



Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 7 July 2022 (10.30 am – 5.27 pm)

Membership

COUNCILLORS

Roger Jackson (Chairman)

John Ogle (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 - apologies
Scott Carlton
Steve Carr - apologies
John Clarke MBE
Neil Clarke MBE
Robert Corden
John Cottee
Jim Creamer
Eddie Cubley
Debbie Darby - apologies
Sam Deakin - apologies
Dr John Doddy
Bethan Eddy
Boyd Elliott
Sybil Fielding - apologies
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
Johno Lee
David Martin
John 'Maggie' McGrath
Andy Meakin
Nigel Moxon
Philip Owen
Michael Payne - apologies
Sheila Place - apologies
Mike Pringle
Francis Purdue-Horan
Mike Quigley MBE
Mrs Sue Saddington
Dave Shaw - apologies
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

Terence Butler
John Carter
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May	(Chief Executive)
Marjorie Toward	(Chief Executives)
Sara Allmond	(Chief Executives)
Sarah Ashton	(Chief Executives)
Carl Bilbey	(Chief Executives)
Isobel Fleming	(Chief Executives)
Michael Higginson	(Chief Executives)
James McDonnell	(Chief Executives)
Phil Rostance	(Chief Executives)
Nigel Stevenson	(Chief Executives)
Jonathan Gribbin	(Adult Social Care and Public Health)
Lawrence Jones	(Children and Families)
Adrian Smith	(Place)

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 Councillor Vaughan Hopewell.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2022/025

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 May 2022 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

- Councillor André Camilleri (other)
- Councillor Steve Carr (medical/illness)
- Councillor Debbie Darby (medical/illness)
- Councillor Samantha Deakin (medical/illness)
- Councillor Sybil Fielding (other)
- Councillor Michael Payne (other)

- Councillor Sheila Place (other)
- Councillor Dave Shaw (medical/illness)

Councillor Stephen Garner submitted an apology that he would arrive late to the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

UNICEF Baby Friendly Initiative – Gold Service

Councillor Tracey Taylor introduced the award which was a reaccreditation of the award first received in 2020. The award is a nationally recognised mark of quality care.

The UNICEF UK Baby Friendly Initiative enables public services to better support families with feeding and developing close and loving relationships so that all babies get the best possible start in life. The programme supports maternity, neonatal, health visiting and children's centre services to transform their care.

The Chairman received the award from Councillor Taylor and presented it to Louise Lester, Consultant in Public Health.

Former County Councillor Vaughan Hopewell

The Chairman spoke in memory of former County Councillor Vaughan Hopewell.

Councillors Nigel Moxon, Ben Bradley MP, Kate Foale, Jason Zadrozny and Paul Henshaw also spoke in memory of Former County Councillor Vaughan Hopewell.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

The Chairman updated members on the business he and the Vice-Chairman had carried out since the last meeting, including attending a number of events such as a visit to Portland College and thanked those who had attended his civic service.

Councillor Stephen Garner arrived in the Chamber during this item.

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 Lee regarding youth service provision in Balderton and anti-social behaviour in his division

Councillor Tracey Taylor regarding speeding and traffic management issues in Misterton division

Councillor David Martin regarding Two Counties Trust and Sports Provision in Selston

Councillor John Wilmott regarding concerns about the County Council and its responsibilities to Hucknall North

Councillor Helen-Ann Smith was absent from the Chamber from 10.55am to 11.08am during this item.

6. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

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

- (1) Councillor Neil Clarke MBE, request for a safer (lighted) crossing to be installed at the crossroads over C28 (Musters Road, Langar)
- (2) Councillor Jonathan Wheeler, request for a pedestrian crossing on Landmere Lane

RESOLVED: 2022/026

That the petitions be referred to the appropriate Cabinet Member for consideration in accordance with the Procedure Rules, with a report being brought back to Council in due course.

7. A MOTION OF CONGRATULATIONS TO NOTTINGHAM FOREST FOOTBALL CLUB

Councillor Ben Bradley MP introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2022/027 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Bruce Laughton.

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: 2022/027

- 1) That Nottingham Forest Football Club be congratulated on its promotion to the Premier League and that all those who contributed to their success be thanked.
- 2) That the Council wished Nottingham Forest Football Club luck for the season ahead and thanked the Club for all it does for Nottinghamshire

Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 11.14am during this item.

Councillor Helen-Ann Smith was absent from the Chamber from 11.43am to 11.58am during this item.

Councillor Daniel Williamson submitted his apologies (medical/illness) and left the Chamber at 11.55am during this item. He did not return to the meeting.

