



Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 25 November 2021 (10.30 am – 5.31 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Mike Quigley MBE (Chairman)

A Roger Jackson (Vice-Chairman)

	Reg Adair	Tom Hollis
	Mike Adams	Mike Introna
	Pauline Allan	Richard Jackson
A	Sinead Anderson	Eric Kerry
	Callum Bailey	Bruce Laughton
	Matt Barney	Johno Lee
	Chris Barnfather	David Martin
	Ben Bradley MP	John 'Maggie' McGrath
	Richard Butler	Andy Meakin
	Anne Callaghan BEM	Nigel Moxon
	André Camilleri	John Ogle
	Scott Carlton	Philip Owen
	Steve Carr	Michael Payne
	John Clarke	Sheila Place
A	Neil Clarke MBE	Mike Pringle
	Robert Corden	Francis Purdue-Horan
	John Cottee	Mrs Sue Saddington
	Jim Creamer	Dave Shaw
A	Eddie Cubley	Helen-Ann Smith
	Sam Deakin	Sam Smith
A	Maureen Dobson	Tom Smith
	Dr John Doddy	Tracey Taylor
	Bethan Eddy	Nigel Turner
	Boyd Elliott	Roger Upton
	Sybil Fielding	Lee Waters
	Kate Foale	Michelle Welsh
	Stephen Garner	Gordon Wheeler
	Glynn Gilfoyle	Jonathan Wheeler
	Keith Girling	Daniel Williamson
	Penny Gowland	Elizabeth Williamson
	Errol Henry JP	John Wilmott
A	Paul Henshaw	Jason Zadrozny

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May (Chief Executive)
Marjorie Toward (Chief Executives)
Sara Allmond (Chief Executives)

Chief Officers and Group staff observed the meeting from the viewing gallery

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2021/039

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the County Council held on 23 September 2021 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

- Councillor Sinead Anderson (medical/illness)
- Councillor Neil Clarke MBE (medical/illness)
- Councillor Eddie Cubley (other)
- Councillor Maureen Dobson (other)
- Councillor Paul Henshaw (medical/illness)
- Councillor Roger Jackson (other)

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

In the absence of the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Chris Barnfather proposed that Councillor Sue Saddington be appointed as Vice-Chairman for the meeting. Councillor Bruce Laughton seconded the motion.

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

RESOLVED: 2021/040

That Councillor Sue Saddington be appointed as Vice-Chairman for this meeting only.

3. RECOGNITION OF GROUP AND MEMBERS OF GROUPS

Councillor Chris Barnfather introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2021/041 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: 2021/041

That the membership of the political Groups be recognised.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

5. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS

Disability Confident Leader Accreditation

Councillor Gordon Wheeler introduced the item which awarded the Council the Disability Confident Leader Accreditation, which was achieved by the Council demonstrating that it is an inclusive employer offering fully accessible job opportunities wherever possible. The Chairman received the certificate from Councillor Wheeler and presented it to Martyn Harris, Co-Chair of the Disabled Employees Support Network and Gill Elder, Head of Human Resources.

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 a number of visits in the Bassetlaw area and the opening of the new Rosecliffe Spencer Academy, Edwalton.

AGENDA ORDER

The Chairman advised members that items 13 and 14 would be moved up the agenda to directly after item 10, to ensure that these items were dealt with at the meeting today.

6. 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 Jason Zadrozny – regarding public transport in the Ashfields Division

Councillor Helen-Ann Smith – regarding road safety on the Healdswood Estate, Skegby

Councillor John Wilmott – regarding road safety in Hucknall

Councillor Tom Hollis – regarding recycling issues in Carsic, Huthwaite and Sutton

Councillor David Martin – regarding the potential impact of the Maid Marion Line for Selston residents

7a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

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

- (1) Councillor Pauline Allan, request to create and maintain a short section of footpath along side Mapperley Plains
- (2) Councillor Gordon Wheeler, request for a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the Dorset Restaurant, Compton Acres
- (3) Councillor Gordon Wheeler, request for environmental improvements to the land adjacent to Wilford Field in his division
- (4) Councillor Daniel Williamson, request to make Reform Street and Cutts Row, Kirkby into one way streets
- (5) Councillor John Clarke, request to install a raised zebra crossing on Digby Avenue, Mapperley

RESOLVED: 2021/042

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.

7b. RESPONSE TO PETITION PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLVED: 2021/043

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

8. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Councillor Chris Barnfather introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2021/044 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: 2021/044

That the Council confirmed the revised allocation of committee seats as set out in Appendix A of the report.

9. DECISION TO OPT INTO THE NATIONAL SCHEME FOR AUDITOR APPOINTMENT MANAGED BY PUBLIC SECTOR AUDIT APPOINTMENTS (PSAA) THE 'APPOINTING PERSON'

Councillor Philip Owen introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2021/045 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Nigel Moxon.

