



Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 14th January 2016 (10.30 am – 5.33 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Sybil Fielding (Chairman)
Yvonne Woodhead (Vice-Chairman)

Reg Adair
Pauline Allan
Roy Allan
John Allin
Chris Barnfather
Alan Bell
Joyce Bosnjak
Nicki Brooks
Andrew Brown
Richard Butler
Steve Calvert
Ian Campbell
Steve Carr
Steve Carroll
John Clarke
John Cottee
Jim Creamer
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE
Maureen Dobson
Dr John Doddy
Boyd Elliott
Kate Foale
Stephen Garner
Glynn Gilfoyle
Kevin Greaves
Alice Grice
John Handley
Colleen Harwood
Stan Heptinstall MBE
Tom Hollis
Richard Jackson
Roger Jackson
David Kirkham

John Knight
Darren Langton
Bruce Laughton
Keith Longdon
Rachel Madden
Diana Meale
John Ogle
Philip Owen
Michael Payne
John Peck JP
Sheila Place
Liz Plant
Mike Pringle
Darrell Pulk
Alan Rhodes
Ken Rigby
Tony Roberts MBE
Mrs Sue Saddington
Andy Sissons
Pam Skelding
Martin Suthers OBE
Parry Tsimbiridis
Gail Turner
Keith Walker
Stuart Wallace
Muriel Weisz
Gordon Wheeler
John Wilkinson
Jacky Williams
John Wilmott
Liz Yates
Jason Zadrozny

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HONORARY ALDERMEN

Martin Brandon-Bravo OBE
Terence H Butler
John Carter

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May	(Chief Executive)
Jayne Francis–Ward	(Resources)
Paul McKay	(Adult Social Care, Health & Public Protection)
David Pearson	(Adult Social Care, Health & Public Protection)
Marion Clay	(Children, Families and Cultural Services)
Colin Pettigrew	(Children, Families and Cultural Services)
Tim Gregory	(Place)
Sally Gill	(Place)
Sara Allmond	(Resources)
Carl Bilbey	(Resources)
Martin Done	(Resources)
Catherine Munro	(Resources)
Anna O'Daly-Kardasinska	(Resources)
Neil Stevenson	(Resources)
Michelle Welsh	(Resources)

OPENING PRAYER

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

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2016/001

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on 26th November 2015 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Keith Walker (other reasons).

An apology for absence was also received from Councillor Suthers OBE who would be arriving late as he was on other County Council business.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Darrell Pulk declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 10 – Minerals Local Plan Submission Draft Consultation as he owned a property adjacent to the Botany Bay site. He left the meeting during consideration of the item.

4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

(a) SELSON BY-ELECTION RESULT

RESOLVED: 2016/002

That the report be noted.

(b) PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

ICS UK Customer Service Index Accreditation

Councillor Alan Rhodes announced the results of the Institute of Customer Services independent customer service survey of customer satisfaction. The service provided by the Customer Service Centre was higher than the average of all other local councils surveyed, scored higher than every other organisation in the UK in a number of key areas and was in the highest quartile in 9 of the 11 categories measured across the whole UK. The Chairman received the certificate from Councillor Rhodes and presented it to Marie Rowney, Helen Spiers, Charlotte Copley and Louise Fretwell from the Customer Services Team.

The Legal 500 United Kingdom Awards 2015

Councillor Alan Rhodes introduced the award won by the Legal Services Team. The Legal 500 United Kingdom Awards 2015 was a concept that recognised and rewarded the best in-house and private practice teams and individuals over the previous 12 months, with winners chosen from within respective industries, based on the most comprehensive research into the UK legal market. Nottinghamshire County Council's Legal Services were recognised as Team of the Year appearing alongside other winners such as Royal Mail, Siemens, Shell and the Co-Operative.

The Chairman received the award from Councillor Rhodes and presented it to Sorriya Richeux – Team Manager and Geoff Russell – Team Manager from Legal Services.

