

## **COUNCILLORS**

Boyd Elliott (Chairman)  
Glynn Gilfoyle (Vice-Chairman)

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| Steve Carr – <b>apologies</b>    | John Ogle                    |
| Jim Creamer                      | Philip Owen                  |
| Kate Foale                       | Francis Purdue-Horan         |
| Roger Jackson - <b>apologies</b> | Dave Shaw - <b>apologies</b> |
| Eric Kerry                       | Sam Smith                    |
| Nigel Moxon                      |                              |

## **SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

Councillor John Cottee (substitute for Councillor Roger Jackson)

## **OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT**

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| Councillor Richard Jackson | Cabinet Member, Finance and Resources   |
| Councillor Bruce Laughton  | Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member, Transformation  |
| Councillor Roger Jackson   | Chairman of the Healthy Families Scrutiny Review Group – attended for item 6 only to present the report |

## **OFFICERS**

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| Kerrie Adams    | Senior Public Health and Commissioning Manager                                    |
| Sara Allmond    | Advanced Democratic Services Officer  |
| Martin Elliott  | Senior Scrutiny Officer   |
| Nigel Stevenson | Service Director, Finance, Infrastructure and Improvement and Section 151 Officer |

### **1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2023, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chair.

### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- Councillor Steve Carr (other reasons)
- Councillor Dave Shaw (other reasons)
- Councillor Roger Jackson (other County Council business) was substituted by Councillor John Cottee

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

### **AGENDA ORDER**

The Chairman agreed to move item 6 – Outcome of the Joint Scrutiny Review of the Recommissioned Healthy Families Programme to be the next item, to enable Councillor Roger Jackson who chaired the scrutiny review to leave the meeting to attend other County Council business as soon as item 6 had concluded.

### **6. OUTCOME OF THE JOINT SCRUTINY REVIEW OF THE RECOMMISSIONED HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAMME**

The Chairman of the review group, Councillor Roger Jackson, introduced the report which set out the findings of the task and finish review in to the recommissioning of the Nottinghamshire Healthy Families Programme and asked for approval to submit the findings to Cabinet for consideration.

The following information was provided in response to comments and questions asked by Members of the Committee:

- The Council could not make it compulsory for new parents to have an in-person health visitor attend their home, but it was mandatory to offer them. There would be a key performance indicator (KPI) on the quarterly performance report to the Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee to enable take up of the in-person visits to be monitored.
- The visit carried out when a child was two years old was usually held at a children's centre or other similar setting to enable the health visitor to observe how the child interacted during play.
- If there were any concerns identified at any point, there was a robust process in place to refer matters on for additional support.
- Members had carefully considered the issue of in-person health visits as part of the review as they understood the importance of the face-to-face visits and concerns members had.
- The good work of the review group was welcomed by the Committee.

### **RESOLVED 2024/001**

That the recommendations from the joint scrutiny review of the recommissioned Healthy Families Programme, as detailed in the report, be endorsed, and referred to Cabinet for consideration.

#### **4. BUDGET UPDATE REPORT 2024/25**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, Councillor Richard Jackson, presented the report which provided Members with an update on the budget development process for 2024/25 and set out the assumptions that underpinned the development of the 2024/25 Annual Budget Report and the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

The Section 151 Officer, Nigel Stevenson, advised Members that there had been an announcement by Government, the day before, of £500 million additional funding across all Councils for social care. Whilst the specific details of the allocations were not yet known, it had been reported that the funding would be allocated using the adult social care funding formula and therefore it was anticipated that the Council could receive an additional £7 million. Members were advised that this was a one-off single year payment which would close the funding gap for 2024/25 but would therefore widen the gap for the following year and would not change the overall gap in the MTFS.

The following information was provided in response to comments and questions asked by Members of the Committee:

- In response to questions regarding why the Committee was not receiving the full budget report, Members were advised that the timetable had been changed to allow more time between the meetings so that the comments from Overview Committee could be properly considered in advance of the report to Cabinet. This meant that some information was not yet available, however the assumptions used to create the budget could be tested by the Committee. Members were advised that the Budget 2024/25 report to Cabinet would set out any savings proposals, if there were any.
- In response to a question regarding the current figure for capital receipts, Members were advised that any revisions to the capital programme were fed into the monthly finance update reports so Members could track any changes through those reports. Members asked for further information on the factors that had been considered to inform the review of the capital programme and whether other factors in addition to inflation had impacted on the revised cost of delivering the capital programme.
- There was a better response to the consultation than last year and there was a majority view from respondents that residents would rather pay a little more than lose services. Members asked that the findings of the consultation be fully considered in formulating proposals on Council Tax and in developing the 2024/25 budget. It was requested that a report be brought back to the Committee on the consultation responses to enable an assessment of its success and how it could be built on.
- In response to a question regarding funding for flooding response, Members were advised that the figure was determined by a risk-based approach to the general fund balances. Members asked that the funding allocated to the flooding response be considered in light of the impacts of climate change on the number and severity of flooding incidents.

- There had been a significant increase in the number of Education and Health Care Plans being issued, which was trend being seen across the country. Of these, only a proportion required SEND transport, however there was a sudden jump in the number of children requiring transport, as well as fuel, which was being managed in-year. Work was being undertaken to model how transport was provided for SEND children, and it was most important to ensure the right outcome for the child, which could mean higher costs.
- The savings generated by the new offices near Hucknall would begin to appear in the Medium-Term Financial Plan in two to three years' time.
- Members asked to receive further information on how much additional funding the Council would receive following the announcement made by Government the previous day, once it was known.
- Members asked to receive further information regarding the delivery and monitoring of the Council's transformation programme.

#### **RESOLVED 2024/002**

That the comments made by Members during consideration of the development of the 2024/25 Annual Budget Report and the Medium Term Financial Strategy be submitted to Cabinet for their consideration.

#### **5. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE PLAN – ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2024/25**

The Cabinet Member for Transformation, Councillor Bruce Laughton, introduced the report which provided an update on development of the Annual Delivery Plan for 2024/25.

The following information was provided in response to comments and questions asked by Members of the Committee:

- The assignment of actions to teams would continue, but this information would be removed from the document following feedback on the 2023/24 plan.
- The Annual Plan 2023/24 would come to Committee in May so Members could scrutinise a full year's performance.

#### **RESOLVED 2024/003**

That the progress to date with regards to the development of the Annual Delivery Plan 2024/25 be noted.

## **7. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMMES**

The Senior Scrutiny Officer, Martin Elliott, introduced the Committee's current work programme. The work programmes for each of the select committees were also appended to the report.

Members asked that the following items be added to the Overview Committee work programme:-

- Progress report on transformation activity
- Blue badge applications/processing

### **RESOLVED 2024/004**

- 1) That the Overview Committee work programme be noted.
- 2) That the work programmes of the three select committees be noted.
- 3) That Committee Members make any further suggestions for consideration by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for inclusion on the Overview Work Programme, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member(s) and senior officers, subject to the required approval by the Chairman of Overview Committee.

The meeting closed at 11.40am

**CHAIRMAN**