the requirements of operators with those of other road users, particularly where increasing rank provision would lead to a reduction in car parking spaces in district centres/shopping areas, the elements of this request that are potentially feasible are not considered to be a priority for inclusion in a future year's integrated transport programme but will be kept on file.

J. Petition requesting a residents' parking scheme on Coronation Road, Mapperley (Ref: 2016/0292)

35. A 35 signature petition was presented to the 22 March 2018 meeting of the County Council by Councillor John Clarke. The petition requests a residents parking scheme be introduced on Coronation Road, Mapperley.
36. Requests for residents' parking schemes are prioritised in locations where residents do not have off-street parking and where a scheme won't negatively affect nearby streets and town centres, or increase rat running or traffic speeds. Schemes are prioritised based on the level of non-resident parking throughout the day.
37. As all of the properties on Coronation Road have off-street parking facilities, a residents' parking scheme at this location would not be considered a priority for inclusion in a future year's integrated transport programme. If residents are experiencing issues with people parking across their drives they are, however, able to pay to have white H-bar markings installed to help ensure access to their driveways.

K. Petition requesting junction protection, impacts of previous traffic calming schemes Forester Road, Thorneywood (Ref: 2016/0293)

38. A petition was presented to the 22 March 2018 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Jim Creamer on behalf of the residents of Forester Road, Carlton. The petition requests action to address parking and speeding issues and an increase in through traffic using the road. The petition also stated concerns for the future effects of a traffic calming scheme being implemented on the adjacent Standhill Road.
39. The Standhill Road traffic calming scheme has recently been introduced to address a history of road traffic collisions. It generally takes at least a year for vehicles to rearrange and settle down into a new pattern following the introduction such schemes, so the permanent impact on Forester Road will not be known for some time. At the present time traffic calming schemes are only installed at appropriate locations to address a history of reported road traffic collisions resulting in killed and seriously injured casualties. Our records show that, fortunately, during the last three years there have been only two accidents resulting in minor injuries on Forester Road and therefore traffic calming would not currently be considered on it. Our records also show that in the last 10 years there have also only been two other complaints concerning speeding on this road. The reported road traffic collisions will, however, continue to be monitored (alongside speeding complaints) and actions will be taken to address any such issues if necessary.
40. If speeding traffic is an issue on Forester Road, it may be eligible for the introduction of an interactive speed sign. A traffic survey will therefore be carried out to measure the speed and flows of traffic and should it meet the criteria, the installation of an interactive sign will be considered in a future integrated transport programme. It may, however, be indicative that the parallel route of Morley Road was assessed in June 2017 and did not meet either the speed or traffic flow criteria.

41. The Council considers the introduction of parking restrictions at junctions where there is a history of reported road traffic collisions resulting from parking, or where the bus or emergency services report severe obstruction on their strategic routes. Neither the bus nor emergency services have reported any problems nor there have been any other parking complaints reported by residents prior to this petition. Parking on both sides of roads, adjacent driveways and on pavements is now commonplace on most residential roads due to the rise in car ownership, but this can act as a form of natural traffic calming as it effectively narrows the road. However, there has been one reported road traffic collision at the Porchester Road/Forester Road junction which cited reduced visibility due to parking at the junction. Double yellow lines at this junction has also been requested by Councillor Creamer; and subsequently, double yellow lines at a number of locations on Porchester Road (Including the Porchester Road/Forester Road junction) have been included in the 2018/2019 integrated transport programme.

L. Petition regarding maintenance Sandgate Avenue, Mansfield (Ref: 2016/0294)

42. A petition was presented to the 22 March 2018 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Joyce Bosnjak on behalf of the residents from 5 addresses on Sandgate Ave, Mansfield Woodhouse stating that a private area adjacent the highway was adopted highway and that the Council should be maintaining the area. This was stated on the basis of previous repairs having been carried out, in particular in November/December 2017, and they also cited Land Registry records as evidence.

43. This area is not shown as highway on the Council's records, and the Council has no record of having undertaken any repairs within this area; and in 2010 Mansfield District Council made a determination that this area was not highway. Also, Land Registry records are not a record of highway adoption, they are a record of land ownership. Land ownership and highway rights are two separate things and they may diverge or overlap as well as meet together. Subsequently, just because the ownership boundaries of these adjacent residents stops short of this area, it does not mean that the remainder must be highway. It appears that there is no owner registered for the area in question and it remains outside of the highway extents maintained by the Council. This is not an unusual occurrence, but the residents may wish to take independent legal advice on how to attempt to claim ownership of this area if they wish.

M. Petition regarding speeding issues in Cuckney (Ref: 2016/0295)

44. A 119 signature petition was presented to the 22 March 2018 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Kevin Greaves on behalf of the Cuckney residents requesting:

- An extension of the 30mph limit on the A616 to the eastern side of Old Mill Lane
- A scheme to extend the 30mph speed limit on the A616 Budby Road, Cuckney is included in the 2018/19 integrated transport programme, subject to the necessary consultation processes as approved by Communities and Place committee on 8th March 2018
- The speed limit on Cottage Lane between the A616 and the A632 be reduced from 60mph to 30mph.

45. To consider the speed limit request an assessment will 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.

N. Petition requesting carriageway resurfacing works on Southfields Court, Chilwell (Ref: 2016/0296)

- 46. A 29-signature petition was presented to the 22nd March 2018 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Eric Kerry. The petition requests the carriageway on Southfields Court Chilwell is resurfaced.
- 47. The carriageway was inspected on the 26 April 2018 and although some surface course fretting was noted during the inspection, no safety defects at investigatory level were found. The carriageway has been placed on the list for consideration for resurfacing in a future year's programme and its condition will continue to be monitored by the routine annual inspections and any investigatory defects noted during the inspection will be repaired in due course.

Statutory and Policy Implications

- 48. 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.

RECOMMENDATION/S

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

**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
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- Retford East – Councillor Steve Vickers
- Mansfield East – Councillor Martin Wright
- Mansfield West – Councillor Paul Henshaw
- Muskham & Farnsfield – Councillor Bruce Laughton
- Newstead – Councillor Chris Barnfather
- Calverton – Councillor Boyd Elliott
- West Bridgford – Councillor Liz Plant
- Farndon & Trent – Sue Saddington
- Arnold South – John Clarke
- Carlton West – Jim Creamer
- Mansfield North – Joyce Bosnjak
- Worksop South – Councillor Kevin Greaves
- Toton, Chilwell and Attenborough – Councillor Eric Kerry

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SENIOR STAFFING APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval of Full Council to the appointment to the statutory roles of Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer.

Information

2. At the meeting of Full Council on 22nd March 2018 approval was given to the recruitment to the post of Monitoring Officer as a result of the previous post holder leaving the Council with effect from 1 July 2018.
3. The newly created Service Director roles for Finance, Infrastructure & Improvement and Customers, Governance & Employees contain the statutory roles of Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer respectively. The post of Service Director Finance, Infrastructure and Improvement will report to the Chief Executive and that of the Service Director Customers, Governance and Employees to the Deputy Chief Executive.

