



Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 13 July 2023 (10.30 am – 5.24 pm)

Membership

COUNCILLORS

John Ogle (Chairman)
Richard Butler (Vice-Chairman)

Reg Adair
Mike Adams
Pauline Allan
Sinead Anderson
Callum Bailey
Matt Barney
Chris Barnfather
Ben Bradley MP
Anne Callaghan BEM
André Camilleri - apologies
Scott Carlton
Steve Carr
John Clarke MBE
Neil Clarke MBE
Robert Corden
John Cottee
Jim Creamer
Debbie Darby - apologies
Sam Deakin
Dr John Doddy
Bethan Eddy
Boyd Elliott - apologies
Sybil Fielding
Kate Foale
Stephen Garner - apologies
Glynn Gilfoyle - apologies
Keith Girling
Penny Gowland
Errol Henry JP
Paul Henshaw
Tom Hollis
Mike Introna

Richard Jackson
Roger Jackson
Eric Kerry
Bruce Laughton
Johnno Lee
Rachel Madden
David Martin
John 'Maggie' McGrath
Andy Meakin
Nigel Moxon
Kane Oliver
Philip Owen
Michael Payne
Sheila Place
Mike Pringle
Francis Purdue-Horan
Mike Quigley MBE
Mrs Sue Saddington
Dave Shaw
Helen-Ann Smith - apologies
Sam Smith
Tom Smith
Tracey Taylor
Nigel Turner
Roger Upton
Lee Waters
Michelle Welsh
Gordon Wheeler
Jonathan Wheeler
Elizabeth Williamson
John Wilmott
Jason Zadrozny

HONORARY ALDERMEN

Terence Butler
John Carter

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Adrian Smith	(Chief Executive)
Marjorie Toward	(Chief Executives)
Sara Allmond	(Chief Executives)
Sarah Ashton	(Chief Executives)
Carl Bilbey	(Chief Executives)
Isobel Fleming	(Chief Executives)
David Hennigan	(Chief Executives)
James McDonnell	(Chief Executives)
Phil Rostance	(Chief Executives)
Nigel Stevenson	(Chief Executives)
Phil Smith	(Chief Executives)
Vivienne Robbins	(Adult Social Care and Health)
Melanie Williams	(Adult Social Care and Health)
Colin Pettigrew	(Children and Families)
Derek Higon	(Place)

OPENING PRAYER

Upon the Council convening, prayers were led by the Chairman.

MINUTE SILENCE

A minute silence was held in memory of those killed in the attacks in Nottingham and in memory of former County Councillor David Jeffreys.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2023/023

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 May 2023 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 reasons)
- Councillor Debbie Darby (medical/illness)
- Councillor Boyd Elliott (other reasons)
- Councillor Stephen Garner (other reasons)

- Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle (other reasons)
- Councillor Helen-Ann Smith (other reasons)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following members declared an interest in Item 7 – Building and Office Rationalisation Programme – Update, Future Arrangements for County Hall, and Proposals for New Offices Near Hucknall:

- Councillor Michael Payne – a member of Gedling Borough Council
- Councillor Jim Creamer – a member of Gedling Borough Council
- Councillor Michelle Welsh – a member of Gedling Borough Council, and brother owns a large scale groundworks company
- Councillor John Clarke MBE – a member of Gedling Borough Council
- Councillor Sam Smith – a member of the Planning Committee on Gedling Borough Council
- Councillor Penny Gowland – a member of Rushcliffe Borough Council

During item 8 – Constitution Review – Update to Council Procedure Rules Councillor Michael Payne declared an interest as the current Chairman of the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority.

4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Institute of Civil Engineers East Midlands Merit Awards (EMMAs)

Councillor Neil Clarke MBE introduced the awards. Sophie Lane won the EMMAs Civic Engineering Achiever of the Year award. The Active Travel Fund Cycling Scheme on Regatta Way, West Bridgford was highly commended in the EMMAs Small Project category. Two awards were won in relation to the delivery and completion of the Colliery Way road in Gedling. The Council, together with colleagues at Via and Balfour Beatty, the Council were awarded a merit award in the EMMAs Large Project Category and separately, the project also won the Constructing Excellent East Midlands Civils Project of the Year award.

