



Meeting POLICY COMMITTEE

Date Wednesday 10 February 2021 (commencing at 10.30 am)

membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

Mrs Kay Cutts MBE (Chairman)
Reg Adair (Vice-Chairman)

Chris Barnfather
Richard Butler
John Cottee
Kate Foale
Stephen Garner
Glynn Gilfoyle
Tony Harper
Richard Jackson
John Knight

Bruce Laughton
Rachel Madden
David Martin
Philip Owen
John Peck JP
Mike Pringle
Alan Rhodes
Muriel Weisz

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May Chief Executive's Department
Marjorie Toward
Angie Dilley
Keith Ford
David Hennigan
James Silverward
Sue Summerscales

Colin Pettigrew Children & Families Department

Adrian Smith Place Department
Neil Gamble
Sally Gill
Matthew Neal
Kevin Sharman

1 MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 13 January 2021, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS.

Councillor David Martin declared a private, non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 11 - Disposal of Land at Westdale Lane and agenda item 14 - Disposal of Land at Westdale Lane – Exempt Appendix, as the land in question was in his Division and featured within the Local Neighbourhood Plan for Selston Parish Council and the previous version of the Local Plan of Ashfield District Council and he has been a member of the Local Plan groups at both Councils.

4 SCHOOLS AND EARLY YEARS FUNDING – AGREEMENT OF THE LOCAL FUNDING FORMULA FOR 2021-22

RESOLVED: 2021/011

That the recommendations of the Schools Forum, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the committee report, to distribute available funding between Nottinghamshire schools, academies and early years providers in 2021-22, be approved.

5 GIVING CHILDREN THE BEST START: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BEST START STRATEGY 2021-2025

RESOLVED: 2021/012

That the Nottinghamshire Best Start Strategy 2021-2025 be approved.

6 DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

In moving the recommendations, the Leader proposed an amendment to add a further recommendation as follows:

- 3) Asks the Corporate Director for Place to continue efforts to support take-up of super-fast packages and those premises which are not yet served by super-fast broadband.

RESOLVED: 2021/013

- 1) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Place, subject to consultation with the Chair or Vice Chair and the Group Manager, Legal and Democratic Services and the Section 151 Officer, to agree the terms for the lease to be entered into with Newark & Sherwood District Council for the Gateway Lodge to be used as a location dedicated to offer a year-round immersive attraction at Sherwood Forest.

- 2) That a report to formalise the Council's participation in the World Wide Wildfire Workforce project, in the event of the University of Leicester's application being successful, be submitted to a future meeting.
- 3) That the Corporate Director for Place be asked to continue efforts to support take-up of super-fast packages and those premises which are not yet served by super-fast broadband.
- 4) That further reports be submitted to future meetings should any further project opportunities aligned with the Council's digital priorities emerge.

7 GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH

In response to queries raised by Members during discussions, officers agreed to:

- provide updated data on the types of issues that informed the County's ranking within the Social Mobility Commission's 'State of the Nation' report of November 2017;
- include an item within the Committee's work programme about health inequalities, linked into the Council's strategic approach to tackling poverty.

RESOLVED: 2021/014

- 1) That the Expression of Interest submitted to the Health Foundation's Economies for Healthier Lives funding programme, in line with the proposal detailed in the committee report, be endorsed.
- 2) That subject to the Expression of Interest being supported by the Health Foundation, a full application be developed and submitted to a future meeting in line with the proposed timetable detailed in Appendix B to the committee report.

8 HIGH SPEED 2 (HS2) ANNUAL UPDATE

RESOLVED: 2021/015

- 1) That a single reporting process on the East Midlands Development Corporation / EM DevCo Limited and HS2 Growth Delivery be agreed.
- 2) That no further actions were required in relation to the detail contained within the committee report.
- 3) That the work of the Council in supporting and hosting the delivery of the east Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy ambitions, alongside the Council's partners, be recognised.

9 SUPPORT TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BUSINESSES: POST-BREXIT TRANSITION ON TRADE AND OTHER ISSUES

In response to a query raised by Members during discussions, officers asked for further information about the specific impacts of Brexit on 'one person provider' type businesses to enable this issue to be referred onto relevant networks.

RESOLVED: 2021/016

That the business support proposal outlined in the committee report be agreed and the appropriate allocation from the Council's Brexit reserve fund be approved.

10 TRANSFORMING CITIES FUND – SCHEME UPDATE AND FUNDING AGREEMENTS

RESOLVED: 2021/017

- 1) That the grant offer from the Transforming Cities Fund Bid be accepted and the capital programme be varied by £7.910m, in order to enable the delivery of those public transport programme elements which affect the County network.
- 2) That the overall approach of the proposals and next steps in project delivery, as detailed in paragraphs 9-12 of the committee report, be supported in principle.
- 3) That the Transforming Cities Programme Steering Board be added to the Register of Outside Bodies and an appointment to the Board be arranged via the Ruling Group Business Manager.

11 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT WESTDALE ROAD, JACKSDALE

RESOLVED: 2021/018

That approval be given to the disposal of the site at Westdale Road, Jacksdale in accordance with the terms outlined in the exempt appendix to this report.

12 WORK PROGRAMME

During discussions, it was agreed that the proposed item on health inequalities and poverty raised during the debate on agenda item 7 be added to the work programme.

In response to a request from Members, officers also agreed to give further consideration to including an item about the Council's longer term COVID Recovery Plan (in terms of the wider impacts of the pandemic on Nottinghamshire communities) in the work programme of Policy Committee or the COVID Resilience, Recovery and Renewal Committee as appropriate.

RESOLVED: 2021/019

That the Work Programme be updated as appropriate

13 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: 2021/020

That the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the discussions were likely to involve disclosure of exempt information described in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

14 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT WESTDALE ROAD, JACKSDALE – EXEMPT APPENDIX

RESOLVED: 2021/021

That the information contained in the exempt appendix be noted.

The meeting closed at 1.03 pm.

CHAIRMAN