Process

4. The Senior Staffing Sub-committee convened on 17 May to consider the recommendations of the Enabling Panel for the newly created Service Director posts in the Chief Executive's Department and agreed with the recommendations made by the Panel
5. The interim arrangements for the role of Monitoring Officer were described in the March report to Full Council. It is a legal requirement that all Councils allocate an officer to undertake the role of Monitoring Officer. The responsibilities of this statutory role are now included within the job description of the Service Director Customers, Governance and Employees. This report formally seeks the approval of Council to the appointment of the permanent Monitoring Officer.
6. Further work will now be undertaken to establish new structures below the new Service Director posts within the Chief Executive Department and which will be presented to Policy Committee for consideration in October of this year

Other Options Considered

7. The decision was made by Full Council in March to recruit to the newly created service director roles in the Chief Executive's Department.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

8. The recommendations set out in this report will fulfil the County Council's constitutional requirement for Full Council to make a formal decision about the appointments to the posts of Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. 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.

Financial Implications

10. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report

Human Resources Implications

11. Appointment to the most senior posts with the Council are made in compliance with the principles set out in Council's agreed Recruitment and Selection policy by Elected Members through the Senior Staffing Committee as a Sub Committee of the Personnel Committee.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

12. The Council's policies on pay and terms and conditions apply equally to employees at all levels of seniority across the authority

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the newly created post of Service Director Customers, Governance and Employees be designated Monitoring Officer and that the Constitution be amended accordingly.
- 2) That the appointment of Marjorie Toward to the post of Service Director Customers, Governance and Employees and Monitoring Officer be formally approved
- 3) That the appointment of Nigel Stevenson to the post of Service Director Finance, Infrastructure and Improvement and Section 151 Officer be formally approved

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Constitutional Comments (HD – 21/6/2018)

13. Full Council has the authority to determine the recommendations within the report.

Financial Comments (NDR 21/06/2018)

14. The financial implications are stated in paragraph 10 of the report

HR Comments (GME 19/06/18)

16. The appointments to the newly created roles has taken place in line with the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution and Recruitment and Selection policy and procedures.

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.

- [Your Nottinghamshire Your Future, The Council's Strategic Plan 2017-2021](#)
- [Resources Departmental Strategy](#)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE & MAJOR CONTRACTS
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS 2017/18

Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To inform Council of the year end position for the 2017/18 Management Accounts.
- 1.2 To request that Council approves the transfer to the General Fund Balances of £3.2m.
- 1.3 To inform Council of the position on other reserves of the Authority.
- 1.4 To inform Council of the year end position for the 2017/18 Capital Programme and its financing.
- 1.5 To inform Council that capital expenditure and borrowing in 2017/18 were managed within the Council's Prudential Indicators.
- 1.6 To inform Council of Treasury Management activities during 2017/18.

Information and Advice

2. Background

- 2.1 The financial position of the County Council has been monitored throughout the financial year, with monthly reports to Corporate Leadership Team and Committee providing an update of progress, thus ensuring decision makers had access to financial information on a timely basis. Draft Management Accounts were reported to Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee on 18 June 2018, this report is the final out-turn for 2017/18, and this is in line with the forecast position.

3. Summary Financial Position

- 3.1 Through continued prudent financial management, Committee budgets have achieved a net underspend of £7.5m or 1.5% of net Committee budgets. This compares to a period 11 forecast of £6.6m. An exercise to fully understand the permanent or temporary nature of this underspend is currently being undertaken. Permanent underspends will be removed from the base budget. The remaining temporary underspend will be used to fund specific future priorities and support the strategy required to meet the £54.2m shortfall in funding across the medium term. This approach was approved as part of the 2018/19 Annual Budget Report to Full Council in February 2018.
- 3.2 The level of General Fund balances, subject to approval by County Council, will increase by £3.2m to £30.9m. This results in a closing balance that is £8.7m higher than the revised budget.

3.3 Table 1 shows the summary revenue position of the County Council. Further detail, including the position on reserves, is provided in the appendices to this report.

Table 1 – Summary Financial Position

Committee	Final Budget £000	Draft Out-turn £000	Draft Variance £000	Percentage Variance to Annual Budget
Children & Young People	119,042	119,241	199	0.2%
Adult Social Care & Public Health	199,062	194,062	(5,000)	(2.5%)
Communities & Place	122,299	122,179	(120)	(0.1%)
Policy	33,871	32,695	(1,176)	(3.5%)
Finance & Major Contracts Management	3,366	2,956	(410)	(12.2%)
Governance & Ethics	7,610	7,388	(222)	(2.9%)
Personnel	16,533	15,794	(739)	(4.5%)
Net Committee (under)/overspend	501,783	494,315	(7,468)	(1.5%)
Central items	(19,367)	(29,785)	(10,418)	
Contribution to Schools Expenditure	209	209	-	
Contribution to/(from) Traders	405	719	314	
Forecast prior to use of reserves	483,030	465,458	(17,572)	
Transfer to / (from) Corporate Reserves	(7,225)	(2,188)	5,037	
Transfer to / (from) Departmental Reserves	4,974	8,844	3,870	
Transfer to / (from) General Fund	(5,500)	3,165	8,665	
Net County Council Budget Requirement	475,279	475,279	-	

4. Net Committee Spend

The overall net underspend within the Committees is £7.5m and the principal reasons for the variations are detailed below.

4.1 Children & Young People (£0.2m overspend, 0.2% of Committee budget)

The £0.2m net overspend relates to a number of offsetting variances. The three main areas of overspend relate to staffing in hard to recruit teams (£0.5m), other Youth, Families and Social Work Division budgets (£0.8m) and external placements (£0.6m). These overspends are offset by a number of lesser underspends across the Committee's budgets.

4.2 Adult Social Care and Public Health (£5.0m underspend, 2.5% of Committee budget)

The major variances on care packages are as follows:

- Older Adults across the County are overspent by £2.5m. This is primarily due to increases in long term nursing and homecare commitments.
- Younger Adults across the County are underspent by £2.3m, due primarily to a sustained over achievement of Continuing Health Care income.
- The Strategic Commissioning, Accessing and Safeguarding Division is underspent by £1.4m due mainly to overachievement of client contribution income and an underspend on the advocacy contract.
- Residential Services are underspent by £0.6m. All services are underspent across staffing plus overachievement of income targets.

- Day Services and employment are underspent by £0.5m. This is due to an underspend of £0.7m on staffing, offset partly by a continuing overspend on Fleet transport.
- The Transformation Division is underspent by £0.2m relating to the Care Act.
- Public Health is underspent by £3.0m, due to underspends on the staffing budget, less activity from Payment by Results on Health Check Programmes, Obesity and Smoking and Tobacco, together with underspends on children and Future in Mind services. The Public Health Grant is ring-fenced and, as such, the net underspend has been transferred to the Public Health reserve.
- An overspend of £0.5m that relates to the cost of redundancies borne by the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee.

4.3 Communities and Place (£0.1m underspend, 0.1% of Committee budget)

The net underspend above is made up of a £0.3m underspend in the Transport Division mainly due to the reduction of concessionary fare payments, through reduced patronage, beneficial contractor agreements and changes in eligibility criteria. The underspend within Transport is offset by overspends in Country Parks for tree works (£0.1m) and Coroners (£0.1m).

4.4 Policy (£1.2 m underspend, 3.5% of Committee budget)

This underspending has arisen mainly from vacancy savings, together with a reduction in the cost of utilities at county offices.

4.5 Finance and Major Contracts Management (£0.4m underspend, 12.2% of Committee budget)

This underspend is mainly due to staffing vacancies within the Commercial Development Unit and across the Finance and Procurement division.

4.6 Governance and Ethics (£0.2m underspend, 2.9% of Committee budget)

The underspending is due to lower than anticipated spend on external legal fees attributable to ongoing efficiencies and reduced levels of property cases during the year than were originally expected.