The Chairman received the awards from Councillor Clarke MBE and presented them to Sophie Lane, Contract Agent at Via, and Toni Pickering and Lewis Donaldson, both Project Managers in Via's Major Projects and Improvements Team.

FORMER COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVID JEFFREYS

The Chairman spoke in memory of former County Councillor David Jeffreys.

Councillors Richard Butler and Kate Foale also spoke in memory of former County Councillor David Jeffreys.

Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 10.44am and returned at 10.56am during consideration of this item.

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.

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 Lee Waters regarding road safety concerns on Wood Lane at its junction with St Patricks Road, Hucknall South

Councillor Tom Hollis regarding the quality of road repairs in Sutton West

Councillor Paul Henshaw regarding open and green spaces in Mansfield West

Councillor Mike Pringle regarding planned improvements to A614/A6097

Councillor Sam Smith regarding on-street parking and residential parking permits in his division

The time limit of 15 minutes for speeches was reached and the remaining speeches fell.

6a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

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

- (1) Councillor Dr John Doddy requesting a pedestrian crossing on Pasture Road, Stapleford
- (2) Councillor Eric Kerry regarding parking and road safety issues in the vicinity of Chetwynd Road Primary School
- (3) Councillor Mike Adams requesting the removal of the 'bus plug' on Burton Road between Gedling and Burton Joyce
- (4) Councillor Kate Foale regarding parking and road safety issues on Coventry Road, Beeston
- (5) Councillor Reg Adair regarding school places in Ruddington

- (6) Councillor Mike Pringle regarding upgraded drop kerbs for wheelchair bound residents at Broadleaves care facility
- (7) Councillor John 'Maggie' McGrath regarding residential parking on Albert Avenue
- (8) Councillor John 'Maggie' McGrath regarding accidents on Moorbridge Lane
- (9) Councillor Jim Creamer regarding road safety improvements to street crossings in Netherfield and a new zebra crossing on Burton Road
- (10) Councillor Sybil Fielding regarding speeding traffic in Shireoaks

RESOLVED: 2023/024

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.

Councillor Tom Smith left the Chamber at 11.20am during consideration of this item.

6b. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLVED: 2023/025

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

7. BUILDING AND OFFICE RATIONALISATION PROGRAMME – UPDATE, FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY HALL, AND PROPOSALS FOR NEW OFFICES NEAR HUCKNALL

Councillor Ben Bradley MP introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2023/026 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Keith Girling.

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 32 members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Reg Adair
Mike Adams
Sinead Anderson
Callum Bailey
Matt Barney

Chris Barnfather
Ben Bradley MP
Richard Butler
Scott Carlton
Neil Clarke MBE

Robert Cordon
John Cottee
Dr John Doddy
Bethan Eddy
Keith Girling
Mike Introna
Richard Jackson
Roger Jackson
Eric Kerry
Bruce Laughton
Johno Lee

Nigel Moxon
John Ogle
Philip Owen
Mike Quigley MBE
Sue Saddington
Sam Smith
Tracey Taylor
Nigel Turner
Roger Upton
Gordon Wheeler
Jonathan Wheeler

The following 26 members vote '**Against**' the motion:-

Pauline Allan
Anne Callaghan BEM
Steve Carr
John Clarke MBE
Jim Creamer
Samantha Deakin
Sybil Fielding
Kate Foale
Penny Gowland
Errol Henry JP
Paul Henshaw
Tom Hollis
Rachel Madden

David Martin
Andy Meakin
Kane Oliver
Michael Payne
Sheila Place
Mike Pringle
Francis Purdue-Horan
Dave Shaw
Lee Waters
Michelle Welsh
Elizabeth Williamson
John Wilmott
Jason Zadrozny

