



Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009 (10.35 am – 6.52 pm)

## Membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

## COUNCILLOR

David Taylor (Chairman)

Thomas A J Pettengell (Vice Chairman)

Reg Adair	Bruce Laughton
John Allin	Keith Longdon
Tom Appleby	Rachel Madden
Fiona Asbury	Geoff Merry
Chris Barnfather	Mick Murphy
Michael Bennett	Philip Owen
Victor Bobo	Carol Pepper
Joyce Bosnjak	Mrs Sheila Place
Richard Butler	Darrell Pulk
Steve Carr	Mike Quigley MBE
Steve Carroll	Mrs Wendy Quigley
Allen Clarke	Alan Rhodes
Ged Clarke	Ken Rigby
John Clarke	Kevin Rostance
L B Cooper	Mrs Sue Saddington
John Cottee	Mel Shepherd MBE
Michael J Cox	Mrs S Smedley
Jim Creamer	Mark Spencer
Bob Cross	June Stendall
Mrs Kay Cutts	Andy Stewart
V H Dobson	Martin Suthers OBE
Sybil Fielding	Linda Sykes
Stephen Garner	Parry Tsimbiridis
Michelle Gent	Gail Turner
Glynn Gilfoyle	Keith Walker
Keith Girling	Stuart Wallace
John M Hemsall	Les Ward
Stan Heptinstall MBE	Gordon Wheeler
Rev. Tom Irvine	Brian Wombwell
Richard Jackson	Martin Wright
Rod Kempster	Liz Yates
Eric Kerry	Jason Zadrozny
John Knight	

## **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mick Burrows	(Chief Executive)
Jayne Francis	(Monitoring Officer)
Chris Holmes	(Chief Executive Department)
Sara Allmond	(Chief Executive Department)
Carl Bilbey	(Chief Executive Department)
Daniel Roberts	(Chief Executive Department)
Peter Ware	(Chief Executive Department)
David Pearson	(Adult Services and Health)
Anthony May	(Children and Young People's Services)
Steve Calvert	(Communities)
Tim Malynn	(Communities)
Marie Lewis	(Corporate Communications)
Tim Gregory	(Corporate Services)
Jeff Nash	(Corporate Services)

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Upon the Council convening, prayers were led by the Chairman's Chaplain. Members stood in silence in memory of Councillor Peter Prebble, former Councillor Graham Jackson and Warrant Officer Class 2 Sean Upton, who had recently been killed in service whilst on foot patrol in the Sangin district of the Helmand province, Afghanistan with the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment Royal Artillery.

## **1. MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED: 2009/041**

That the Minutes of the last meetings of the County Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009 be agreed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members declared prejudicial interests in agenda item number 8 – Nottingham Express Transit (NET) Phase 2: Proposed Policy Change

- Councillor L B Cooper – because his house backs onto the Clifton/Wilford Park intended route of NET Phase 2

- Councillor Gordon Wheeler – because he lives adjacent to the intended route of NET Phase 2.

The following Members declared personal interests in agenda item number 8 - Nottingham Express Transit (NET) Phase 2; Proposed Policy Change

- Councillor Stan Heptinstall – as he is employed by Nottingham University which lies on the proposed route
- Councillor Martin Suthers – as Chairman of the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust Attenborough, which touches the proposed route.

Councillor Michael Quigley declared a personal interest in agenda item number 14 as he is a Governor at Retford Oaks School.

Councillor Sheila Place subsequently declared a personal interest in agenda item number 14 as she was a Governor of Serlby Park School.

#### **4. CHAIRMANS BUSINESS**

Councillor Keith Girling spoke regarding Councillor Peter Prebble

Councillor Darrell Pulk spoke regarding former Councillor Graham Jackson

Councillor Stan Heptinstall spoke regarding Councillor Peter Prebble.

##### (a) Newark East By-Election Result

A report was circulated giving the details of the recent by-election in Newark East. On a motion by Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts, and seconded by Councillor Martin Suthers, it was

##### **RESOLVED: 2009/042**

That County Council note the result of the Newark East By-Election.

##### (b) Presentation of Awards.

Councillor Shepherd congratulated the Adult Services and Health Department on receiving the Disabled Registration Card Award 2009. Mr Terry Gallagher, whose initial idea it was, praised the work of the team and the benefits of the scheme to it's 1,400 card holders. The Chairman was presented with the award and certificate.