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

RESOLVED: 2021/045

That Council accepts Public Sector Audit Appointments' invitation to opt into the sector-led option for the appointment of external auditors to principal government and police bodies for five financial years from 1 April 2023.

10. THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE PLAN 2021-31: HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS, GREEN

Councillor Ben Bradley MP introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2021/046 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: 2021/046

- 1) That The Nottinghamshire Plan 2021-31 – the Council's strategic plan for the next 10 years be approved.
- 2) That progress against the aims and ambitions set out in the plan, be monitored via the Council's annual planning and reporting cycle.

The Council adjourned from 12.35pm to 1.35pm for lunch, after consideration of this item.

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Chairman moved a motion in terms of resolution 2021/047 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Bruce Laughton.

The item was introduced by the Monitoring Officer.

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

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 33 Members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Reg Adair	Richard Jackson
Mike Adams	Eric Kerry
Callum Bailey	Bruce Laughton
Matt Barney	Johno Lee
Chris Barnfather	Nigel Moxon
Ben Bradley MP	John Ogle
Richard Butler	Philip Owen
André Camilleri	Mike Quigley MBE
Scott Carlton	Mrs Sue Saddington
Robert Corden	Sam Smith
John Cottee	Tom Smith
Dr John Doddy	Tracey Taylor
Bethan Eddy	Nigel Turner
Boyd Elliott	Roger Upton
Stephen Garner	Gordon Wheeler
Keith Girling	Jonathan Wheeler
Mike Introna	

The following 27 members voted "**Against**" the motion:-

Pauline Allan	Andy Meakin
Anne Callaghan	Michael Payne
Steve Carr	Sheila Place
John Clarke	Mike Pringle
Jim Creamer	Francis Purdue-Horan
Samantha Deakin	Dave Shaw
Sybil Fielding	Helen-Ann Smith
Kate Foale	Lee Waters
Glynn Gilfoyle	Michelle Welsh
Penny Gowland	Daniel Williamson
Errol Henry	Elizabeth Williamson
Tom Hollis	John Wilmott
David Martin	Jason Zadrozny
John 'Maggie' McGrath	

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

RESOLVED: 2021/047

That the public be excluded for the following item on the grounds that the discussions are likely to involve disclosure of exempt information described in Paragraphs 1, 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

The meeting was closed to the public for the following item.

14. SECTION 5 REPORT

Councillor Gordon Wheeler introduced the report which set out a breach of Section 116 of the Local Government Act 1972 and moved a motion as per the recommendations in the exempt report.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Jonathan Wheeler.

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

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 33 Members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Reg Adair	Richard Jackson
Mike Adams	Eric Kerry
Callum Bailey	Bruce Laughton
Matt Barney	Johnno Lee
Chris Barnfather	Nigel Moxon
Ben Bradley MP	John Ogle
Richard Butler	Philip Owen
André Camilleri	Mike Quigley MBE
Scott Carlton	Mrs Sue Saddington
Robert Corden	Sam Smith
John Cottee	Tom Smith
Dr John Doddy	Tracey Taylor
Bethan Eddy	Nigel Turner
Boyd Elliott	Roger Upton
Stephen Garner	Gordon Wheeler
Keith Girling	Jonathan Wheeler
Mike Introna	

The following 25 members voted "**Against**" the motion:-

Pauline Allan	Steve Carr
Anne Callaghan	John Clarke

Jim Creamer
Samantha Deakin
Sybil Fielding
Kate Foale
Glynn Gilfoyle
Penny Gowland
Errol Henry
Tom Hollis
David Martin
John 'Maggie' McGrath
Andy Meakin

Michael Payne
Sheila Place
Mike Pringle
Helen-Ann Smith
Lee Waters
Michelle Welsh
Daniel Williamson
Elizabeth Williamson
John Wilmott
Jason Zadrozny

The following 2 members '**Abstained**' from the vote:-

Francis Purdue-Horan

Dave Shaw

RESOLVED: 2021/048

That the recommendations as set out in the exempt report were agreed which can be summarised without disclosing exempt information as follows:

That the breach of S116 of the Local Government Act 1972, in appointing a former member to be an employee of the Council within a year of the end of their ceasing to be a member was noted; and that the action proposed in the report be agreed; including that a review of the Council's recruitment practice and procedures has been commissioned.

The meeting was reopened to the public following the conclusion of this item.

Councillor Jason Zadrozny and Councillor Tom Hollis submitted their apologies and left the meeting at this point.