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

The Chairman declared the motion was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2023/0026

- 1) That following the acceptance of Overview Committee's recommendations and subsequent more detailed work, it be agreed that County Hall is unsuitable as a future core office base for the Council, due to the cost, occupancy levels and environmental impact factors set out in the report.
- 2) In light of recommendation 1, the relocation of the Council's civic, democratic and leadership functions to the new office site near Hucknall be approved, on the basis that the new office can accommodate them when it is completed in the winter of 2024/25, with further engagement and briefing activity for all members to take place during the period of construction.
- 3) That the Latest Estimated Costs for the new office building be approved and, subject to a capital bid to the Corporate Asset Management Group, the associated variation to the capital programme be approved.

- 4) That the development of a formal options analysis and more detailed business case for the future use of the County Hall site for consideration by Members be approved. This work is to include engagement with key stakeholders and residents and incorporate consideration of the heritage factors associated with the County Hall site, along with the general principles set out in this report.
- 5) That further engagement with employees regarding their future working arrangements in the context of the further development of the Council's hybrid working and office rationalisation approach be approved. This will include particular engagement with employees based at the West Bridgford campus in the light of recommendation 1.

The Council adjourned from 12.34pm to 1.37pm for lunch, during consideration of this item.

Councillor Tom Smith did not return to the Chamber after lunch until later in the meeting.

Having not returned to the Chamber after the adjournment for lunch, Councillor Tom Hollis returned to the Chamber at 1.50pm during consideration of this item.

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

Councillor Michelle Welsh left the Chamber at 11.40am and returned at 11.59am
Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 1.56pm and returned at 2.24pm
Councillor Kane Oliver left the Chamber at 2.04pm and returned at 2.17pm

8. CONSTITUTION REVIEW – UPDATE TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

Councillor Philip Owen introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2023/027 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor John Lee.

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
Mike Adams
Sinead Anderson
Callum Bailey
Matt Barney
Chris Barnfather
Ben Bradley MP
Richard Butler

Scott Carlton
Neil Clarke MBE
Robert Cordon
John Cottee
Dr John Doddy
Bethan Eddy
Keith Girling
Mike Introna

Richard Jackson
Roger Jackson
Eric Kerry
Bruce Loughton
Johnno Lee
Nigel Moxon
John Ogle
Philip Owen
Mike Quigley MBE

Sue Saddington
Sam Smith
Tom Smith
Tracey Taylor
Nigel Turner
Roger Upton
Gordon Wheeler
Jonathan Wheeler

The following 26 members vote '**Against**' the motion:-

Anne Callaghan BEM
Steve Carr
John Clarke MBE
Jim Creamer
Samantha Deakin
Sybil Fielding
Kate Foale
Penny Gowland
Errol Henry JP
Paul Henshaw
Tom Hollis
Rachel Madden
David Martin

Andy Meakin
Kane Oliver
Michael Payne
Sheila Place
Mike Pringle
Francis Purdue-Horan
Dave Shaw
Lee Waters
Michelle Welsh
Elizabeth Williamson
John Wilmott
Jason Zadrozny

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

The Chairman declared the motion was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2023/027

- 1) That the revised Procedure Rules for Meetings of the Full Council as set out in appendix A of the report be approved for implementation from 14 July 2023.

Having not returned to the Chamber after the adjournment for lunch, Councillor Tom Smith returned to the Chamber at 2.33pm during consideration of this item.

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

Councillor Pauline Allan left the Chamber at 2.30pm and did not return to the meeting
Councillor Samantha Deakin left the Chamber at 3.04pm and returned at 3.18pm
Councillor Elizabeth Williamson left the Chamber at 3.05pm and returned at 3.20pm

9. EXECUTIVE REPORT – KEY ISSUES AND ACTIVITIES

RESOLVED: 2023/028

That the contents of the report be noted.

Councillor Dave Shaw left the Chamber at 3.24pm and returned at 3.37pm during consideration of this item.

