



Meeting POLICY COMMITTEE

Date Wednesday 11 November 2020 (commencing at 11.20 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

**SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

None

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Anthony May                      Chief Executive's Department  
Nigel Stevenson  
Marjorie Toward  
Angie Dilley  
Rob Disney  
Keith Ford  
David Hennigan  
Anna O-Daly-Kardasinska  
James Silverward

Colin Pettigrew                  Children & Families Department

Adrian Smith                      Place Department  
Neil Gamble  
Derek Higton  
Matthew Neal

## **OTHER ATTENDEES**

Daniel Maher                      Arc Partnership  
Natalie Baker-Swift              Violence Reduction Unit

The start time of the meeting was put back to enable the Leader of the Council to lay a wreath of Remembrance, on behalf of all County Councillors, at County Hall to commemorate Armistice Day.

### **1        MINUTES**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 30 September 2020, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **2        APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None at this point in the agenda although Councillor Gilfoyle subsequently gave apologies during agenda item 5 – Arc Partnership Half Year Update and left the meeting at that point.

### **3        DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS.**

Councillor Reg Adair declared a private interest in agenda item 6 – Arc Partnership Half Year Update, as a County Council appointed Director of that company, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on that item.

Councillor Stephen Garner declared a private interest in agenda items 8 and 11 – Disposal of the Former Abbey School Site, Mansfield and the Exempt Appendix to that report, as a County Council appointed Director of the proposed purchaser, the Brunts Charity, and chose to take no part in those agenda items.

## **AGENDA ORDER**

In order to enable Natalie Baker-Swift to attend the meeting to introduce the Violence Reduction Unit Update item, the Chairman agreed that the agenda order be reordered accordingly.

### **4        THE D2N2 LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP, THE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMITTEE AND THE MIDLANDS ENGINE PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

In response to a query from Members, officers agreed to produce a report on the Council's support to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) for submission to a future meeting of Policy Committee or Communities and Place Committee as appropriate.

**RESOLVED: 2020/098**

- 1) That a revenue contribution of up to £1750 be made to support the secretariat costs associated with the administration of the City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee for the financial year 2020-21.
- 2) That a report on the Council's support to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) be produced and submitted to a future meeting of Policy Committee or Communities and Place Committee as appropriate.

## **5 ARC PARTNERSHIP HALF YEAR UPDATE**

Daniel Maher, Managing Director of Arc Partnership, attended the meeting and gave a presentation highlighting the background and aims of the Partnership and progress and achievements to date, and responded to Members' comments and queries.

During discussions, Members agreed that it would be helpful for a presentation on Arc Partnership to be included within the Members Induction Programme.

### **RESOLVED: 2020/099**

That a briefing on the Arc Partnership be included in the Member Induction Programme in 2021.

## **6 UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE VIOLENCE REDUCTION UNIT**

Natalie Baker-Swift, Programme Manager at the Violence Reduction Unit, attended the meeting and gave a presentation highlighting the history and objectives of the Unit and progress and achievements to date, and responded to Members' comments and queries.

During discussions, Members requested a breakdown of the Ending Youth Violence funding across the County and data about 'cuckooing' offences against vulnerable adults.

### **RESOLVED: 2020/0100**

- 1) That a breakdown of Ending Youth Violence funding across the County and data about 'cuckooing' offences against vulnerable adults be provided by the Violence Reduction Unit.
- 2) That a further update on the work of the Unit be provided to a future meeting.

## **7 CENSUS 2021**

In response to a question from Members, officers agreed to clarify whether answers to questions about sexual orientation contained within the census would be compulsory or optional.

### **RESOLVED: 2020/101**

- 1) That the Committee receives a further update report on the Council's input to Census 2021 in the new year and the question about the status of sexual orientation questions be clarified.
- 2) That Members agree to review the Councillor Handbook and consider how best to promote engagement with Census 2021 in their wards.

## **8 DISPOSAL OF THE FORMER ABBEY SCHOOL SITE, MANSFIELD**

### **RESOLVED: 2020/102**

That approval be given to pursue this partnership opportunity for the Council to use its land to enable the provision of more accommodation and facilities for elderly residents by disposing of the site at Abbey Road, Mansfield, to the proposed purchaser on the basis of the terms detailed in the exempt appendix to the committee report.

## **9 WORK PROGRAMME**

During discussions, Members requested that an update on the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions on the Council's estate be included in the work programme.

### **RESOLVED: 2020/103**

That an update on the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions on the Council's estate be added to the Work Programme.

## **10 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

### **RESOLVED: 2020/104**

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.

## **18 DISPOSAL OF THE FORMER ABBEY SCHOOL SITE, MANSFIELD**

### **RESOLVED: 2020/105**

That the information contained in the exempt appendix be noted.

The meeting closed at 1.32 pm.

CHAIRMAN