Councillor Michael J Cox congratulated the County Council's Pensions Team on being awarded the Professional Pensions, Pensions Scheme of the Year

Award 2009 – Best Defined Benefit Communications (Public). The Chairman was presented with the award.

(b) Constituency Issues

Set out in Appendix A to these Minutes in a full note of the issues discussed by Councillors as follows:-

Councillor Rachel Madden – Anti-Social Behaviour at Junction 27, A608.

**5. PETITIONS**

**(a) PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

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

1. Councillor Alan Rhodes on behalf Sybil Fielding – Against change of bus route from Cornwall and Leeds Roads to Shireoaks Road
2. Councillor John Knight – School Crossing Patrols for the Greenwood and Jeffries Primary Schools
3. Councillor Keith Longdon – Excess noise and speed of traffic using several roads in Eastwood
4. Councillor Keith Longdon - Crossing at junction of Newthorpe Common and Nottingham Road
5. Councillor L B Cooper - Pedestrian crossing and safe parking near play park on Ambleside, Gamston
6. Councillor Sue Saddington - Retention of the remaining length of Trent Ford Road in North Muskham
7. Councillor Michael Bennett - Zebra crossing on Newcastle Avenue, Worksop
8. Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle - Grass cuttings collection in Bracebridge, Worksop

**RESOLVED: 2009/043**

That the petitions be referred to the appropriate Cabinet Members for consideration in accordance with Standing Orders.

## **(b) REPORT BACK ON PETITIONS**

### **RESOLVED: 2009/044**

That the matters contained in the report back on the petitions received on 21st May, 18th June and 25th July be noted.

## **6. QUESTIONS**

### **(a) QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 7.1**

Eight questions had been received as follows:-

1. from Councillor Alan Rhodes about Specialist Centres for people with Alzheimer and Dementia (Councillor Mel Shepherd replied)
2. from Councillor Rachel Madden concerning repairs to carriageways and pavements (Councillor Richard Jackson replied)
3. from Councillor Joyce Bosnjak about the Capital Programme Review and Mansfield Library (Councillor John Cottee replied)
4. from Councillor Mrs S Smedley concerning the Ollerton roundabout scheme (Councillor Richard Jackson replied)
5. from Councillor John Allin about the Child Migrants Trust display (Councillor John Cottee replied)
6. from Councillor Mrs S Smedley concerning costs from delays in the Capital Programme (Councillor Reg Adair replied)
7. from Councillor John Knight regarding football in the County (Councillor John Cottee replied)
8. from Councillor Rachel Madden about speeding on Victoria Road, Kirkby in Ashfield (Councillor Richard Jackson replied)

The full response of answers to these questions under Standing Order 7.1 are set out in Appendix B to these Minutes.

As far as question 4 was concerned, Councillor Mrs S Smedley, having heard the response from Councillor Jackson, indicated an intention to move the adjournment of the Council to enable the matter to be debated more fully.

## **(b) QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 7.2**

There were no questions to the Chairs of the Police Authority and the Fire Authority.

## **7. REPORTS FROM CABINET MEMBERS**

The Leader presented the reports to the meeting.

Comments and questions are included at appendix C to these minutes.

During consideration of these reports Council adjourned from 12.30pm until 1.45pm.

### **RESOLVED 2009/45**

That the portfolio reports be noted.

## **8. NOTTINGHAM EXPRESS TRANSIT PHASE 2: PROPOSED POLICY CHANGE**

In accordance with the prejudicial interests, which they had declared earlier, Councillors L B Cooper and Gordon Wheeler withdrew from the meeting during discussion and voting on this item.

A joint report of the Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property regarding a proposed policy change in relation to Nottingham Express Transit Phase Two had been circulated.

Councillor Richard Jackson introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of the resolution 2009/046 below –

The motion was seconded by Councillor Reg Adair.

During the debate which followed, Conservative Members reiterated their strong opposition to the proposed NET Phase Two scheme whilst Labour and Liberal Democrat Members strongly supported the proposed scheme and indicated that they would be voting against the recommendation to withdraw support for the NET Phase Two major transport scheme.

The motion was put to the meeting and was carried on a show of hands.