Councillor Andy Meakin left the Chamber at 3.27pm and did not return to the meeting. Councillor Samantha Deakin left the Chamber at 3.28pm and did not return to the meeting.

10a. QUESTIONS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY

1 question had been received as follows: -

- 1) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding Ashfield Fire Station (Councillor Michael Payne replied)

The full response to the question above is set out in set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

Councillor John Lee left the Chamber at 3.31pm and returned to the Chamber at 3.43pm during consideration of this item.

11b. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

13 questions had been received as follows: -

- 1) from Councillor Kate Foale concerning voter ID (Councillor Ben Bradley MP replied)
- 2) from Councillor Mike Quigley MBE about parental engagement in SEND assessments (Councillor Tracey Taylor replied)
- 3) from Councillor Steve Carr about bus services to Beeston (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 4) from Councillor Paul Henshaw regarding open water swimming at Mill Leisure Centre (Councillor John Cottee replied)
- 5) from Councillor Nigel Turner concerning additional school places in Worksop (Councillor Tracey Taylor replied)
- 6) from Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan about recycling facilities (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 7) from Councillor Kate Foale regarding in-person Health Visits (Councillor Matt Barney replied)

- 8) from Councillor Kane Oliver concerning bus service review (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 9) from Councillor Anne Callaghan BEM concerning Holidays Activities and Food programme uptake (Councillor Tracey Taylor replied)

The full responses to the questions above are set out in set out in Appendix B 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 available Full Council meeting after the deadline.

- 10) from Councillor Helen-Ann Smith concerning bus service tender (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE to reply)
- 11) from Councillor Michelle Welsh about SEND funding (Councillor Tracey Taylor to reply)
- 12) from Councillor Tom Hollis regarding East Midlands Combined Authority (Councillor Ben Bradley MP to reply)
- 13) from Councillor Lee Waters regarding 'Cavell Centre' health projects (Councillor Sue Saddington to reply)

Councillor Rachel Madden and Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 3.37pm and did not return to the meeting.

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

Councillor Mike Adams left the Chamber at 3.38pm and returned at 3.57pm
Councillor Errol Henry left the Chamber at 3.39pm and returned at 4.05pm
Councillor Tom Hollis left the Chamber at 3.39pm and returned at 4.11pm
Councillor Tom Smith left the Chamber at 3.40pm and returned at 3.57pm
Councillor Elizabeth Williamson left the Chamber at 3.41pm and returned at 4.05pm
Councillor Steve Carr left the Chamber at 4pm and did not return to the meeting
Councillor Dave Shaw left the Chamber at 4.03pm and did not return to the meeting
Councillor Sybil Fielding left the Chamber at 4.04pm and did not return to the meeting
Councillor Sinead Anderson left the Chamber at 4.04pm and returned at 4.16pm
Councillor John Cottee left the Chamber at 4.13pm and returned at 4.23pm

15. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

MOTION ONE

Councillor Dr John Doddy introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2023/029 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Sue Saddington.

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Kate Foale and seconded by Councillor Mike Pringle:

“In his foreword to the Nottinghamshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-26, the Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council’s Health & Wellbeing Board states that addressing health inequalities across our communities is ‘*more important than ever*’ and requires ‘*joint working to enable everyone to prosper*’. This view is supported by the Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Strategy which lists ‘*Tackling Inequalities*’ as one of its four key aims and principles for 2023-28.

This Council is concerned that there is evidence of inequality in oral health when comparing some areas of Nottinghamshire with others and believes that **access to a dentist and** expanding water fluoridation to all parts of Nottinghamshire would generate oral health benefits for residents of every age, but especially children and young people, to whom we are committed to giving the best start in life as a key ambition of our Nottinghamshire Plan through our Best Start Strategy 2021-25.

This Council therefore supports the Chairman of the Health & Wellbeing Board working with other **government,** local councils, Integrated Care Partnerships, and the water companies serving this county, to champion the oral health agenda, including **increased NHS Dentistry provision to address unmet need and** water fluoridation, because we certainly believe “prevention is better than cure”.