4.7 Personnel (£0.7m underspend, 4.5% of Committee budget)

This underspending relates mainly to savings associated with holding vacancies in Business Support and in the Business Support Centre in anticipation of future years' budget reductions, together with additional income from the sale of services to schools.

4.8 Traders Services (£0.3m overspend, 0.7m overspend before transfers to /from reserves)

Traders are expected to be neutral in cost for the year, with any underspend being transferred to reserve to fund future expenditure and any overspend being covered by a use of reserve. The position without use of reserves is that there are overspends in County Supplies (£0.3m) and Cleaning and Landscapes (£0.6m), these are offset by an underspend in Catering (£0.2m). County Supplies have exhausted their reserves, the 2017/18 overspend is therefore a cost to the general fund.

5 Central Items (£10.4m underspend)

Central Items primarily consists of interest on cash balances and payments on borrowing, contingency, capital charges and various grants. Key variances are outlined below. There are various minor under and overspends (net total £0.3m underspend) within the rest of central items category, details of which can be found in Appendix A.

5.1 Contingency (£5.8m underspend) (for detail please refer to Appendix C)

The total 2017/18 contingency budget was originally set at £5.1m to cover both redundancy and general contingency requirements. Further adjustments, including the £3.9m in-year savings identified in Adult Social Care and Public Health, increased this by £5.3m during 2017/18. Requests are received throughout the year from Committees and are approved through the budget monitoring reports presented to Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee or by the Service Director – Finance, Infrastructure and Improvement.

5.2 Government Grants (£4.5m underspend)

Several non-ring fenced grants sit centrally, but values are not normally confirmed until after the budget is set in the February of each year, which results in year-end variances to budget. Overall these grants have resulted in a £1.5m underspend. Also, as previously reported, the Council's membership of the Nottinghamshire Business Rates Pool results in a proportion of local growth being retained by the Council. In 2017/18 there is net additional income of £3.0m. The overall impact (taking into account budgeted use) on the N2 pool reserve and the Authorities share of the pool are described below in the reserves section.

5.3 Statutory Provision for Debt Redemption (£1.4m overspend)

The Council is under a statutory duty "to determine for the current financial year an amount of Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) which it considers to be prudent". The MRP charged to the General Fund in 2017/18 has been determined at £1.4m.

5.4 Interest (£1.2m underspend)

Interest payments depend upon Treasury Management decisions taken, expectations of future rates and anticipated slippage on the capital programme. Variances against each of these factors in 2017/18 has resulted in an underspend of £0.7m. Other interest and dividends received in year have achieved an underspend of £0.5m.

6 Movements on Balances and Reserves (for detail please refer to Appendix B)

6.1 Reserves Strategy

In line with the reserves strategy approved at the February 2017 Full Council meeting planned contributions have been made to a number of reserves to fund specific future activity. Also, it was approved that any in-year underspend would be transferred to reserves to fund specific future priorities and to the General Fund to inform the strategy required to meet the shortfall as identified in the Medium Term Financial Strategy. More detail of the movement on balances and reserves are shown below.

6.2 General Fund Balance

The Council meeting on 23 February 2017 approved the use of £4.5m of General Fund Balances. Further use of £1.0m was approved in year by Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee to fund further expenditure to repair potholes. Given the underspend that has been achieved, it is recommended that a contribution of £3.2m is made to the General Fund. Subject to Council approval, the closing balance of the Council's General Fund will increase from £27.7m to £30.9m.

6.3 Other Earmarked Reserves

At the end of 2017/18 other 'earmarked' reserves totalled £116.2m, an increase of £4.5m since 31 March 2017. This consists of the following:

- **PFI Reserves**

£29.5m of reserves are held for PFI schemes and this equates to 25.4% of other earmarked reserves. The arrangements for calculating PFI grant result in more grant being received in the early years of a PFI scheme than is needed to meet the payments to providers of the service. These surpluses need to be kept in an earmarked reserve to cover the corresponding deficits in later years. The amounts set aside at the end of 2017/18 are shown in the table below.

Table 2 – PFI set aside as at 31/03/2018

PFI Scheme	£'000
East Leake Schools	3,235
Bassetlaw Schools	665
Waste	25,583
Total	29,483

- **Insurance Reserve**

The Authority operates a self-insurance scheme and covers risks up to an agreed amount. External insurers cover risks in excess of this figure. The Insurance Reserve is set aside to cover possible insurance claim losses that are not yet known. The closing balance of this reserve is £21.0m.

- **Capital Projects Reserve**

The Capital Projects Reserve supports the Medium Term Financial Strategy as well as current and future capital commitments. In 2017/18 there was a net use of the reserve of £1.1m. As at 31 March 2018, the balance on the Capital Projects Reserve is £12.5m. Of this, £8.1m is planned to be utilised in 2018/19.

- **Strategic Development Fund**

It was approved that costs associated with the Programme and Projects team are funded from the capital receipts flexibility directive from 2017/18 to 2021/22. There has, however, been a net usage of the Strategic Development Reserve of £1.8m as part of the reserves strategy to support the overall Council budget.

- **Redundancy Reserve**

The Redundancy Reserve was created in 2009/10 and, since then, a proportion of year end underspends, combined with the release of the former Corporate Pay Review Reserve have increased the reserve value resulting in an opening balance of £6.2m. As reported to the 16th October 2017 Finance and Major Contracts Management report any underspending on the amount set aside from contingency for redundancy in year would be transferred into this reserve. A contribution of £1.9m has therefore been made to this reserve.

- **Earmarked for Services Reserves**

All departments have reserves for identified purposes. In addition, Financial Reporting Standards require grant income to be carried on the Balance Sheet as a reserve balance. This includes Public Health and Section 256 grants. During the year, these departmental balances increased by a net £7.2m to £48.8m. The ring-fenced Public Health grant (£1.6m) and Section 256 grants (£3.8m) account for the majority of the increase.

- **NDR Pool Reserve**

The pool was established in April 2013 when a new funding mechanism was introduced with the seven District and Borough Councils. There was a net increase of £2.1m in 2017/18. Of the £8.1m year-end balance £3.0m is the County's share of the pool surplus; the remaining balance (£5.1m) is the money set aside for N2.

- **Earmarked Reserve**

Earmarked reserves contain balances of reserves previously held under services but have been deemed no longer required for their original purpose. As part of the reserves strategy a revised budget of £4.5m was set and used in year. Following an exercise in the summer additional earmarked for services reserves have transferred in to leave the balance at £3.4m.

7 Capital Expenditure

7.1 Capital Expenditure in 2017/18 totalled £87.547m. Table 3 shows the final 2017/18 Capital Programme broken down by Committee.

Table 3 – 2017/18 Capital Expenditure

Committee	Revised Budget £'000	Total Outturn £'000	Variance £'000
Children & Young People	28,370	24,600	(3,770)
Adult Social Care & Public Health	4,958	4,190	(768)
Communities & Place	43,654	42,148	(1,506)
Policy	20,827	16,435	(4,392)
Finance & MCM	180	135	(45)
Governance & Ethics	219	39	(180)
Total	98,208	87,547	(10,661)

Note: These figures exclude any expenditure incurred directly by schools.

The major areas of investment in 2017/18 are listed in Table 4 below.