8. RECOGNITION OF THE OUTGOING CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Councillor Ben Bradley MP introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2022/028 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Bruce Laughton.

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: 2022/028

- 1) That the Council thanks the Chief Executive for his long-standing service to the County Council and the outstanding contribution he has made in improving the lives of residents across Nottinghamshire and the region.

Councillor John Doddy arrived at the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Tom Hollis left the Chamber at 12.10pm during this item.

The following Members left the Chamber for more than 10 minutes during consideration of this item:-

Councillor Helen-Ann Smith left the Chamber at 12.22pm and returned at 12.45pm

Councillor Sam Smith left the Chamber at 12.35pm and returned at 12.54pm

The Council adjourned from 1pm to 2pm for lunch.

Councillor Ben Bradley MP submitted his apologies (other) and did not return to the Chamber after lunch.

Councillor Tom Hollis returned to the Chamber at the reconvening of the meeting at 2pm.

9. ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT COMMITTEE – NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE INTEGRATED CARE PARTNERSHIP

Councillor Matt Barney introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2022/029 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Scott Carlton.

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: 2022/029

- 1) That the establishment of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Partnership, as a joint committee between Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham City Council and the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire NHS Integrated Care Board in accordance with Section 116ZA of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (as amended by the Health and Care Act 2022) be approved on the basis of the arrangements described in the appendix, including the initial Terms of Reference.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer to make consequential changes to the Council's Constitution to reference this new joint committee and the Council's representation upon it as appropriate and to agree any minor amendments to the Terms of Reference.
- 3) That the appointment of the five County Council representatives on the ICP be undertaken by the Team Manager, Democratic Services on behalf of the Chief Executive (the Proper Officer).
- 4) That a further report be submitted to a meeting of Full Council to approve the finalised Terms of Reference.

10. EXECUTIVE REPORT – KEY ISSUES AND ACTIVITIES

RESOLVED: 2022/030

That the contents of the report be noted.

11a. QUESTIONS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY

None

11b. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Ten questions had been received as follows: -

- 1) from Councillor Tom Hollis regarding any link between educational attainment and school funding (Councillor Tracey Taylor replied)
- 2) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny concerning the withdrawal of the 141 bus route (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 3) from Councillor Lee Waters about the impact of inflation on this Council this year (Councillor Richard Jackson replied)
- 4) from Councillor Kate Foale regarding Government funding to increase staffing budgets in line with inflation (Councillor Ben Bradley MP replied)
- 5) from Councillor Paul Henshaw concerning the estimated cost of implementing the Government's social care reforms (Councillor Matt Barney replied)
- 6) from Councillor Michelle Welsh about any impact of the proposed increase in ration of nursery children on the cost of care provision (Councillor Tracey Taylor replied)
- 7) from Councillor David Martin regarding ViaFix pothole repairs (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)

The full responses to the 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 questions within 15 working days of the meeting and be included in the papers for the next Full Council meeting.

- 8) from Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan concerning any discussions about selling any part of County Hall (Councillor Keith Girling to reply)
- 9) from Councillor Penny Gowland about the state of the highways (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE to reply)
- 10) from Councillor Helen-Ann Smith regarding plans for a children's home on Saville Road, Skegby (Councillor Tracey Taylor to reply)

The following Members left the Chamber for more than 10 minutes during consideration of this item:-

Councillor Sam Smith left the Chamber 2.33pm and returned at 2.47pm

Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 2.44pm and returned at 3.26pm

Councillor Sue Saddington left the Chamber at 3.04pm and returned at 3.16pm

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Motion One

A motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan and seconded by Councillor David Martin:-

“This Council notes that Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council, Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Councils are in negotiations to create a Combined organisation.

That the bid calls for a large number of extra powers to be given to the East Midlands Mayoral Combined Authority from central Government. This Council notes that the bid calls for any new executive mayor or governor to have the power to introduce an extra precept – an additional section on council tax bills.

This will see residents across the two counties and two cities paying more in Council Tax every year. This could possibly see Council Tax bills rise by over £100 at a time we are living in a cost-of-living crisis.

This Council believes this is the wrong time to be raising Council Tax again and therefore commits to making it clear during negotiations that Nottinghamshire County Council is against any introduction of a mayoral precept and will write to the partner councils and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities making this clear.”

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

“This Council notes that Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council, Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Councils are in negotiations to create a Combined organisation.

