

Meeting **POLICY COMMITTEE**

Date **Wednesday 18 September 2019 (commencing at 10.30 am)**

membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Mrs Kay Cutts MBE (Chairman)

Reg Adair (Vice-Chairman)

Chris Barnfather

Joyce Bosnjak

Richard Butler

John Cottee

Kate Foale

Stephen Garner

Glynn Gilfoyle

Richard Jackson

Rachel Madden

David Martin

Philip Owen

John Peck JP

Mike Pringle

Francis Purdue-Horan

Alan Rhodes

Andy Sissons

Muriel Weisz

OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Nicki Brooks

Neil Clarke

Bruce Laughton

John Longdon

Diana Meale

Liz Plant

Sue Saddington

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May

Angie Dilley

Keith Ford

Nigel Stevenson

Marjorie Toward

James Ward

Chief Executives Department

Colin Pettigrew

Marion Clay

Ed Goodson

Pam Rosseter

Children, Families and Cultural Services Department

Adrian Smith
Mick Allen
Andy Evans
Rob Fisher
Neil Gamble
Sally Gill
Derek Higton
Nicola McCoy-Brown
Gary Wood

Place Department

1 MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 17 July 2019, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

The following temporary changes of membership for this meeting only were reported:-

- Councillor David Martin had replaced Councillor Jason Zadrozny
- Councillor Rachel Madden had replaced Councillor Samantha Deakin
- Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan had replaced Councillor Tony Harper
- Councillor Andy Sissons had replaced Councillor Bruce Laughton

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS.

Councillor Joyce Bosnjak declared a private, non-pecuniary interest in agenda items 14 and 17 – Lindhurst Development Update – Site Disposals and Exempt Appendix as a _____ **TBC** which did not preclude her from participating or voicing on those items.

Councillor Kate Foale declared a private and non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6 –Secondary School Provision in West Bridgford as a trustee of East Midlands Education Trust which did not preclude her from participating or voting on that item.

Councillor Chris Barnfather declared a private and non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6 –Secondary School Provision in West Bridgford as a trustee of East Midlands Education Trust which did not preclude him from participating or voting on that item.

ORDER OF AGENDA

The Chairman agreed that the agenda order should be changed to enable the item on the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse – Initial Response to be dealt with as the first item of business.

4 INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – INITIAL RESPONSE

RESOLVED: 2019/079

- 1) That the Council develops a comprehensive action plan within three months of this meeting which will be monitored and scrutinised by the Children and Young People's Committee at appropriate intervals.
- 2) That a final report be brought back to Policy Committee on completion of the actions within the comprehensive action plan.

5 DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

RESOLVED: 2019/080

That the proposed scope and approach to developing an all-encompassing environment strategy and associated environmental policy for the Council be approved.

6 WARM HOMES FUND

In moving the recommendations, the Chairman underlined that vulnerable householders to be targeted by any subsequent funding would include the elderly.

RESOLVED: 2019/081

- 1) That the Council applies for the Warm Homes Fund, in partnership with E.ON.
- 2) That if the bid be successful, the Council sign the concession agreement with the Warm Homes Fund and E.ON and this funding be targeted at householders who could otherwise be vulnerable to illnesses caused or exacerbated by inadequately heated homes, including the elderly.

7 SECONDARY SCHOOL PROVISION IN WEST BRIDGFORD

With the agreement of the Chairman, Councillor Liz Plant addressed the Committee as a local elected Member and welcomed the actions proposed by the Council.

RESOLVED: 2019/082

- 1) That the Council continues to work with the Spencer Academies Trust to review their current plan for a 12-form entry at Rushcliffe School by September 2020 and to agree the principle of using Basic Need funding to deliver the additional places.
- 2) That the Council identifies land that could accommodate a new secondary school within the West Bridgford planning area and in principle make appropriate funding commitments for the build costs, to be supported by Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy contributions.

- 3) That the demolition of the former Rushcliffe Leisure Centre be included and costed in the Council's wider demolition programme.

8 NEW PRIMARY SCHOOLS AT BINGHAM AND EAST LEAKE

RESOLVED: 2019/083

- 1) That the transfer to the Council of land which had been reserved for school use in the Romans' Quarter development at Bingham be agreed in principle.
- 2) That the strategy for funding to enable the development of a new primary school at Bingham, subject to any application for forward funding to be met from the School Places Capital Programme in accordance with the Council's financial regulations, be approved.
- 3) That the transfer to the Council of land which had been reserved for primary school development at East Leake be agreed in principle.
- 4) That the strategy for funding to enable the development of a new primary school at East Leake, subject to any application for forward funding to be met from the School Places Capital Programme in accordance with the Council's financial regulations, be approved.

9 OPERATIONAL DECISIONS QUARTERLY UPDATE – APRIL-JUNE 2019

RESOLVED: 2019/084

That the Estate Practice operational decisions taken between April and June 2019 be noted.

10 PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE NO-DEAL EXIT FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION

Following discussions, Councillor Alan Rhodes moved an amendment to the motion, seconded by Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle, that the planning and preparations be noted, rather than endorsed.

Following a vote, the amendment was not supported.

RESOLVED: 2019/085

That the planning and preparations being taken in readiness for a possible no-deal UK exit from the European Union be endorsed.

11 SAFER NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BOARD UPDATE

RESOLVED: 2019/086

That no actions were required in relation to the issues contained within the report.

12 VIA GOVERNANCE REVIEW AND APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

RESOLVED: 2019/087

That the current Council nominated directors of Via East Midlands Limited be replaced with the new nominated directors as detailed in paragraph 7 of the report.

13 ATTENDANCE AT NATIONAL CHILDREN AND ADULT SERVICES CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 2019

RESOLVED: 2019/088

- 1) That approval be given for the Chairman and one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee and one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Children and Young People's Committee to attend the National Children and Adult Services Conference in Bournemouth from 20-22 November 2019, together with any necessary travel and accommodation arrangements.
- 2) That a report on the key outcomes of the conference be brought back to the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee and the Children and Young People's Committee in due course.

14 LINDHURST DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – SITE DISPOSALS

RESOLVED: 2019/089

- 1) That the Council enter into a land sales contract along with the two other collaborating parties.
- 2) That the Corporate Director – Place be authorised, in consultation with the Group Manager - Legal, Democratic and Complaints, the Service Director – Finance, Infrastructure and Improvement and the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Policy Committee, to enter sales contracts as set out in the exempt appendix to the report.

15 WORK PROGRAMME

During discussions, Members requested the inclusion of a further item for October's meeting about the Council's Transformation Programme.

RESOLVED: 2019/090

That the Work Programme, as updated at Committee, be agreed.

16 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: 2019/091

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 paragraph 3 of the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

17 LINDHURST DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – EXEMPT APPENDIX

RESOLVED: 2019/092

That the contents of the exempt appendix be noted.

The meeting closed at 12.22 pm.

CHAIRMAN