Table 4 – Major investment areas 2017/18

Committee	Scheme	2017/18 Capital Expenditure £'000
Children & Young People	School Places Programme	10,877
	School Capital Refurbishment Programme	7,222
	Clayfields House	3,651
Adult Social Care & Public Health Communities & Place	Living at Home	3,200
	Road Maintenance & Renewals	17,952
	Integrated Transport Measures	4,988
	Street Lighting	2,913
Policy	Challenge Fund A38 / A617	5,500
	Building Works	3,513
	Superfast Broadband	3,386
	Various IT Capital Projects	3,296

Capital Programme Variations

7.2 The changes in the gross Capital Programme for 2017/18, since its approval at Council (23/02/17) are summarised in Table 5 below.

Table 5 2017/18 Capital Programme

	£'000
Approved per Council (Budget Report 2017/18)	102,520
Variations funded from County Council Allocations : Net slippage from 2016/17 and financing adjustments	(25,187)
Variations funded from other sources : Net slippage from 2016/17 and financing adjustments	10,214
Revised Gross Capital Programme	87,547

7.3 Maximising the use of grants in 2017/18

Sometimes when there is slippage on a scheme funded by grant, rather than slipping the grant funding for use in the next year, it is possible to use the grant to finance the expenditure on a different scheme in the current year. This does not affect the total expenditure on individual schemes, nor their phasing, but delays the use of prudential borrowing and the

consequent impact on the revenue budget of having to set aside a Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP).

Grant funding unapplied totalling £12.3m has been used to fund capital expenditure on projects in 2017/18 that would otherwise have been funded from borrowing.

7.4 Slippage/re-phasing of Capital Schemes

In addition to the slippage and re-phasing of schemes incorporated into the Budget Report 2017/18 there has been £10.7m of further slippage.

Main Areas of Slippage

- School Places Programme (£1.6m)
- Schools Building Improvement Programme (£1.2m)
- Smarter Ways of Working (£0.8)
- Economic Development Capital Fund (£0.9m)

It's also worth noting that the Policy Committee budget is showing a £4.5m underspend. The main reason for this is that it included the £2.5m transformation capital budget (funded from capital receipts flexibility). The expenditure funded by this line is revenue in nature and was treated as such at year end.

Capital Financing

7.5 Table 6 below outlines how the 2017/18 capital expenditure has been financed.

Table 6 - 2017/18 Capital Financing

	Revised Budget (£000)	Out-turn (£000)	Variance (£000)
Funding Source:			
Prudential Borrowing	51,626	28,364	(23,262)
Capital Grants	44,385	56,124	11,739
Revenue / Reserves	2,197	3,059	862
Gross Capital	98,208	87,547	(10,661)

7.6 Capital receipts for 2017/18 totalled £6.8m, of which £3.7m is deferred until 2018/19. This is £2.2m less than anticipated in the 2017/18 budget report. This is mainly as a result of a small number of high value capital receipts that were not completed in 2017/18. £2.7m of the capital receipts have been used, per the capital flexibility directive, to fund one-off transformational costs incurred during the year. The remaining £0.4m has been set against the principal of borrowing in previous years.

7.7 Total borrowing for the year is £28.4m, which is £23.2m less than the revised borrowing for 2017/18 of £51.6m. This is as a result of maximising the use of additional capital grants received in 2017/18 and the slippage/re-phasing of capital expenditure to be funded from prudential borrowing. The corresponding funding (capital allocations) will be carried forward and incorporated into the Capital Programme for 2018/19.

7.8 The Capital Programme for 2018/19 will be monitored to ensure that borrowing for 2018/19 is managed within the prudential limits for the year. Funding by borrowing in 2018/19 is now projected to be £68.5m. Although this is £18.9m more than the budgeted borrowing figure in the February 2018 Budget Report, any new capital expenditure slippage in 2018/19 will offset this and the Council's overall level of indebtedness is not expected to exceed previous forecasts. The size of the revised Capital Programme for 2018/19 is £126.5m.

8 Treasury Management Activities

8.1 All treasury management activities during 2017/18 were carried out within approved limits and adhered to approved policies and practices. Appendix E provides a full report on these activities.

9 Statement of Accounts

The pre-audited Statement of Accounts were certified by the Section 151 Officer on 30th May 2018 and were published on the Council's website to meet statutory requirements. The external audit is currently underway, therefore figures will be provisional, pending the completion of the audit.

Statutory and Policy Implications

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 where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To comment on the provisional 2017/18 year end revenue position.
2. To approve the level of County Fund Balances as set out in section 6.2 and Appendix A.
3. To comment on the movements in reserves as detailed in section 6 and Appendix B.
4. To comment on the Capital Programme and its financing.
5. To comment on the Council's 2017/18 Prudential Indicators out-turn as detailed in Appendix D.
6. To comment on the Treasury Management outturn report in Appendix E.

Councillor Richard Jackson

Chairman of Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee

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Constitutional Comments (KK 03/07/2018)

The proposals in this report are within the remit of Full Council

Financial Comments (GB 03/07/2018)

The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS SUMMARY 2017/18

	2017/18 Final Budget £'000	2017/18 Draft Out-turn £'000	Variance £'000
Committee			
Children & Young People	119,042	119,241	199
Adult Social Care & Public Health	199,062	194,062	(5,000)
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Policy	33,871	32,695	(1,176)
Finance & Major Contracts Management	3,366	2,956	(410)
Governance & Ethics	7,610	7,388	(222)
Personnel	16,533	15,794	(739)
Net Committee Total	501,783	494,315	(7,468)
Schools Budget (after Dedicated Schools Grant)	209	209	-
Net Schools total	209	209	-
Trading Services	405	719	314
Central Items Managed through Finance & Property Committee			
Capital Charges included in Committees	(40,055)	(40,055)	-
Statutory Provision for Debt Redemption (MRP)	-	1,400	1,400
Interest	20,060	18,852	(1,208)
Contingency	5,795	-	(5,795)
Flood Defence Levies	285	280	(5)
Pension Enhancements	2,205	2,070	(135)
Write Offs	-	174	174
New Homes Bonus	(3,125)	(3,119)	6
Education Services Grant	(1,515)	(1,569)	(54)
Transition Grant	(1,984)	(1,984)	-
Adult Social Care Support Grant	(3,543)	(3,543)	-
Trading Organisations	1,500	1,128	(372)
Business Rate returned growth to Partners	-	2,440	2,440
Additional Business Rate Growth Due to Pooling	-	(5,472)	(5,472)
Health & Safety Executive Fine	1,010	1,010	-
Other Government Grants	-	(1,397)	(1,397)
Central Items	(19,367)	(29,785)	(10,418)
Expenditure prior to Use of Reserves	483,030	465,458	(17,572)

Reserves and Balances

Transfer to /(from) Corporate Reserves

PFI Reserves:

East Leake PFI	4	7	3
Bassetlaw PFI	53	2	(51)
Waste PFI	110	56	(54)
Strategic Development Fund	(1,800)	(1,800)	-
Pay Review Reserve	(229)	(229)	-
Earmarked Underspendings	(4,481)	(4,481)	-
IICSA Reserve	429	429	-
Capital Projects	(811)	(593)	218
NDR pool	(500)	(500)	-
Additional Business Rate Growth Due to Pooling	-	5,472	5,472
Business Rate returned growth to Partners	-	(2,440)	(2,440)
Pensions Surplus Deficit Contribution	-	(38)	(38)
Corporate Redundancy	-	1,927	1,927
Net transfer to /(from) Corporate Reserves	(7,225)	(2,188)	5,037

Transfer to /(from) Departmental Reserves

Children & Young People	(19)	11	30
Adult Social Care & Public Health	4,644	7,710	3,066
Communities & Place	830	1,405	575
Policy	148	213	65
Finance & Major Contracts Management	(11)	-	11
Governance & Ethics	(75)	-	75
Personnel	(138)	(85)	53
Traders Reserves	(405)	(410)	(5)