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

**'FOR'**

Reg Adair  
Chris Barnfather  
Michael Bennett  
Victor Bobo  
Richard Butler  
Ged Clarke  
Allen Clarke  
John Cottee  
Michael J Cox  
Mrs Kay Cutts  
V H Dobson  
Stephen Garner  
Keith Girling  
John M Hemsall  
Richard Jackson  
Rod Kempster  
Eric Kerry  
Bruce Laughton  
Geoff Merry  
Mick Murphy

Philip Owen  
Carol Pepper  
Thomas A J Pettengell  
Michael Quigley MBE  
Wendy Quigley  
Kevin Rostance  
Sue Saddington  
Mel Shepherd MBE  
Mark Spencer  
June Stendall  
Andy Stewart  
Martin Suthers OBE  
Lynn Sykes  
David Taylor  
Gail Turner  
Keith Walker  
Stuart Wallace  
Les Ward  
Martin Wright  
Liz Yates

and the following 24 Members voted 'against' the motion.

**'AGAINST'**

John Allin  
Tom Appleby  
Fiona Asbury  
Joyce Bosnjak  
Steve Carr  
Steve Carroll  
John Clarke  
Jim Creamer  
Bob Cross  
Sybil Fielding  
Michelle Gent  
Glynn Gilfoyle

Stan Heptinstall MBE  
John Knight  
Keith Longdon  
Rachel Madden  
Sheila Place  
Darrell Pulk  
Alan Rhodes  
Ken Rigby  
Stella Smedley JP  
Parry Tsimbiridis  
Brian Wombwell  
Jason Zadrozny

The motion was declared to be carried and it was:-

**RESOLVED: 2009/046**

That:

- a. the County Council's policy be changed to cease to be a Promoter of NET Phase Two.
- b. the Service Director for Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to serve notice to terminate the NET Phase Two Joint Agreement with the City Council forthwith;
- c. the Corporate Director of Communities be authorised in consultation with the Service Director, Legal and Democratic Services to enter into novation agreements of the Third Party Agreements and conclude such land and other transactions as may be necessary to give effect to the termination provisions within the 2008 Joint Agreement;
- d. in view of the County Council ceasing to be a Promoter of NET Phase 2 on expiry of the 3 month notice period, it will no longer meet the costs of the Chilwell Financial assistance package referred to paragraph 30;
- e. the Corporate Director of Communities in consultation with the Service Director, Legal and Democratic Services be given authority to explore with the City Council costs, risks and benefits of a potential withdrawal from NET Line One and report back to Council ;
- f. the Council may incur such reasonable internal and external costs as are necessary to effect recommendations above; and
- g. the Council's policy be one of opposition to the City Councils proposed introduction of the Work Place Parking Levy due to its adverse affect on businesses in the County; and
- h. that the County Council continue its membership of the GNLRT Advisory Committee and that 3 Conservative Group Members, 1 Labour Group Member, and 1 Independent Group Member be appointed.

Councillors L B Cooper and Gordon Wheeler returned to the meeting.

After consideration of this report Council adjourned from 5.05 pm until 5.33 pm.

## **9. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ANTI-BULLYING POLICY**

On a motion by Councillor Philip Owen, and seconded by Councillor Allen Clarke, it was

### **RESOLVED: 2009/047**

That County Council approves the Anti-bullying Policy for Nottinghamshire.



## **10. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2009/10 AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK**

On a motion by Councillor Andy Stewart, seconded by Councillor Martin Suthers it was

### **RESOLVED: 2009/048**

That the content of the annual performance report and the performance management framework document be noted.

## **11. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

On a motion by Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts, seconded by Councillor Martin Suthers it was

### **RESOLVED: 2009/049**

That:-

- a. the Service Head Legal Services, the Principal Solicitors, and the Special Projects Advisor be authorised to sign and attest the affixing of the Common Seal on County Council documentation
- b. Article 14 of the Constitution be amended accordingly. That the posts of Assistant Head of Legal Services (Corporate Law), Assistant Head of Legal Services (Litigation), and Senior Solicitors be deleted from the authority to seal under Article 14.5. That Article 14.5 be amended to authorise the following posts:-

Chief Executive  
Service Director Legal and Democratic Services  
Service Head Legal Services  
Principal Solicitors  
Special Projects Advisor

to attest the affixing of the Common Seal and sign Council documentation as Authorised Signatories.

- c. an urgent approvals process for dealing with the matters set out in paragraph 3.4 of this report between meetings of the Administration Committee when required be approved. Any urgent decision to be made by the Chief Executive, following the majority agreement of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee and the Deputy Leader of the Council, and reported back to the next available meeting.