5. 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 John Ogle – Request for a footpath in Dunham-on-Trent

Councillor Tom Hollis – superfast broadband for Mill Lane and Mercier Court, Sutton-in-Ashfield

Councillor John Wilmott – Knoll Avenue residents' request for grassed area to be resurfaced.

6. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

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

- (1) Councillor Roger Jackson requesting traffic lights at the entrance to Gunthorpe Village
- (2) Councillor John Ogle request to reduce Mill Lane, Rockley from a national speed limit to a 30 mph limit.
- (3) Councillor John Ogle request for broadband for Top Street, Askham
- (4) Councillor Bruce Laughton regarding lorry parking in Cromwell
- (5) Councillor David Martin regarding the plans to close libraries in Jacksdale and Selston
- (6) Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding "Don't Shrink Our Bins"
- (7) Councillor Tom Hollis regarding Highways resurfacing
- (8) Councillor Tom Hollis regarding Highways resurfacing
- (9) Councillor Tom Hollis regarding Highways resurfacing
- (10) Councillor Tom Hollis regarding Highways resurfacing
- (11) Councillor Diana Meale requesting a barrier at the end of the footpath on Sadler Street, Mansfield
- (12) Councillor Alice Grice requesting a replacement of the safety bollards at the end of Belvoir Street, Hucknall
- (13) Councillor Nicki Brooks requesting a residents parking scheme for Ranmoor Road, Gedling

RESOLVED: 2016/003

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

7. CLARIFICATION OF MINUTES

The report provided Members with the opportunity to raise any matters of clarification in the Minutes of Committee meetings published since the last meeting.

Councillor Chris Barnfather raised an issue on the availability of minutes, particularly in relation to the Environment and Sustainability Committee. The Monitoring Officer explained the process and assured Councillor Barnfather that the minutes from the last Environment and Sustainability Committee would be available at the next County Council meeting.

8. RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF GROUPS

Councillor Steve Carroll introduced the report and addendum and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2016/004 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Nicki Brooks.

RESOLVED: 2016/004

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

9. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Councillor Steve Carroll introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2016/005 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Nicki Brooks.

RESOLVED: 2016/005

That the allocation of committee seats, as set out in the appendix of the report be noted, in order to fulfil the statutory requirement for political balance on committees.

10. MINERALS LOCAL PLAN SUBMISSION DRAFT CONSULTATION

Councillor Darrell Pulk having earlier declared an interest in this item, left the meeting during discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Jim Creamer introduced the report and moved the following motion:-

- 1) That County Council note the Consultation Statement set out in Appendix C
- 2) That the County Council approve the publication of the Submission Draft document for the Minerals Local Plan for a six week public consultation period.
- 3) That the Corporate Director, Place be authorised, in consultation with the Chairman of Environment and Sustainability Committee, to agree any minor editing changes prior to publication.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Pam Skelding.

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Steve Carr and seconded by Councillor Ken Rigby:-

- 1) That County Council note the Consultation Statement set out in Appendix C
- 2) That the County Council approve the publication of the Submission Draft document for the Minerals Local Plan for a six week public consultation period.
- 3) That the Corporate Director, Place be authorised, in consultation with the Chairman of Environment and Sustainability Committee, to agree any minor editing changes prior to publication.
- 4) **That an information document updating the public and councillors on onshore oil and gas development (including unconventional hydrocarbons) in Nottinghamshire will be published in order to keep the public and councillors up-to-date on this significant issue.**

The amendment was accepted by the mover of the motion.

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Bruce Laughton and seconded by Councillor Roger Jackson:-

Amend paragraph 2 of the motion as follows:-

- 2) That the County Council approve the publication of the Submission Draft document for the Minerals Local Plan for a six week public consultation period **and during this period Officers will verify the legitimacy of the methodology used to determine the need and apportionment figures for sand and gravel within Nottinghamshire.**

The meeting adjourned from 12.04pm to 12.20pm to consider the amendment.

The amendment was accepted by the mover of the motion.