Net transfer to /(from) Departmental Reserves	4,974	8,844	3,870
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Transfer to/(from) General Fund	(5,500)	3,165	8,665
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Funding Required	475,279	475,279	-
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Funding

Council Tax/Surplus on Collection	333,747	333,747	-
Revenue Support Grant/Business Rates	141,532	141,532	-

Total Funding	475,279	475,279	-
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SUMMARY OF REVENUE RESERVES

	Brought Forward 01/04/2017	Use (-) in 2017/18	Contribution (+) 2017/18	Transfers 2017/18	Carry Forward 31/03/2018
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
General Fund Balances	27,706	-	3,164	-	30,870
Schools Reserves	26,036	(6,350)	233	-	19,919
Insurance Reserves	16,285	-	4,715	-	21,000
Other Earmarked Reserves					
Corporate Reserves					
Earmarked Reserves	9,616	(4,482)	-	(1,781)	3,353
Capital Projects	13,608	(3,881)	2,791	-	12,518
NDR Pool Reserve	6,003	(1,797)	3,920	-	8,126
East Leake PFI	3,241	(13)	7	-	3,235
Bassetlaw Schools PFI	569	-	96	-	665
Waste PFI	25,651	(737)	669	-	25,583
Surplus Pension Contributions Reserve	184	(37)	-	-	147
Corporate Redundancy Reserve	6,235	-	1,929	-	8,164
IICSA Reserve	341	(271)	700	2,000	2,770
Strategic Development Fund	4,692	(2,000)	200	-	2,892
Earmarked for Services Reserves					
Trading Activities	2,586	(796)	245	(364)	1,671
Earmarked for Services Reserves	7,888	(1,290)	3,699	1,394	11,691
Revenue Grants	15,944	(2,977)	4,847	(676)	17,138
Section 256 Grants	15,144	(794)	4,499	(573)	18,276
Subtotal Other Earmarked Reserves	111,702	(19,075)	23,602	-	116,229
Total Usable Revenue Reserves	181,729	(25,425)	31,714	-	188,018

EARMARKED FOR SERVICES RESERVES DETAIL

	Brought Forward 01/04/2017	Use (-) in 2017/18	Contribution (+) 2017/18	Transfers 2017/18	Carry Forward 31/03/2018
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Adult Social Care and Public Health					
Trading Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Earmarked for Services Reserves	4,299	(80)	2,104	1,214	7,537
Revenue Grants	10,750	(1,674)	3,396	(641)	11,831
Section 256 Grants	14,594	(794)	4,499	(23)	18,276
Children and Family Services					
Trading Activities	268	(24)	53	-	297
Earmarked for Services Reserves	200	-	-	(200)	-
Revenue Grants	3,290	(478)	460	(63)	3,209
Section 256 Grants	550	-	-	(550)	-
Place and Communities					
Trading Activities	2,318	(772)	192	(364)	1,374
Earmarked for Services Reserves	2,482	(872)	1,316	510	3,436
Revenue Grants	1,904	(825)	991	28	2,098
Section 256 Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Chief Executives					
Trading Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Earmarked for Services Reserves	907	(338)	279	(130)	718
Revenue Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Section 256 Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Total Earmarked For Services Reserves	41,562	(5,857)	13,290	(219)	48,776

ALLOCATIONS FROM CONTINGENCY

	2017/18	
	£000	£000
Opening Contingency Budget		5,100
Add on departmental transfers:		
ASCPH Ctte - Base Budget	4,667	
CYP - Base Budget	400	
Unspent Election cost	226	5,293
Revised contingency Total		10,393
Approved contingency requests		
Apprenticeship Levy posts	(86)	
Tour of Britain	(100)	
Pension Fund Overheads	477	
Public Wifi	(20)	
D2N2	(63)	
Health and Safety Fine	(1,010)	
Historic Abuse Team	(121)	
Social Impact Bond	(20)	
MASH and Care Leavers	(121)	
Business Rates Revaluation	(561)	
Foundation Living Wage	(116)	
Apprenticeship Levy	(180)	
Redundancy / Pension Strain	(2,677)	
Total Approved contingency requests		(4,598)
Reported under/ (over) spend on contingency		<u><u>5,795</u></u>

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – FINANCE, PROCUREMENT & IMPROVEMENT

MONITORING OF 2017/18 PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS

1. To provide an update the County Council's current position in terms of capital expenditure, external debt, financing costs as a percentage of net revenue stream and the capital financing requirement relative to the Prudential Code indicators identified in the 2017/18 budget report.

Background

2. The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities was developed by CIPFA as a professional code of practice to support local authorities in determining their programmes for capital investment. Local authorities are required by regulation to have regard to the Prudential Code under Part 1 of the Local Government Act 2003. Individual local authorities are responsible for deciding the level of their affordable borrowing, having regard to the Prudential Code. The Executive Summary of the Code states that "The objectives of the Prudential Code are to ensure, within a clear framework, that the capital investment plans of local authorities are affordable, prudent and sustainable, and that treasury management decisions are taken in accordance with good professional practice."
3. In particular, the Prudential Code requires the Council to be aware of the impact of financing capital expenditure on its overall revenue expenditure position. The costs of financing additional capital expenditure are the interest payable to external lenders and the amounts set aside to reduce the level of borrowing. In deciding whether or not borrowing is affordable, prudent and sustainable, the most important consideration is whether, over the term of the borrowing, these costs can be met from the revenue budget without unacceptable consequences.

Prudential Indicators

4. Monitoring Requirements

Under the Prudential Code, an authority is required to establish indicators that are sufficiently robust and credible for it to be able to use them to form a judgement as to whether its proposed capital investment is affordable, prudent and sustainable. The Prudential Code requires that the prudential indicators are monitored regularly throughout the year and that the actual values of some of them are reported at year end.

This report is concerned only with prudential indicators relating to capital investment.

5. Overview of Prudential Indicators

The following prudential indicators, whose actual values must be reported at year end, relate to affordability and prudence.

6. Estimate of capital expenditure

In any year, the level of capital expenditure is likely to deviate from the estimate in the budget report as a result of new additions to the Capital Programme, cancellations of schemes, and slippage, acceleration and changing specifications of projects. The Capital Programme is monitored on a monthly basis and variations to the Capital Programme are reported to Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee on a regular basis.

7. Estimate of the capital financing requirement (CFR)

The capital financing requirement is a measure of the Authority's underlying need to borrow for capital purposes. This relates to capital expenditure which has not yet been financed by capital receipts, capital grants or contributions from revenue income. This is not the same as external debt since the Authority manages its position in terms of borrowings and investments in accordance with its integrated treasury management strategy and practices. For example, rather than borrowing from an external body, the Authority may judge it prudent to make use of cash that it has already invested for long-term purposes, such as reserves, for 'internal borrowing'. This means that there is no immediate link between the need to borrow to pay for capital spending and the level of external borrowing.

In order to ensure that, over the medium term, net borrowing will only be for a capital purpose, the local authority should ensure that net debt does not, except in the short term, exceed the total of the capital financing requirement for the current and next two financial years. This is a key indicator of prudence.

8. External debt

External debt includes gross borrowing and other long-term liabilities.