- d. Article 13 of the Constitution, the Council's delegation to Administration Committee and the Council's Travel and Accommodation Policy be amended accordingly.

## **12. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION – RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE**

An addendum to this report was circulated at the meeting.

On a motion by Councillor John Hemsall, seconded by Councillor Stephen Garner it was

### **RESOLVED: 2009/050**

That:-

- a. the title of the Footpaths and Rights of Way Committee be amended to the Rights of Way Committee;
- b. the terms of reference and standing orders set out in the Appendices to the report be approved for incorporation into the Council's Constitution;
- c. the Monitoring Officer be granted delegated authority to make the necessary further consequential amendments to the Constitution.
- d. Planning and Licensing Committee be authorised to determine the current outstanding application to register a Town or Village Green at Dark Lane, Calverton.

## **13. SCRUTINY ISSUES**

On a motion by Councillor Carol Pepper, seconded by Councillor Steve Carroll it was

### **RESOLVED: 2009/051**

That:-

- a. the Standing Committees be renamed as follows:-
  - Communities and the Environment Standing Committee
  - Health and Wellbeing Standing Committee
  - Education Standing Committee

- b. Councillor Yates be appointed the Chair of the Education Standing Committee and Councillor John Allin the Vice-Chair.
- c. That approval be given for the Chair of the Overview Committee to report to Council on issues relating to overview and scrutiny matters and that appropriate changes be made to the Constitution by the Monitoring Officer to facilitate this.

#### **14. NOTICES OF MOTION**

It was moved by Councillor Sheila Place and seconded by Councillor Alan Rhodes

“That this Council undertakes to remove the option to tackle surplus places in East Bassetlaw from the Working Group’s list which states:

- Transferring secondary school pupils at Serlby Park in Bircotes to Retford Oaks and change Serlby Park’s status to a primary school

And to also provide an undertaking that Serlby Park will not be considered for closure.”

The following amendment was moved by Councillor Alan Rhodes and duly seconded.

Replace paragraph one with:-

“That this County Council welcomes the removal of the option to tackle surplus school places in East Bassetlaw from the Working Group’s list, which stated:

- Transferring secondary school pupils at Serlby Park in Bircotes to Retford Oaks and change Serlby Park’s status to a primary school.”

In paragraph two:

Insert “at a future date, and that the formerly identified investment is committed to rebuild the school.” after for closure.

Councillor Sheila Place indicated that she was will to accept this amendment to the motion.

Council adjourned from 5.40pm to 5.55pm to enable consideration of the amended Motion.

The following amendment to the amended Motion was moved by Councillor Philip Owen and seconded by Councillor Wendy Quigley.

Replace paragraph two with:-

“Any refurbishment and/or rebuilding will be subject to Tranche 3 of the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Programme being made available to this Council under the PFI arrangements. Any land sold in relation to the original PFI Scheme will be subject to the County Council’s Capital Programme.”

Following debate the motion as amended was put to the meeting and was declared to be carried.

**RESOLVED: 2009/052**

That this County Council welcomes the removal of the option to tackle surplus places in East Bassetlaw from the Working Group’s list, which stated:

- Transferring secondary school pupils at Serlby Park in Bircotes to Retford Oaks and change Serlby Park’s status to a primary school.

Any refurbishment and/or rebuilding will be subject to Tranche 3 of the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Programme being made available to this Council under the PFI arrangements. Any land sold in relation to the original PFI Scheme will be subject to the County Council’s Capital Programme.

**15. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS**

Arising from the response to her question to Councillor Richard Jackson concerning the Ollerton roundabout scheme, Councillor Mrs S Smedley moved:-

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

The motion having been seconded by Councillor Alan Rhodes.

After a debate and following a show of hands the motion was carried.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.52pm

**CHAIRMAN**

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## **APPENDIX A**

### **3-MINUTE SPEECHES**

#### **Councillor Rachel Madden**

“Today I am issuing a challenge to the new power brokers in this Authority but before I do may I, for the new Councillors, set the scene.

Through the southern part of my Division runs the A608. Drive along this road from junction 27 and you will pass on your right the historic Annesley Hall and a large area of farmland, woods, a fishing pond, footpaths and a bridleway. Look to your left and you will see up on the ridge of the hill, though screened by woods, many houses. A nice semi-rural part of Ashfield you would think.