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Maureen Dobson and seconded by Councillor John Wilmott:-

Amend paragraph 2 of the motion as follows:-

- 2) That the County Council approve the publication of the Submission Draft document for the Minerals Local Plan for a six week public consultation period and during this period Officers will verify the legitimacy of the methodology used to determine the need and apportionment figures for sand and gravel within Nottinghamshire **and review the strategic transport assessment.**

The amendment was accepted by the mover of the motion.

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

RESOLVED: 2016/006

- 1) That County Council note the Consultation Statement set out in Appendix C.
- 2) That the County Council approve the publication of the Submission Draft document for the Minerals Local Plan for a 6 week public consultation period and that during this period Officers will verify the legitimacy of the methodology used to determine the need and apportionment figures for sand and gravel within Nottinghamshire and review the strategic transport assessment.
- 3) That the Corporate Director, Place, be authorised, in consultation with the Chairman of Environment and Sustainability Committee, to agree any minor editing changes prior to publication.
- 4) That an information document updating the public and councillors on onshore oil and gas development (including unconventional hydrocarbons) in Nottinghamshire will be published in order to keep the public and councillors up-to-date on this significant issue.

Councillor Suthers OBE arrived at 11.36am during consideration of this item having been on other County Council Business

Council adjourned for lunch from 12.22pm to 1.07pm during consideration of this item.

Following consideration of the item, Councillor Darrell Pulk returned to the meeting.

11. NEW JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS

Councillor Colleen Harwood introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2016/007 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Kate Foale.

RESOLVED: 2016/007

- 1) That the formation of a joint health scrutiny committee comprising Nottinghamshire, Barnsley, Derbyshire, Doncaster, Rotherham, Sheffield and Wakefield to examine substantial changes of service by the Commissioners Working Together Programme be agreed in principle.
- 2) That a further report be brought to Council when the details of the Committee, including size, host authority and terms of reference are known.

During consideration of this item Councillor Tony Roberts MBE left the meeting and did not return.

12. QUESTIONS

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

No questions were received

(b) QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Two questions had been received as follows:-

- 1) from Councillor John Wilmott about road works in Hucknall (Councillor Kevin Greaves replied)
- 2) from Councillor David Martin regarding the closure of a doctors surgery in Underwood (Councillor Colleen Harwood replied)

The full responses to these questions are set out in Appendix A to these Minutes.

Councillors Ken Rigby and Stuart Wallace left the meeting at during consideration of this item.

13. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Motion One

The motion was withdrawn.

Motion Two

A motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE and seconded by Councillor Martin Suthers OBE:-

“This Council:-

- a) Notes the recent amendments made to the Cities & Local Government Devolution Bill;
- b) Recognises the potential implications for Nottinghamshire County Council and the “East Midlands Deal” bid for devolved powers;
- c) Agrees that bidding for a unitary solution for the County of Nottinghamshire would now serve the best interests of our council tax payers;
- d) Agrees that forming a unitary County would release millions of pounds to meet pressures on critical services, achieving savings and economies of scale through such measures as:-

- i) a single headquarters for the new council, in place of district councils and the County Council each having a separate administrative centre;
 - ii) concentrating services into fewer buildings and delivering capital receipts by disposing of surplus properties;
 - iii) bringing together the collection and disposal of domestic waste;
 - iv) rationalising the collection of council tax;
 - v) simplifying the planning system, especially in securing the Section 106/Community Infrastructure Levy funds required to pay for local services and facilities;
 - vi) removing duplication across all service areas and reducing the total wage bill.
- e) Instructs officers to begin work on preparing the case for a Nottinghamshire County unitary authority, in order to present this to Government at the earliest opportunity.”

Following a debate, the motion was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was lost.

Councillors Ken Rigby and Stuart Wallace returned to the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillors Tom Hollis and Keith Longdon left the meeting during consideration of this item and did not return.

14. ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

None

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.33 pm.

CHAIRMAN