9. Operational boundary for external debt

The operational boundary is the estimated maximum level of external debt in the most likely (i.e. prudent, but not worst-case) scenario. The operational boundary is a key management tool for in-year monitoring. It will probably not be significant if the external debt temporarily breaches the operational boundary on occasions due to variations in cash flow. However, a sustained or regular trend above the operational boundary would be significant and would require investigation and possible action (e.g. to ensure that borrowing, other than temporary borrowing, is not undertaken for purposes other than funding approved capital expenditure).

10. Authorised limit for external debt

The authorised limit is the intended absolute limit for external debt and exceeds the operational boundary by an amount that provides sufficient headroom for events such as unusual cash movements. If it appears that the authorised limit might be breached, the Service Director – Finance, Infrastructure and Improvement has a duty to report this to the County Council for appropriate action to be taken.

11. Financing costs as a percentage of net revenue stream

The Prudential Code requires the Council to be aware of the impact of financing capital expenditure on its overall revenue expenditure position. The relevant indicator is the financing costs of capital expenditure expressed as a percentage of the net revenue stream, where:

- the costs of financing capital expenditure are interest payable to external lenders less interest earned on investments plus amounts set aside to reduce the level of borrowing; and
- the net revenue stream is the amount of the revenue budget to be met from government grants and local taxpayers.

12. Prudential Indicators: Monitoring against 2017/18 Budget

The following table shows monitoring against those indicators that were approved for 2017/18 in the Budget Report to Council in February 2017.

Indicator	Comments												
<p>Estimated capital expenditure (excluding Schools Devolved Formula Capital and schools' capital expenditure funded from their own revenue budget)</p> <p>2017/18 Budget: £102.520m 2017/18 Actual: £87.547m</p>	<p>Current capital programme is £14.973m less than anticipated, as explained in the table:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="791 891 1385 1088"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="791 891 1254 925">Reason</th> <th data-bbox="1254 891 1385 925">£m</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="791 925 1254 958">Slippage from 2016/17 to 2017/18</td> <td data-bbox="1254 925 1385 958">20.470</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="791 958 1254 1014">Re-phasing/slippage approved in-year</td> <td data-bbox="1254 958 1385 1014">(24,782)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="791 1014 1254 1048">Other net variations</td> <td data-bbox="1254 1014 1385 1048">(10,661)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="791 1048 1254 1081">TOTAL</td> <td data-bbox="1254 1048 1385 1081">(14.973)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Reason	£m	Slippage from 2016/17 to 2017/18	20.470	Re-phasing/slippage approved in-year	(24,782)	Other net variations	(10,661)	TOTAL	(14.973)		
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<p>Estimated capital financing requirement (taking into account PFI Finance Lease Liabilities)</p> <p>2017/18 Budget: £793m 2017/18 Actual: £739m</p>	<p>The actual level of the capital financing requirement was £54m less than the indicator, as explained in the table:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="791 1305 1385 1742"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="791 1305 1254 1339">Reason</th> <th data-bbox="1254 1305 1385 1339">£m</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="791 1339 1254 1429">Borrowing below budgeted level in 2016/17 (primarily due to slippage of expenditure funded by borrowing)</td> <td data-bbox="1254 1339 1385 1429">(25)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="791 1429 1254 1552">MRP repayments and voluntary contributions in 2017/18 (from capital receipts, revenue and reserves) lower than forecast</td> <td data-bbox="1254 1429 1385 1552">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="791 1552 1254 1619">Variance in additions and repayment of Finance Lease Liabilities</td> <td data-bbox="1254 1552 1385 1619">(5)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="791 1619 1254 1709">Borrowing below budgeted level in 2017/18 (primarily due to slippage of expenditure funded by borrowing)</td> <td data-bbox="1254 1619 1385 1709">(29)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="791 1709 1254 1742">TOTAL</td> <td data-bbox="1254 1709 1385 1742">(54)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Reason	£m	Borrowing below budgeted level in 2016/17 (primarily due to slippage of expenditure funded by borrowing)	(25)	MRP repayments and voluntary contributions in 2017/18 (from capital receipts, revenue and reserves) lower than forecast	5	Variance in additions and repayment of Finance Lease Liabilities	(5)	Borrowing below budgeted level in 2017/18 (primarily due to slippage of expenditure funded by borrowing)	(29)	TOTAL	(54)
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Indicator	Comments
<p>External debt (incl. PFI Finance Lease Liabilities)</p> <p>Authorised limit for borrowing: £553m Authorised limit for other long-term liabilities: £130m Authorised limit for external debt: £683m</p> <p>Operational boundary for borrowing: £528m Operational boundary for other long-term liabilities: £130m Operational boundary for external debt: £658m</p> <p>Actual borrowing: £466m Actual other long-term liabilities: £122m Total actual debt at 31/03/18: £588m</p>	<p>The actual level of external debt was below both the authorised limit of £683m and the operational boundary of £658m throughout 2017/18.</p>
<p>Financing costs as a percentage of net revenue stream (incl. impact of PFI Finance Lease Liabilities)</p> <p>2017/18 Budget: 8.8% 2017/18 Actual: 7.1%</p>	<p>The total of actual financing costs as a percentage of net revenue stream was below the budgeted figure as a result of lower than expected capital receipts income in 2017/18. Also, the net revenue stream was higher than forecast mainly because capital grants and contributions were above estimates.</p>

13. Summary

The Prudential Code indicators will continue to be monitored and reported against budgeted figures.

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – FINANCE, INFRASTRUCTURE AND IMPROVEMENT**TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2017/18****1. Purpose**

To provide a review of the Council's treasury management activities for the year to 31 March 2018.

Information and Advice**2. Background**

- 2.1 Treasury management is defined as “the management of the council's investments and cashflows; its banking, money market and capital market transactions; the effective control of the risks associated with those activities; and the pursuit of optimum performance consistent with those risks”.
- 2.2 The Council's Treasury Management Strategy is approved annually by Full Council and there is also a mid-year report which goes to Full Council. Responsibility for the implementation, scrutiny and monitoring of treasury management policies and practices is delegated to the *Treasury Management Group*, comprising the Service Director (Finance, Infrastructure & Improvement), the Group Manager (Financial Strategy & Compliance), the Group Manager (Financial Management), the Senior Accountant (Pensions & Treasury Management) and the Senior Accountant (Financial Strategy & Accounting).
- 2.3 In 2017/18, borrowing and investment activities have been in accordance with the approved limits as set out in the Council's Treasury Management Policy and Strategy. The main points from this report are:
- All treasury management activities were effected by authorised officers within the limits agreed by the Council.
 - All investments were made to counterparties on the Council's approved lending list.
 - The Council's net borrowing position increased by £19.8m during the financial year.
 - Over the course of the year the Council earned 0.44% on its cash investments, compared with the average 7-day London Interbank BID (LIBID) rate for 2017/18 which was 0.21%.
 - Reports have been submitted to Council and the Finance & Major Contracts Management Committee as required.

3. Outturn Treasury Position

- 3.1 The Council's treasury management strategy and associated policies and practices for 2017/18 were approved in February 2017 by Full Council. The Service Director (Finance, Infrastructure & Improvement) complied with the strategy throughout the financial year.