However this area is blighted by regular meetings of men and their souped-up cars. Now I have no problem with men having this sort of hobby - they obviously love their machines as they lavish lots of time, effort and money on them and enjoy showing them off to their peers. But what many people living nearby object to is the racing up and down this stretch of public road in front of large numbers of spectators causing mayhem to other road users and noise pollution for my residents, and this has continued for several years.

Some who do know the area would point out the large Enterprise Zone known as Sherwood Park with all its attendant vehicle movements and would say that there is existing traffic noise so why the fuss? Live there and you would soon see why the fuss. Some days the noise is so loud that I can hear it where I live in the north of my division.

So my challenge to the new Conservative Leader and Cabinet is: Can you succeed in stopping this nuisance where several years of trying by the previous Labour regime appears to have failed so miserably? They threw lots of taxpayers money along with a great deal of time and effort into this with no change in the quality of life of my residents - can you do better?”

## **APPENDIX B**

### **COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009**

#### **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 7.1**

##### **Question to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health from Councillor Alan Rhodes**

The previous administration recognised that although people are now living longer and healthier lives, growing numbers of residents of our County are being diagnosed with Alzheimer and Dementia related conditions. These conditions bring confusion and misery to many individuals and their families in Nottinghamshire and evidence provided by the Alzheimer Society shows that increasing numbers of younger people are also being diagnosed with Alzheimer and Dementia.

Following a lengthy period of consultation, the County Council agreed to invest in developing two specialist centres for people with Alzheimer and Dementia, one in the north of the County and one in the South, by re-designing Council owned residential care facilities at James Hince Court in Bassetlaw and Leivers Court in Gedling.

We agreed to do this by utilising the existing skills of our dedicated staff working in these facilities and further develop their skills and the premises we own, in order to improve levels of care for sufferers of these debilitating conditions.

Will the Cabinet Member of ASCH inform the Council of what progress has been made in developing these much needed specialist centres since the administration in which he serves took control of this Authority?

##### **Response by Councillor Mel Shepherd, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health:**

“As members are aware the proposals in relation to James Hince Court and Leivers Court are part of the wider proposals made under the ‘Aiming for Excellence’ strategy which was developed following the extensive consultation that Councillor Rhodes refers to.

The specific proposals are intended to build upon the existing range of services currently available for older people with mental health issues including dementia. It also acknowledges the predicted increase in not only the growth of the elderly population across the county but sadly the increase in numbers of people who will suffer from dementia-related illnesses in the future.

The intention was to further develop the two homes enabling them to focus on specialist dementia care including day services, outreach work and residential facilities. As a part of the wider ‘Aiming for Excellence’ strategy it was always

envisaged that these changes would occur in Phase Two of the project following the development of Extra Care housing facilities across the county. Therefore it was always expected that these changes to the homes would not occur until Extra Care housing facilities were developed.

Currently we are reviewing the detailed proposals within the 'Aiming for Excellence' strategy and therefore developments in this area will not be progressed until we have undertaken the necessary review.

I would wish to reassure colleagues that I do recognise and acknowledge the need to provide appropriate services for older people with mental health issues and accept the significant and increasing demand for these types of services. I also appreciate the skills and dedication of our staff working in these sensitive areas.

The specific proposals around James Hince Court and Leivers Court are therefore on hold, pending the wider review of the 'Aiming for Excellence' strategy which is currently underway."

**Question to the Cabinet Member for Transport & Highways from Councillor Rachel Madden**

In the recent Cabinet meeting mention was made several times of the increased amounts to be spent on repairing carriageways and pavements. May I ask when the residents of my Division can see actual action to address potholes and trip hazards along their roads?

**Response by Councillor Richard Jackson, Cabinet Member for Transport & Highways:**

"Members will be aware that Cabinet recently approved a reallocation of Local Transport Plan funding to be spent on footway repair and maintenance, and I am in the process of reviewing road condition information to decide where and how this should best be spent.

There is an ongoing programme of highway repair and maintenance and details of this is sent to Members on a regular basis both through the Travel and Transport Briefings and via specific briefings. There are also ongoing safety inspections in all areas across the county.

To answer Cllr Madden's specific question on the timing of works I can say that its a high priority manifesto commitment of ours and I am keen to see that work commence as soon as possible and all members should see the benefit of this as soon as schemes can be prioritised, and we will make sure members are aware when works to be carried out in their divisions.

