



Meeting CABINET

Date Thursday 9 November 2023 (commencing at 10.30 am)

membership

COUNCILLORS

Ben Bradley MP (Chairman)
Bruce Laughton (Vice-Chairman)

Chris Barnfather
Matt Barney
Neil Clarke MBE
John Cottee
Keith Girling
Richard Jackson
Tracey Taylor
Gordon Wheeler

OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Deputy Cabinet Members

Reg Adair
Scott Carlton
Tom Smith
Jonathan Wheeler

Other Councillors

Boyd Elliott
Kate Foale
Michelle Welsh
John Wilmott

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Adrian Smith Chief Executive

Marjorie Toward Chief Executive's Department
Nigel Stevenson
Isobel Fleming
Keith Ford
Phil Rostance

Melanie Williams Adult Social Care and Public Health Department

Colin Pettigrew
Irene Kakoullis

Children and Families Department

Derek Higton

Place Department

Peter Ware

External Legal Advisor

1. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting of Cabinet held on 21 September 2023, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

Councillor Neil Clarke MBE declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda Items 9 and 11 – East Midlands Freeport Governance and the Exempt Appendix, as Rushcliffe Borough Council’s representative on the East Midlands Freeport Board, and left the meeting prior to those items being considered.

Councillor Keith Girling subsequently highlighted that he was the County Council’s representative on the East Midlands Freeport Board but that this did not constitute a conflict of interest.

4. **KEY DECISION – MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRANSPARENCY STATEMENT UPDATE**

During discussions, Members commended the previous Members’ training session arranged on this topic and requested that a similar, shorter session (two hours in length) be arranged and offered to all Members.

RESOLVED 2023/033

- 1) That the 2023-24 Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking statement, which demonstrates the Council’s commitment to seek assurance that there are no victims of slavery or human trafficking employed directly by the Council, in its commissioned services or supply chains, be approved.
- 2) That the 2023-24 Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking statement be published on the Council’s intranet and public website.
- 3) That the ongoing partnership work to tackle modern slavery and trafficking across Nottinghamshire be recognised.

- 4) That future annual updates and any proposed changes to the Statement be approved for publication by the Cabinet member – Communities, with Cabinet approval only required when significant changes are proposed.

5. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ADULT SOCIAL CARE LOCAL ACCOUNT 2024-25

The Leader thanked Dean Thomas and Marion Wardill, Members of Our Voice and Co-Chairs of the Making It Real Forum, for their video message which was relayed to the meeting and for their contributions to the work of the Council through those groups.

RESOLVED 2023/034

That the proposed contents of the Adult Social Care Local Account 2024-25 be approved.

6. IMPLEMENTING THE ROLL OUT OF FAMILY HUB NETWORKS IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

RESOLVED 2023/035

1. That the work progressed and ongoing activity to establish Family Hub design sites in Nottinghamshire, as detailed in the report, be supported.
2. That a further report, following the conclusion of the ongoing consultation, be submitted to a future meeting for approval.

7. FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT – PERIOD 5 2023-24

The Leader invited members of Cabinet to debate agenda items 7 and 8 together as they were interrelated (separate votes were taken on each item).

RESOLVED 2023/036

1. That:
 - a. the individual portfolio revenue budgets for 2023-4 be noted;
 - b. the summary of capital expenditure to date, year-end forecasts and variations to the capital programme be noted;
 - c. that the variation to the capital programme be approved;
 - d. that the Council's Balance Sheet transactions be noted.

8. BUDGET UPDATE REPORT

RESOLVED 2023/037

That the significant challenges presented by the current financial landscape and the measures being developed to address these challenges as part of the preparatory work for the 2024-25 budget proposals be noted.

9. EAST MIDLANDS FREEPORT GOVERNANCE

RESOLVED 2023/038

1. That approval be given to the Council becoming a member of the Company on its incorporation and the governance documents as described in the report subject to:
 - a. resolution of any outstanding subsidy control issues through government guidance or by way of acceptable legal advice;
 - b. all other current East Midlands Freeport public sector partners agreeing to incorporate the Company on like terms; and
 - c. the Corporate Director – Place (or his nominee), in consultation with the Cabinet Member – Economic Development and Asset Management, approving and finalising any further minor drafting changes required to the Articles of Association and Members Agreement for the Company and any other documents required to facilitate the Company’s incorporation in light of any other technical, legal or financial advice which may be relevant.
2. That the existing inclusion of the shadow East Midlands Freeport Board within the Council’s Outside Bodies Register be amended to reflect the change to Company status on incorporation and the addition of subgroups and sub-committees, and that the Cabinet Member – Business Management makes the required Member appointments (including the provision for a Member appointment as an alternative Director) and any officer appointments in consultation with the Chief Executive.
3. That the Chief Executive or his nominee be authorised to cast a vote on behalf of the Council, as a member of the Company, in relation to member decisions, or member consent matters whether at a member meeting or otherwise, when necessary, having first taken legal, technical and financial advice as appropriate.
4. That periodic progress reports be brought to Cabinet or the appropriate County Council Cabinet member or committee.

10. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED 2023/039

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.

11. EAST MIDLANDS FREEPORT GOVERNANCE – EXEMPT APPENDIX

RESOLVED 2023/040

That the contents of the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 11.12 am

CHAIRMAN