

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 23 September 2021 (11.27 am – 5.26 pm)

**Membership**

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

**COUNCILLORS**

Mike Quigley MBE (Chairman)  
Roger Jackson (Vice-Chairman)

|   |                    |   |                       |
|---|--------------------|---|-----------------------|
|   | Reg Adair          |   | Tom Hollis            |
|   | Mike Adams         |   | Mike Introna          |
|   | Pauline Allan      |   | Richard Jackson       |
|   | 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      | A | Philip Owen           |
|   | Steve Carr         |   | Michael Payne         |
|   | John Clarke        | A | Sheila Place          |
|   | Neil Clarke MBE    |   | Mike Pringle          |
|   | Robert Corden      |   | Francis Purdue-Horan  |
|   | John Cottee        |   | Mrs Sue Saddington    |
|   | Jim Creamer        |   | Dave Shaw             |
|   | Eddie Cubley       |   | Helen-Ann Smith       |
| A | Sam Deakin         |   | Sam Smith             |
|   | Maureen Dobson     |   | Tom Smith             |
|   | Dr John Doddy      |   | Tracey Taylor         |
|   | Bethan Eddy        | A | 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          |
|   | 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: 2021/032**

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the County Council held on 22 July 2021 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from:-

- Councillor Sam Deakin (other)
- Councillor Philip Owen (medical/illness)
- Councillor Sheila Place (other)
- Councillor Nigel Turner (medical/illness)

Councillors John Clarke and Penny Gowland submitted their apologies as they would late joining the meeting.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Errol Henry declared a private interest in agenda item 7, as his wife worked for Nottinghamshire County Council.

Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan declared a private interest in agenda item 9 as he was named in the report.

## **4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

### **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, include an afternoon tea event held for his charity.

## **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 Paul Henshaw – regarding the voluntary sector in Mansfield West

Councillor Elizabeth Williamson – regarding cycle path from Watnall to Hucknall

Councillor Tom Hollis – regarding funding in arts impacting poorer people in Sutton West

Councillor David Martin – regarding youth provision in the Selston Parish

## **6. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

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

- (1) Councillor Andy Meakin regarding the state of the highways around The Homesteads, Kirkby
- (2) Councillor Sam Smith, request for a residents parking scheme for Beacon Hill Road, Newark
- (3) Councillor Nigel Moxon, request for a speed limit reduction on Old Mill Lane, Forest Town.

### **RESOLVED: 2021/033**

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.

## **7. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

Councillor Ben Bradley MP introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2021/034 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Gordon Wheeler.

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: 2021/034**

To award one additional day's annual leave, known as "recognition leave", to all of the Council's employees to recognise the outstanding and ongoing contribution made by the Council's workforce since March 2020.

The Council adjourned from 12.00pm to 1.30pm for lunch, during consideration of this item.

Councillor John Clarke and Councillor Penny Gowland arrived after lunch.

#### **8. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE STRATEGY REVIEW 2021-22**

Councillor Tracey Taylor introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2021/035 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Sinead Anderson.

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

#### **RESOLVED: 2021/035**

That the Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Service Strategy Review 2021-22, attached as appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

#### **9. RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS GROUPS**

Councillor Chris Barnfather Owen introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2021/036 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: 2021/036**

That the membership of political Groups be recognised.

#### **10. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**

Councillor Chris Barnfather introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2021/037 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: 2021/037**

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

**11. CHANGES TO COUNCIL GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

Councillor Ben Bradley MP introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2021/038 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: 2021/038**

- 1) That Council approves in principle the proposal to change the Council's governance arrangements from a committee system of governance to the executive system (Leader and Cabinet model) subject to the development of detailed proposals for consideration at a future Council meeting.
- 2) That the Chief Executive be authorised to develop proposals for how a change to an executive system of governance could operate in practice and to allocate appropriate officer resources and budgetary provision to undertake that work as set out in the report.
- 3) That a cross party member Governance Review Group be established to work with officers to develop detailed plans and proposals to place before Council for consideration at a later date with a view to implementation of any approved change at the Council's annual meeting in May 2022.
- 4) To inform the public and partners as appropriate of the Council's intentions by carrying out the public engagement as set out in the report.

**12a. QUESTIONS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY**

None

**12b. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

Fifteen questions had been received as follows: -

- 1) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny about 'levelling up' (Councillor Ben Bradley MP replied)
- 2) from Councillor John Lee concerning support to armed forces families in Nottinghamshire (Councillor Keith Girling replied on behalf of Councillor John Cottee)
- 3) from Councillor Mike Pringle concerning the resettlement of Afghan refugees in Nottinghamshire (Councillor Tracey Taylor replied on behalf of Councillor Ben Bradley MP)

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

As set out in the Constitution, the time limit of 5.30pm was reached before the following questions were asked. A written response to the following 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 Full Council meeting.

- 4) from Councillor Daniel Williamson regarding supporting the arts (Councillor John Cottee to reply)
- 5) from Councillor Penny Gowland regarding electric vehicle charging points (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE to reply)
- 6) from Councillor Reg Adair regarding economic recovery and support to local businesses (Councillor Keith Girling to reply)
- 7) from Councillor David Shaw concerning meeting with government about HS2b (Councillor Ben Bradley MP to reply)

Questions 8 and 9 will be answered together

- 8) from Councillor Lee Waters concerning the adult social care precept (Councillor Richard Jackson to reply)
- 9) from Councillor Jim Creamer about Adult Social Care levy (Councillor Richard Jackson to reply)
- 10) from Councillor John Wilmott about Remembrance Sunday parades (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE to reply)
- 11) from Councillor Paul Henshaw regarding social care reforms (Councillor Boyd Elliott to reply)
- 12) from Councillor Kate Foale concerning adult social care funding (Councillor Ben Bradley MP to reply)
- 13) from Councillor David Martin regarding GP shortages in Nottinghamshire (Councillor Sue Saddington to reply)

14) from Councillor Jim Creamer about the increased cost of energy on the Council's finances (Councillor Richard Jackson to reply)

15) from Councillor Tom Hollis about funding for the Gedling Access Road (Councillor Richard Jackson to reply)

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 5.26 pm.

**CHAIRMAN**

