



Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 12 May 2022 (10.30 am – 12.45 pm)

Membership

COUNCILLORS

Mike Quigley MBE (Chairman)
Roger Jackson (Vice-Chairman)

Reg Adair
Mike Adams
Pauline Allan
Sinead Anderson
Callum Bailey
Matt Barney
Chris Barnfather
Ben Bradley MP
Richard Butler
Anne Callaghan BEM
André Camilleri
Scott Carlton
Steve Carr
John Clarke MBE
Neil Clarke MBE
Robert Corden
John Cottee
Jim Creamer
Eddie Cubley
Debbie Darby
Sam Deakin
Dr John Doddy
Bethan Eddy
Boyd Elliott
Sybil Fielding
Kate Foale
Stephen Garner
Glynn Gilfoyle
Keith Girling
Penny Gowland
Errol Henry JP
Paul Henshaw

Tom Hollis
Mike Introna
Richard Jackson
Eric Kerry
Bruce Laughton
Johnno Lee
David Martin
John 'Maggie' McGrath
Andy Meakin
Nigel Moxon
John Ogle
Philip Owen
Michael Payne
Sheila Place
Mike Pringle
Francis Purdue-Horan
Mrs Sue Saddington
Dave Shaw
Helen-Ann Smith
Sam Smith
Tom Smith
Tracey Taylor
Nigel Turner
Roger Upton
Lee Waters
Michelle Welsh
Gordon Wheeler
Jonathan Wheeler
Daniel Williamson
Elizabeth Williamson
John Wilmott
Jason Zadrozny

HONORARY ALDERMEN

Mrs Kay Cutts MBE

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May	(Chief Executive)
Marjorie Toward	(Chief Executives)
Carl Bilbey	(Chief Executives)
Heather Dickinson	(Chief Executives)
Isobel Fleming	(Chief Executives)
Keith Ford	(Chief Executives)
David Hennigan	(Chief Executives)
Michael Higginson	(Chief Executives)
James McDonnell	(Chief Executives)
Phil Rostance	(Chief Executives)
Nigel Stevenson	(Chief Executives)
Laura Webb	(Chief Executives)
Melanie Brooks	(Adult Social Care and Public Health)
Colin Pettigrew	(Children and Families)
Adrian Smith	(Place)

OPENING PRAYER

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

OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL

Councillor Mike Quigley MBE, outgoing Chairman of the County Council, made a short address, during which he referred to his interesting year in office, which he and his wife Wendy had enjoyed. They particularly enjoyed the events held in schools and the Wish Upon a Star events with the children. The Chairman's Charity was Wish Upon a Star for whom over £6,400 had been raised so far and it was anticipated that the final amount would be nearer £7,000.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Councillor Bruce Laughton and seconded by Councillor Mrs Sue Saddington and:-

RESOLVED: 2022/014

That Councillor Roger Jackson be elected Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council, until the Annual Meeting 2023.

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

INCOMING CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL

Councillor Roger Jackson addressed the Council, thanking members for the opportunity to perform the civic role for the County Council. He indicated that his chosen fundraising cause would be the Nottingham branch of the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain.

RETIRING CHAIRMAN VOTE OF THANKS

At the invitation of the newly elected Chairman, Councillor Ben Bradley MP paid tribute to Councillor Quigley's contribution to Nottinghamshire Civic life and moved a motion thanking him for his work as Chairman.

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

Councillors David Martin, Jason Zadrozny, Kate Foale, Mike Pringle, Keith Girling and Sybil Fielding also spoke in thanks of the work undertaken by Councillor Mike Quigley MBE as Chairman of the County Council for the municipal year 2021/22.

RESOLVED: 2022/015

That the County Council's thanks for Councillor Mike Quigley MBE's work as its Chairman during 2021-22 be recorded.

PAST CHAIRMAN'S BADGE OF OFFICE

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

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The appointment of Councillor John Ogle as Vice-Chairman was moved by Councillor Tracey Taylor and seconded by Councillor Neil Clarke MBE.

RESOLVED: 2022/016

That Councillor John Ogle be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Nottinghamshire County Council until the Annual Meeting 2023.

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

Councillor John Ogle gave a short address to Council and thanked Members for appointing him as Vice-Chairman.

3. ELECTION OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL UNTIL MAY 2025

The appointment of Councillor Ben Bradley MP as Leader of the Council was moved by Councillor Bruce Laughton and seconded by Councillor Chris Barnfather.

RESOLVED: 2022/017

That Councillor Ben Bradley MP be appointed as Leader of the Council until the Annual Meeting 2025.

Councillor Ben Bradley MP gave a short address to Council and thanked Members for appointing him as Leader of the Council.

4. RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF GROUPS

Councillor Chris Barnfather introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2022/018 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Bruce Laughton.