That the bid calls for a large number of extra powers to be given to the East Midlands Mayoral Combined Authority from central Government. This Council notes that **some deals include** ~~the bid calls for any new executive mayor or governor to have the power to introduce an extra precept – an additional section on council tax bills.~~

This ~~could~~ **will** see residents across the two counties and two cities paying more in Council Tax every year, **however the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council has made it clear that he does not support any such rises.** ~~This could possibly see Council Tax bills rise by over £100 at a time we are living in a cost-of-living crisis.~~

This Council believes **it would be** ~~this is the wrong time to be raising~~ **local** Council ~~taxes~~ **for this purpose** again and therefore **recommits** to making it clear during negotiations that Nottinghamshire County Council is against any introduction of a mayoral precept and will write to the partner councils and ~~the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities making this clear~~ **stating this position.**”

The Council adjourned from 3.44pm to 3.50pm and from 3.59pm to 4.10pm to allow the amendment to be considered.

The amendment was accepted by the mover of the motion and became the altered (substantive) motion.

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

RESOLVED: 2022/031

This Council notes that Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council, Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council are in negotiations to create a Combined organisation.

That the bid calls for a large number of extra powers to be given to the East Midlands Mayoral Combined Authority from central Government. This Council notes that some deals include the power to introduce an extra precept – an additional section on council tax bills.

This could see residents across the two counties and two cities paying more in Council Tax every year, however the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council has made it clear that he does not support any such rises.

This Council believes it would be wrong to raise local taxes for this purpose and therefore recommits to making it clear during negotiations that Nottinghamshire County Council is against any introduction of a mayoral precept and will write to the partner councils stating this position.

Councillor Keith Girling left the Chamber at 3.27pm and did not return to the meeting.

Councillor Errol Henry JP left the Chamber 3.27pm and returned at 3.41pm

Motion Two

A motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Penny Gowland and seconded by Councillor Paul Henshaw:-

“We know that the climate and ecology crisis is changing our world. It is affecting some people’s lives now but affects will worsen in the lifetime of younger people living in Nottinghamshire.

COVID has shown that we can rapidly respond to crises that affect our health now, but we find it much harder to deal with future risks, e.g. climate and ecology issues, pandemic planning, and energy policy.

It is easier to focus on these future risks if we link them to the lives of our young people, by adopting the Future Generations Principle, which seeks to ensure that in meeting our own needs we do not stop future generations meeting their needs.

In the last session of Parliament, Lord Bird introduced a UK-wide Wellbeing of Future Generations Bill based on this principle, which ran out of time, but had cross-party support, including from Nottinghamshire MPs Ruth Edwards, Darren Henry, Nadia Whittome, Brendan Clarke-Smith and Lilian Greenwood.

This Council will:

1. Act in accordance with the Future Generations Principle, ensuring that we meet the needs of current residents without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
2. Require all council reports to explicitly consider impact on future generations.
3. Provide the Nottinghamshire Young People's Board with formal opportunities to scrutinise Council's policies and decisions, in terms of the Future Generations Principle."

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

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 21 members voted '**For**' the altered motion:-

Pauline Allan	John 'Maggie' McGrath
Anne Callaghan	Andy Meakin
John Clarke MBE	Mike Pringle
Jim Creamer	Francis Purdue-Horan
Kate Foale	Helen-Ann Smith
Glynn Gilfoyle	Lee Waters
Penny Gowland	Michelle Welsh
Errol Henry JP	Elizabeth Williamson
Paul Henshaw	John Wilmott
Tom Hollis	Jason Zadrozny
David Martin	

The following 34 members voted '**Against**' the altered motion:

Reg Adair	Dr John Doddy
Mike Adams	Bethan Eddy
Sinead Anderson	Boyd Elliott
Callum Bailey	Stephen Garner
Matt Barney	Mike Introna
Chris Barnfather	Richard Jackson
Richard Butler	Roger Jackson
Scott Carlton	Eric Kerry
Neil Clarke MBE	Bruce Laughton
Robert Corden	Johno Lee
John Cottee	Nigel Moxon
Eddie Cubley	John Ogle

Philip Owen
Mike Quigley MBE
Mrs Sue Saddington
Sam Smith
Tom Smith

Tracey Taylor
Nigel Turner
Roger Upton
Gordon Wheeler
Jonathan Wheeler

No members '**Abstained**' from the vote.

The Chairman declared the motion was lost.

The following Members left the Chamber for more than 10 minutes during consideration of this item:-

Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber 4.49pm and returned at 5.18pm
Councillor Helen-Ann Smith left the Chamber at 4.54pm and returned at 5.18pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.27 pm.

CHAIRMAN