Table 1. Treasury Position as at 31 March 2018		£m	£m	Average Interest Rate
EXTERNAL BORROWING				
Long-term				
Fixed Rate	PWLB	351.1		4.58%
	LOBOs	70.0		3.87%
	Other	35.0	456.1	3.55%
Short-term				
Fixed Rate	Other	0.0	0.0	
Total			456.1	
Other Long-Term Liabilities			122.1	
Total Gross Debt			578.2	
Less: Investments			(53.6)	0.65%
Total Net Debt			524.6	

Notes: PWLB = Public Works Loans Board

LOBOs = Lenders' Option, Borrowers' Option loans

Other = market loans taken directly from banks or via brokers

- 3.2 Table 1 above shows the Council's treasury portfolio position as at 31 March 2018. From the snapshot of interest rates shown it is clear that it still remains in the Council's financial interests to maintain low cash balances and keep borrowing levels as low as possible within the scope required to finance the capital programme.

4. Treasury Management Activities 2017/18

- 4.1 The Council actively manages its cash flows through borrowing and lending activities on the wholesale money markets. The Council has an approved list of counterparties for investment and aims to achieve the optimum return on investments commensurate with the proper levels of security and liquidity. Temporary borrowing may be utilised to cover short-term cash shortfalls, but no such borrowing was undertaken during 2017/18. All new borrowing was sourced from the PWLB.
- 4.2 The Council's borrowing and lending activity over the year is summarised in Table 2 below. The borrowing figures (all zero) relate only to short-term borrowing for cashflow purposes, not long-term borrowing for capital purposes.

Table 2 Borrowing and Lending	Borrowing £m	Lending £m	Net Position £m
Outstanding 31 March 2017	0.0	(81.0)	(81.0)
Raised/ (lent) during period	0.0	(782.9)	(782.9)
Repayments during period	0.0	810.3	810.3

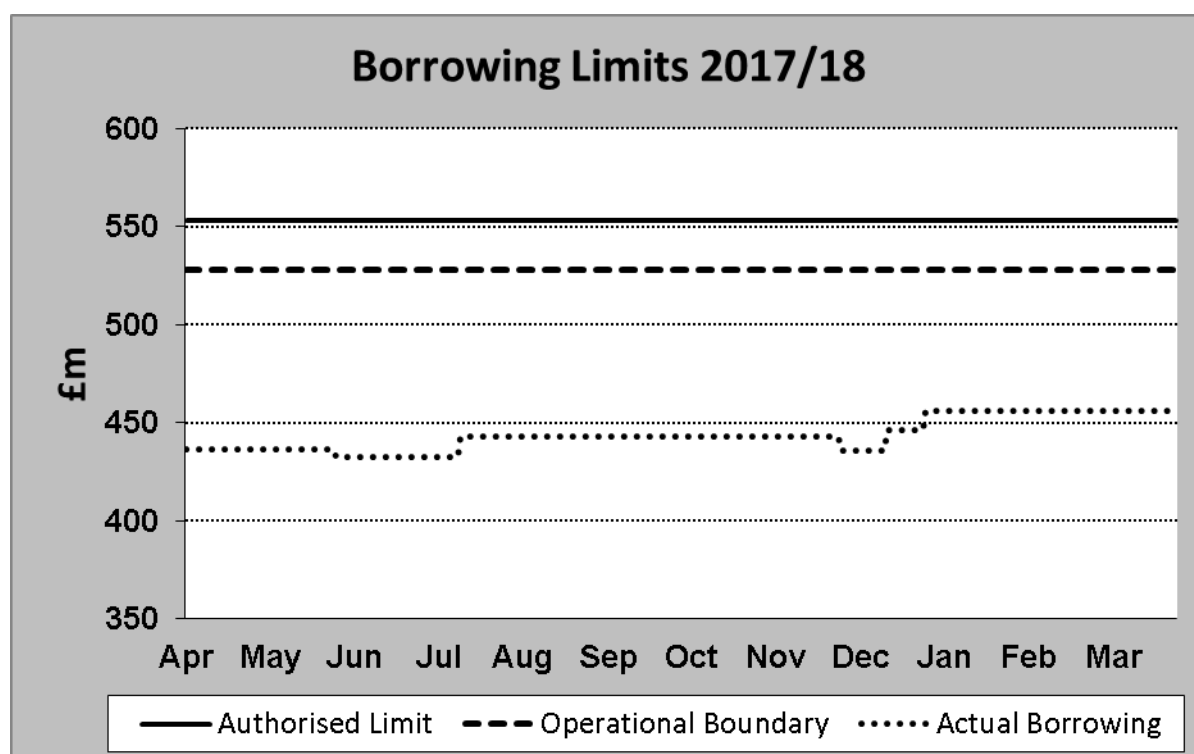
Outstanding 31 March 2018	0.0	(53.6)	(53.6)
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- 4.3 The Council's average cash investment level over 2017/18 was £61.8m, down from £109.2m the previous year. The return achieved on this balance over the course of the year was 0.44% against a benchmark of 0.21% (7-day LIBID). Investment rates available in the market remain fairly low as a result of central bank inflation policies.
- 4.4 Table 3 shows the returns achieved by type of deposit. The table shows that the use of fixed term investments does allow a higher return to be achieved but this must always be weighed against the key concerns of security and liquidity. Cash tied up for longer periods is more exposed to credit risk but this is managed through the Council's policy for approving counterparties.

Table 3 Returns on Investments	Average Balance	Interest Earned	Average Return
	£000	£000	%
Fixed Term Investments	7,127	124.7	1.75
Call Accounts / Money Market Funds	54,696	148.7	0.27
Total	61,823	273.4	0.44

5. Long Term Borrowing

- 5.1 The Treasury Management Strategy for 2017/18 presented to Council in February 2017 outlined the Council's long term borrowing strategy for the year. Long-term borrowing is sourced from either the market (including other local authorities) or from the PWLB.
- 5.2 The Council's treasury management strategy for 2017/18 assumed £30m of new long-term borrowing over the course of the year. Actual new long-term borrowing matched this, taken at an average rate of 2.53%, and an average length of just over 41 years.
- 5.3 Total external borrowing stood at £456.1m on the 31 March 2018 which is within the operational boundary of £528m agreed by the Council. The chart below shows that the level of external debt throughout the year was below the key treasury indicators of the authorised limit and the operational boundary, demonstrating that borrowing was within plan during the year. Further details on these treasury prudential indicators are provided in Appendix D.