RESOLVED: 2022/018

- 1) That the membership of the political Groups be recognised.
- 2) That the Officers of the Groups be noted.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2022/019

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 31 March 2022 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman with the following alteration:-

Nigel Stevenson (Chief Executives) be added to the officer attendance list

6. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES NOT CONTINUING FOR APPROVAL BY FULL COUNCIL

RESOLVED: 2022/020

That the minutes of the last meetings of the following committees be approved:-

- Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee – 25th April 2022
- Children and Young People's Committee – 25th April 2022
- Communities Committee – 20th April 2022
- Economic Development and Asset Management Committee – 19th April 2022

Finance Committee – 9th May 2022
Personnel Committee – 20th April 2022
Policy Committee – 24th March 2022
Transport and Environment Committee – 4th May 2022

7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

- Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle (Other reasons)
- Councillor Penny Gowland (Other reasons)
- Councillor Michael Payne (Medical/Illness)
- Councillor Nigel Turner (Other reasons)

Councillor John Clarke MBE submitted apologies that he would arrive late to the meeting.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

9. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

None

10. CONSTITUENCY ISSUES

The following Members spoke for up to three minutes on issues which specifically related to their division and were relevant to the services provided by the County Council.

Councillor Neil Clarke MBE regarding a request from the community for a new school for Newton

Councillor Paul Henshaw regarding mental health support services in his division

Councillor Keith Girling regarding work being undertaken by community groups in his division

Councillor Daniel Williamson left the Chamber from 11.21am to 11.38am during consideration of this item.

11a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

None

11b. RESPONSE TO PETITION PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLVED: 2022/021

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

12. UPDATE ON CHANGE TO COUNCIL GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Councillor Philip Owen introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2022/022 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Chris Barnfather.

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

RESOLVED: 2022/022

- 1) That the revised Employment Procedure Rules attached at Appendix 1 to the report be approved, to be implemented with effect from the Council's annual meeting on 12 May 2022.
- 2) That the designation of the Team Manager, Democratic Services as the Council's Statutory Scrutiny Officer on an interim basis be approved, until the new permanent post holder for the role of Senior Scrutiny Officer joins the Council, following which they will become the designated officer for that role.
- 3) That the documents within the Constitution to which consequential changes have been authorised by the Monitoring Officer under the delegation approved by Council on 31 March be noted.

13. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES

Councillor Chris Barnfather introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2022/023 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Bruce Laughton.

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

RESOLVED: 2022/023

- 1) That the Leader's appointments to the Cabinet and their portfolio responsibilities, and the appointment of Deputy Cabinet Members as set out in paragraph 6 of the report, be noted.
- 2) That the establishment of the Committees and Sub-Committees of the Council and the allocation of seats as set out in Appendix A of the report be confirmed. The Committees and Sub-Committees to be established with the terms of reference as agreed at Full Council on 31 March 2022.
- 3) That the membership and allocation of seats and its continued participation of the Joint Committees set out in Appendix A of the report be confirmed and confirm the establishment or continued participation as applicable in the other committees, joint committees and boards, and allocation of seats, as set out in Appendix B of the report.
- 4) That the Council make the appointments of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen set out in Paragraph 12 of the report and agrees the arrangements for appointing the Chairman of the Committees set out in Paragraph 13 of the report until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2023.
- 5) That the other representatives on the committees / sub-committees set out in Paragraph 14 of the report be agreed.
- 6) That the appointment of members of the political Groups of the Council to committees, sub-committees, joint committees and boards 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 of the Council.
- 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 Council appoints Ian Bayne, Craig Coles and Rob White as the Council's Independent Persons until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2023.

14. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE SCHEME – REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

Councillor Chris Barnfather introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2022/024 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Mike Pringle.

Following a debate, the Chairman put the motion to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2022/024

- 1) That the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel be noted.
- 2) That the proposed revised Councillors' Allowances Scheme, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved.

15a. QUESTIONS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY

None

15b. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Nine questions had been received as follows: -

- 1) from Councillor Lee Waters about implementation of Highway's Review recommendations (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 2) from Councillor Mike Pringle concerning review of financial interests or investments in Russian economy (Councillor Richard Jackson replied)
- 3) from Councillor Tom Hollis concerning review of policy on buying properties for use as children's homes (Councillor Tracey Taylor replied)
- 4) from Councillor Kate Foale regarding East Midlands Combined Authority Executive Mayor (Councillor Ben Bradley MP replied)
- 5) from Councillor Helen-Ann Smith regarding what services will be provided at Top Wighay Farm (Councillor Keith Girling replied)
- 6) from Councillor John 'Maggie' McGrath about policy to allocate the Local Communities Fund (Councillor John Cottee replied)
- 7) from Councillor Michelle Welsh regarding the Family Hub Network (Councillor Tracey Taylor replied)
- 8) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny concerning library services (Councillor John Cottee replied)
- 9) from Councillor Jim Creamer about Bus Back Better strategy (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)

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

Councillor John Clarke MBE, having previously submitted his apologies, arrived at the meeting at 11.49am during consideration of this item.

Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber from 11.56am to 12.28pm during consideration of this item.

Councillor Pauline Allan left the Chamber at 12.33pm and did not return.

16. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

None

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.45 pm.

CHAIRMAN