This administration inherited a £17m worth of backlog of pavement repairs and residents rightly expect us to get this work done as we promised to.

In terms of future development I am reviewing how best to deal with the reporting and repairing of potholes. Members will be aware that the highway maintenance is currently the subject of review by the Communities and the Environment Standing Committee and I await their findings and recommendations before considering further courses of action.”

**Question to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Community from Councillor Joyce Bosnjak**

From looking at the Capital Programme review, the Conservative group have made it abundantly clear that Mansfield Library is not high on their list of priorities. This is something which I think is unforgivable, especially during an economic slowdown, where people will need to use public resources more than ever, when they want to seek information of training or learning new skills.

Can I ask the Conservative group if they have any idea as and when their review will be complete?

**Response by Councillor John Cottee, Cabinet Member for Culture and Community:**

“Cllr Bosnjak will be aware that one of the first things that the new Conservative administration did was to put a temporary hold on the Council’s capital programme to review the phasing and extent of all the individual projects.

As a new administration, we want to make sure we are getting the best out of the funding that is being committed, to secure value for money and to achieve a high quality facility for the enjoyment of all.

However, as part of this process it has been necessary to review the Business Cases for all major capital projects and this process is now well under way.

I am very well aware of the importance of Mansfield Library and I am very keen to see the new Business Case is fully developed and approved at the earliest possible opportunity.”

**Question to the Cabinet Member for Transport & Highways from Councillor Stella Smedley**

Although I raised this at Cabinet, I really don’t feel that a satisfactory answer was given, so could I therefore ask the Member:

Following their decision to cancel the Ollerton roundabout scheme, will the Conservative Group ever consider reviewing the potential for the scheme to still go ahead, or can we assume that it will now exist in a state of ‘perpetual review’?



**Response by Councillor Richard Jackson, Cabinet Member for Transport & Highways:**

“The Ollerton roundabout scheme has not been cancelled, but it has been delayed until I am satisfied that in the context of my portfolio’s other priorities, an achievable timetable and funding package can be made available.

I am aware of the concerns of local people in Ollerton, but I believe it is sensible that before raising local expectations about the delivery of a scheme of this size - which is likely to cost at least £2.5m and will require the compulsory purchase of private land - I need to be confident that funding is available to complete the scheme. Currently, funding for the cost of the whole project is not available and given the likelihood that central government will soon be making significant cuts into our transport budgets, I cannot schedule this project at this time.

The Ollerton roundabout scheme will be reviewed as part of the development of the next Local Transport Plan.”

**Question to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Community from Councillor John Allin**

Can the Cabinet Member for Culture & Community tell us why the County Council has suddenly decided to remove the Child Migrants Trust display from the Embankment?

**Response by Councillor John Cottee, Cabinet Member for Culture and Community:**

“I appreciate Councillor Allin's particular interest in this issue, as he and his Vice Chairman were instrumental in the creation of the Child Migrants Trust display, funded from the Vice Chairman's budget.

The Child Migrants Trust is a charitable organisation which Nottinghamshire County Council has supported for many years. A tree was planted outside County Hall in September 2007 with a plaque to mark the 60th Anniversary of Britain's post war child migration schemes when young people were deported to Australia.

Nottinghamshire County Council, along with other authorities and organisations, is proud to have played a key part in reuniting them with their families and homeland.

I am sure all Members appreciate the importance of this work and I can assure Councillor Allin that the tree and the plaque will remain in place for local passers-by and visitors from abroad to appreciate.

Shortly after the tree planting, an Interpretation Panel was installed to further explain the Child Migrants display. Councillor Allin is correct that this was recently removed from public display.

The new administration is keen that the Embankment and the general environment of County Hall are used to communicate positive messages about our pride in this county and country. As mentioned in the Leader's report today, we are now proudly displaying the Nottinghamshire County Council flag alongside the St George's Cross and the Union Flag on the Embankment.

It was felt that the heading 'Britain's Shame' on the Interpretation Panel - whilst carrying an important message in the Child Migrants context - was somewhat out of context with the positive theme.

We are currently looking at appropriate ways to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the opening of County Hall later this year. Many tourists and walkers use the Trent riverbank, which we believe makes it a great location for a new information board telling the story of the history of County Hall, in which we are all proud to serve."