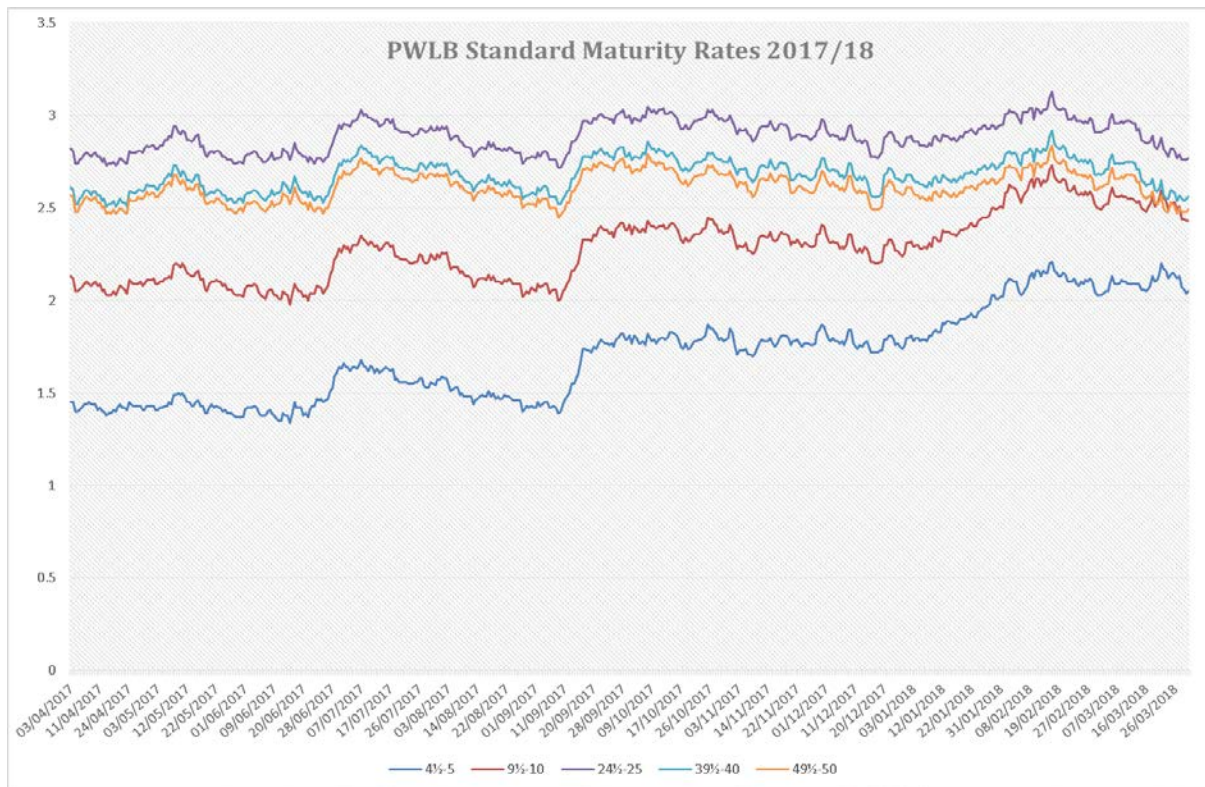


- 5.4 Table 4 shows the movement in long-term borrowing during 2017/18. The loan portfolio included 7 LOBOs of £10m each at the start of the financial year. These are loans whereby the lender can opt, at specified dates, to increase the interest rate payable and the borrower can either accept the increased rate or repay the loan in full. Future call options on these LOBOs constitute a level of interest rate risk for the Council and these will be monitored carefully to ensure the Council is not adversely affected.

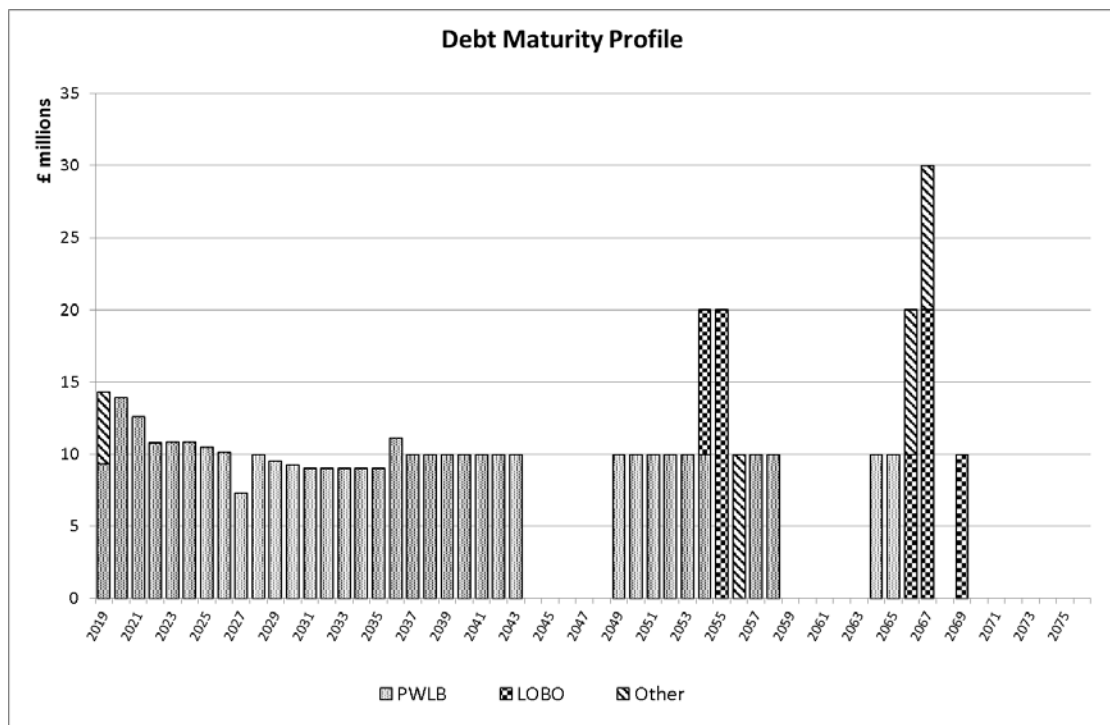
Table 4 Movements in Long-term Borrowing 2017/18

Lender	B/fwd 01/04/17 £m	Advances 2017/18 £m	Normal Repayments 2017/18 £m	Premature Repayments 2017/18 £m	C/fwd 31/03/18 £m
PWLB	331.2	30.0	(10.2)	0.0	351.1
LOBO	70.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	70.0
Other	35.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.0
Total	436.2	10.0	(10.2)	0.0	456.1

- 5.5 Over the course of 2017/18 short-term PWLB rates (which vary with gilt yields) increased by around 50 basis points while long-term rates were more or less stable, as the market waited to see how the Brexit negotiations will unwind for the UK economy. The movement in PWLB standard maturity rates over 2017/18 is shown in the chart below.



5.6 The chart below shows the debt maturity profile as at 31 March 2018. This is fairly evenly spread until 2043, thereby minimising refinancing risk. In this chart it is assumed that the remaining LOBO loans will run to maturity, and not be called at an earlier date. The average rate on all outstanding external debt was 4.41% compared to 4.56% in the previous year, reflecting both the lower rates now available to the Council and the higher rates of the Council's maturing debt.



5.7 The Council always has the option of rescheduling its existing PWLB debt should market conditions indicate opportunities for savings. This is achieved by redeeming fixed rate debt and raising new debt at a lower rate of interest, although current PWLB redemption rates invariably result in a prohibitive premium being charged. No financially attractive opportunities for debt rescheduling arose over the reporting period.

6. Prudential Indicators for Treasury Management

6.1 Table 6 below shows how the treasury management outturn position compares with the prudential indicators for the year. The objective of these indicators is to manage treasury management risks effectively. No indicators were breached during the year.

Table 6 TREASURY MANAGEMENT INDICATORS 2017/18	Approved limits	Outturn
Authorised Limit for external debt	£553m	£456m
Operational Boundary for external debt	£528m	£456m
Upper limit for Rate Exposure - Fixed	100%	100%
Upper limit for Rate Exposure - Variable	75%	0%
Upper limit for principal sums invested for over 364 days	Higher of £20m and 15%	£0m

6.2 Table 7 shows how the Council's debt portfolio is managed with regard to maturity structure. The aim here is to ensure that the risk of the Council having to replace maturing debt in any one year is minimised, as part of an overall Treasury Management risk strategy.

Table 7 Maturity structure of fixed rate borrowing	Approved Lower limit	Approved Upper limit	Outturn
under 12 months	0%	25%	4.5%
12 months and within 24 months	0%	25%	3.0%
24 months and within 5 years	0%	75%	7.4%
5 years and within 10 years	0%	100%	10.5%
10 years and above	0%	100%	74.5%
Adoption of CIPFA's Treasury Management in the Public Services Code of Practice and Cross Sectoral Guidance Notes			Adopted