This Council agrees that the Chairman of the Health & Wellbeing Board should deliver updates to all members on the progress of this advocacy and monitoring work, through whatever channels are most appropriate, given the importance of oral health to our residents’ overall health and wellbeing.”

The amendment was not accepted by the mover of the Motion.

Following a debate, the amendment 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 15 members voted ‘**For**’ the altered motion:-

Anne Callaghan BEM
John Clarke MBE
Jim Creamer
Kate Foale
Penny Gowland
Errol Henry JP
Paul Henshaw
David Martin

Michael Payne
Sheila Place
Mike Pringle
Francis Purdue-Horan
Lee Waters
Michelle Welsh
John Wilmott

The following 33 members voted ‘**Against**’ the altered motion:

Reg Adair
Mike Adams
Sinead Anderson
Callum Bailey
Matt Barney
Chris Barnfather
Ben Bradley MP
Richard Butler
Scott Carlton
Neil Clarke MBE
Robert Corden
John Cottee
Dr John Doddy
Bethan Eddy
Keith Girling
Mike Introna
Richard Jackson

Roger Jackson
Eric Kerry
Bruce Laughton
Johnno Lee
Nigel Moxon
John Ogle
Philip Owen
Mike Quigley MBE
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 amendment was lost and reopened the debate on the original (substantive) motion.

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 36 members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Reg Adair
Mike Adams
Sinead Anderson
Callum Bailey
Matt Barney
Chris Barnfather
Ben Bradley MP
Richard Butler
Scott Carlton
Neil Clarke MBE
Robert Cordon
John Cottee
Dr John Doddy
Bethan Eddy
Keith Girling
Mike Introna
Richard Jackson
Roger Jackson

Eric Kerry
Bruce Laughton
Johnno Lee
David Martin
Nigel Moxon
John Ogle
Philip Owen
Francis Purdue-Horan
Sue Saddington
Sam Smith
Tom Smith
Tracey Taylor
Nigel Turner
Roger Upton
Lee Waters
Gordon Wheeler
Jonathan Wheeler
John Wilmott

No members voted '**Against**' the motion.

The following 10 members '**Abstained**' from the vote:-

Anne Callaghan BEM
John Clarke MBE
Jim Creamer
Kate Foale
Penny Gowland

Errol Henry JP
Paul Henshaw
Michael Payne
Mike Pringle
Michelle Welsh

The Chairman declared the motion was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2023/029

In his foreword to the Nottinghamshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-26, the Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council's Health & Wellbeing Board states that addressing health inequalities across our communities is '*more important than ever*' and requires '*joint working to enable everyone to prosper*'. This view is supported by the Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Strategy which lists '*Tackling Inequalities*' as one of its four key aims and principles for 2023-28.

This Council is concerned that there is evidence of inequality in oral health when comparing some areas of Nottinghamshire with others and believes that expanding water fluoridation to all parts of Nottinghamshire would generate oral health benefits for residents of every age, but especially children and young people, to whom we are committed to giving the best start in life as a key ambition of our Nottinghamshire Plan through our Best Start Strategy 2021-25.

This Council therefore supports the Chairman of the Health & Wellbeing Board working with other local councils, Integrated Care Partnerships, and the water companies serving this county, to champion the oral health agenda, including water fluoridation, because we certainly believe "prevention is better than cure".

This Council agrees that the Chairman of the Health & Wellbeing Board should deliver updates to all members on the progress of this advocacy and monitoring work, through whatever channels are most appropriate, given the importance of oral health to our residents' overall health and wellbeing.

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

Councillor Elizabeth Williamson left the Chamber at 4.30pm and did not return to the meeting

Councillor Tom Hollis left the Chamber at 4.39pm and did not return to the meeting

Councillor Sam Smith left the Chamber at 4.51pm and returned at 5.05pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.24 pm.

CHAIRMAN