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

None

11b. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Twelve questions had been received as follows: -

- 1) from Councillor Bethan Eddy concerning progress with talks on a Devolution Deal (Councillor Ben Bradley MP replied)
- 2) from Councillor Helen-Ann Smith regarding speeding traffic on Healdswood Estate, Skegby (Councillor John Ogle replied on behalf of Councillor Neil Clarke MBE)

- 3) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny about the Integrated Rail Plan – Councillor Zadrozny was not in the Chamber to ask his question.
- 4) from Councillor Kate Foale concerning about HS2 and Toton (Councillor Ben Bradley MP replied)
- 5) from Councillor Mike Adams regarding vacant buildings (Councillor Keith Girling replied)
- 6) from Councillor Kate Foale about Freeport job creation (Councillor Ben Bradley MP replied)
- 7) from Councillor Tom Hollis concerning care home staff recruitment and retention – Councillor Hollis was not in the Chamber to ask his question.
- 8) from Councillor Paul Henshaw regarding dual roles – Councillor Henshaw was not in the Chamber to ask his question
- 9) from Councillor Steve Carr about children’s centres (Councillor Tracey Taylor replied)
- 10) from Councillor Anne Callaghan BEM concerning Small Steps Service (Councillor Boyd Elliott replied on behalf of Councillor Tracey Taylor)
- 11) from Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan regarding a new Household Recycling Centre in Rushcliffe (Councillor Mike Adams replied on behalf of Councillor Neil Clarke MBE)
- 12) from Councillor Lee Waters about transparency of the Council (Councillor Philip Owen replied)

The questions which were not asked as the member was not in the Chamber would receive a written response as set out in the Constitution.

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

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Motion One – from 23rd September 2021 meeting

The motion was withdrawn by the mover of the motion.

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO AMEND THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was moved by Councillor Kate Foale and seconded by Councillor Michael Payne and

RESOLVED: 2021/049

That motion might be moved forward on the agenda to be considered as the next item.

Motion Eight

A Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Michelle Welsh and seconded by Councillor Penny Gowland:

“Nottinghamshire County Council is extremely disturbed that the Maternity Services at Nottingham University Hospital (NUH) have been deemed inadequate.

The good health of mothers and babies in Nottinghamshire is of paramount importance to this Council. The Council recognises that NUH has tried for several years to improve the Service, but it has failed. It has now become apparent that this problem is far larger than first thought.

Serious incidents within the maternity departments at NUH were downgraded by the hospital to avoid scrutiny and mistakes were kept hidden from regulators and senior health bosses which meant the Trust avoided proper scrutiny.

Therefore, Nottinghamshire County Council will call upon the Government to conduct a full public enquiry into Maternity Services at NUH and resolves to:

- Write to the Secretary of State for Health to express serious concerns and to present the case for a full public enquiry into the Maternity Services at NUH;
- Ask the Secretary of State to meet with the Health Scrutiny Committee and families affected regarding Maternity Services at NUH.”

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Sue Saddington and seconded by Councillor Matt Barney:-

“Nottinghamshire County Council is extremely disturbed that the Maternity Services at Nottingham University Hospital (NUH) have been deemed inadequate.

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Serious incidents within the maternity departments at NUH ~~were~~ **appear to have been** downgraded by the hospital to avoid scrutiny and mistakes ~~were~~ kept hidden from regulators and senior health bosses which meant the Trust avoided proper scrutiny.

Therefore, Nottinghamshire County Council ~~has already~~ **will** called upon the Government to conduct a full public enquiry into Maternity Services at NUH ~~by~~ **and** resolves to:

- **Writing to and meeting with** the Secretary of State for Health to express serious concerns and to present the case for a full public enquiry into the Maternity Services at NUH;

and will

- Ask the Secretary of State **or their nominee** to meet with the **Chairman or Vice Chairman of the** Health Scrutiny Committee **and to discuss concerns raised by** families affected regarding Maternity Services at NUH.”

The Council adjourned from 5.20pm to 5.28pm to allow the amendment to be considered. The amendment was accepted by the mover of the motion with a small change to the final bullet point to read:

- Ask the Secretary of State **or their nominee** to meet with the **Chairman and representatives of the** Health Scrutiny Committee **and to discuss concerns raised by** families affected regarding Maternity Services at NUH.

Therefore, the motion was altered.

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: 2021/050

Nottinghamshire County Council is extremely disturbed that the Maternity Services at Nottingham University Hospital (NUH) have been deemed inadequate.

The good health of mothers and babies in Nottinghamshire is of paramount importance to this Council. The Council recognises that NUH has tried for several years to improve the Service, but it has failed. It has now become apparent that this problem is far larger than first thought.

Serious incidents within the maternity departments at NUH appear to have been downgraded by the hospital to avoid scrutiny and mistakes kept hidden from regulators and senior health bosses which meant the Trust avoided proper scrutiny.

Therefore, Nottinghamshire County Council has already called upon the Government to conduct a full public enquiry into Maternity Services at NUH by:

- Writing to and meeting with the Secretary of State for Health to express serious concerns and to present the case for a full public enquiry into the Maternity Services at NUH;

and will

- Ask the Secretary of State or their nominee to meet with the Chairman and representatives of the Health Scrutiny Committee to discuss concerns raised by families affected regarding Maternity Services at NUH.

As the time limit of 5.30pm was reached all remaining business would be carried over to the next meeting.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.31 pm.

CHAIRMAN