**Question to the Cabinet Member for Finance & Property from Councillor Stella Smedley**

Can the Cabinet Member please tell me what the projected costs of the 'slippages' will be, in regard to the delays to the schemes in the Capital Programme which the County Council has made firm commitments to honour, for example the Sherwood Forest Visitors' Centre and the Watersports Centre at Holme Pierrepont, while the review of capital expenditure is being carried out?

**Response from Councillor Reg Adair, Cabinet Member Finance & Property:**

"It is anticipated that any costs of delays to schemes resulting from the business case review of the Capital Programme, will be outweighed by the benefits of the review. Indeed, the purpose of the review is to reduce costs by focusing on priorities and considering alternative methods of delivering schemes to maximise efficiency and cost-effectiveness. The precise savings to be made on individual schemes will depend on the outcomes of the review. May I point out that this will be a major benefit to the Council Taxpayers of Nottinghamshire."

**Question to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Community from Councillor John Knight**

Would the Cabinet Member join with me in welcoming the Investment in Notts County football club by Munto Finance Ltd, headed by Peter Trembling and Peter Willett, that was announced over the summer? Isn't it just fantastic that the County now has two teams which have real ambitions to perform well in the football league, bringing lots of business interest and potential for regeneration to the area?

**Response by Councillor John Cottee, Cabinet Member for Culture and Community:**

“I am pleased to be able to welcome the investment by Munto Finance in Notts County Football Club that has led amongst other things to the appointment of Sven Goran Eriksson as Director of Football.

It is evident that Notts County does have ambitious plans and I am sure all of us from this Sporting County of Nottinghamshire wish them well for the future.”

**Question to the Cabinet Member for Transport & Highways from Councillor Rachel Madden**

Are there any plans to deal with speeding along Victoria Road, Kirkby as users of the newly installed Zebra crossing are taking their life in their hands every time they attempt to cross?

**Response by Councillor Richard Jackson, Cabinet Member for Transport & Highways:**

“The zebra crossing on Victoria Road in Kirkby was installed in March and April this year following many community requests.

Victoria Road has a speed limit of 30mph, and prior to the installation of the zebra there had been 3 slight injury accidents in the last 3 years. I am pleased to say that since the crossing was put in there have been no injury accidents.

Additional signing and kerb build outs were put in some two years ago to lower speeds, but a proposal to install formal traffic calming attracted objections from the Fire Service, bus operators and former local Members.

We give very high priority to road safety issues, and in this instance I am pleased to be able to confirm that two interactive speed signs are shortly to be installed on Victoria Road, which will, I anticipate, have benefits in reducing traffic speed and increasing driver awareness.”

## **APPENDIX C**

### **COUNTY COUNCIL 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009**

#### **REPORTS FROM CABINET MEMBERS**

##### **1. Leader's reports**

In response to a question Councillor Cutts confirmed Nottingham City as a good neighbour, but that there was a distinction in that the Nottinghamshire District and Borough Councils were primary partners because of the two tier system.

##### **2. Children and Young People's Services**

Members expressed their appreciation of the hard work of teachers and other education providers as well as the young people themselves which had resulted in high exam results. Particular congratulations were offered to the pupils and teachers at the Sutton Centre.

##### **3. Community Safety**

A Member asked if statistics could be provided broken down by district or even by town, either in the report, or via email to Members.

In response to a question Councillor Murphy advised that underage drinking was one of his top priorities.

##### **4. Culture and Regeneration**

The new surface to the path at Kirkby Grives was welcomed and it was requested that the path also be extended.

In response to a question on the World Cup Host City Bid, Councillor John Cottee advised Members of the reasons behind the decision to not support the proposed new stadium in Gamston as part of the bid for Nottingham to be a Candidate Host City for the 2018 World Cup. Councillor Zadrozny commented that the issue should have been debated, before the decision was made.

##### **5. Environment and Sustainability**

Members felt that the Energy Monitor Loan Scheme was excellent. Support was committed until January when it would then be reassessed.

##### **6. Finance and Property**

Members were pleased to hear that work was progressing well at Worksop Library. The proposed new Ryton Primary School in Worksop was also welcomed.

The additional £11M of CLASP funding was welcomed, and it was queried whether this was enough. Councillor Adair responded that this was the first tranche of funding. £20M was needed. It was added that there would be full consultation on the budget proposals for next year.