



Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 11 July 2019 (10.30 am – 5.17 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Mrs Sue Saddington (Chairman)
Kevin Rostance (Vice-Chairman)

	Reg Adair	Eric Kerry
	Pauline Allan	John Knight
	Chris Barnfather	Bruce Laughton
	Joyce Bosnjak	John Longdon
	Ben Bradley	Rachel Madden
	Nicki Brooks	David Martin
	Andrew Brown	Diana Meale
	Richard Butler	John Ogle
	Steve Carr	Philip Owen
	John Clarke	Michael Payne
	Neil Clarke MBE	John Peck JP
	John Cottee	Sheila Place
	Jim Creamer	Liz Plant
	Mrs Kay Cutts MBE	Mike Pringle
A	Samantha Deakin	Francis Purdue-Horan
	Maureen Dobson	Mike Quigley MBE
	Dr John Doddy	Alan Rhodes
	Boyd Elliott	Phil Rostance
	Sybil Fielding	Andy Sissons
	Kate Foale	Helen-Ann Smith
	Stephen Garner	Tracey Taylor
	Glynn Gilfoyle	Parry Tsimbirdis
	Keith Girling	Steve Vickers
	Kevin Greaves	Keith Walker
	John Handley	Stuart Wallace
	Tony Harper	Muriel Weisz
	Errol Henry JP	Andy Wetton
	Paul Henshaw	Gordon Wheeler
	Tom Hollis	Jonathan Wheeler
	Vaughan Hopewell	Yvonne Woodhead
	Richard Jackson	Martin Wright
	Roger Jackson	Jason Zadrozny

HONORARY ALDERMEN

Terence Butler
John Carter

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May	(Chief Executive)
Melanie Brooks	(Adult Social Care and Health)
Jonathan Gribbin	(Adult Social Care and Health)
Mark McCall	(Adult Social Care and Health)
Sara Allmond	(Chief Executives)
Luke Barratt	(Chief Executives)
Carl Bilbey	(Chief Executives)
Angie Dilley	(Chief Executives)
Martin Gately	(Chief Executives)
David Hennigan	(Chief Executives)
Marjorie Toward	(Chief Executives)
Nigel Stevenson	(Chief Executives)
James Ward	(Chief Executives)
Colin Pettigrew	(Children, Families and Cultural Service)
Derek Higton	(Place)

OPENING PRAYER

Upon the Council convening, prayers were led by the Chairman's Chaplain.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2019/020

That the minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on 16 May 2019 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following apology were submitted:-

- Councillor Samantha Deakin – medical/illness

Councillors Maureen Dobson and Parry Tsimbiridis submitted apologies that they would be arriving late to the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS

ICE Large Project Award 2019

Councillor John Cottee introduced the award which was awarded to the Council for the food prevention scheme undertaken in Newark in partnership with Severn Trent Water. The Chairman received the award from Councillor Cottee and presented it to Sue Jaques, Team Manager Risk Management, Peter Goode, Traffic Manager at Via East Midlands and Clive Houldsworth from Highways and Transport.

Disability Confident Employer Award

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE introduced the award which had been accredited with. The Chairman received the award from Councillor Cutts and presented it to Martyn Harris, Chair of the Disabled Employees Support Network.

Awards for the New Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre

Councillor John Cottee introduced the awards which the Council had been awarded in relation to the new Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre. The awards were two honours at the prestigious Royal Institute of Charter Surveyors (RICS) Awards (East Midlands) and a further recognition at the Local Authority Building Control (LABC) East Midlands Awards. The Chairman received the award from Councillor Cottee and presented it to Gemma Howarth, General Manager of the Sherwood Forest (RSPB) and Derek Higton, Director of Place and Communities.

Highest Performing Public Sector Employer East Midlands Award

Councillor Neil Clarke MBE introduced the award which had been presented to the Council in recognition that Nottinghamshire County Council had ranked as the best public sector organisation to work for in the East Midlands. The Chairman received the award from Councillor Clarke and presented it to Karen Moss, Corporate Equality Officer

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

The Chairman updated the Chamber on the business she had carried out on behalf of the Council since the last meeting.

5. CONSTITUENCY ISSUES

The following Member 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 Rachel Madden – regarding poor service by the established bus companies in Kirkby South

Councillor Helen-Ann Smith – regarding highway’s safety in Sutton North

Councillor Philip Owen – regarding the horse fair returning to Nuthall again later this year

6a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

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

- (1) Councillor Gordon Wheeler requesting HGV restrictions on Wilford Lane, West Bridgford
- (2) Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan regarding the condition of Grove Road, Bingham
- (3) Councillor Reg Adair seeking restrictions on high street parking in Ruddington
- (4) Councillor Sue Saddington regarding the burning of materials by a local company causing air quality issues for nearby residents of bungalows for elderly people
- (5) Councillor Kate Foale requesting a residents parking scheme on Waverley Avenue, Beeston

RESOLVED: 2019/021

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.

Councillor Helen-Ann Smith left the meeting during consideration of this item and did not return.

6b. RESPONSE TO PETITION PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLVED: 2019/022

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

7. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS 2018/19

Councillor Richard Jackson introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2019/023 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Roger Jackson

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

Reg Adair	Bruce Laughton
Chris Barnfather	John Longdon
Ben Bradley	John Ogle
Andrew Brown	Philip Owen
Richard Butler	Francis Purdue-Horan
Neil Clarke MBE	Mike Quigley MBE
John Cottee	Kevin Rostance
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE	Phil Rostance
Dr John Doddy	Mrs Sue Saddington
Boyd Elliott	Andy Sissons
Stephen Garner	Tracey Taylor
Keith Girling	Steve Vickers
John Handley	Keith Walker
Tony Harper	Stuart Wallace
Vaughan Hopewell	Gordon Wheeler
Richard Jackson	Jonathan Wheeler
Roger Jackson	Martin Wright
Eric Kerry	

The following 27 Members voted '**Against**' the motion:-

Pauline Allan	Rachel Madden
Joyce Bosnjak	David Martin
Nicki Brooks	Diana Meale
Steve Carr	Michael Payne
John Clarke	John Peck JP
Jim Creamer	Sheila Place
Sybil Fielding	Liz Plant
Kate Foale	Mike Pringle
Glynn Gilfoyle	Alan Rhodes
Kevin Greaves	Muriel Weisz
Errol Henry JP	Andy Wetton
Paul Henshaw	Yvonne Woodhead
Tom Hollis	Jason Zadrozny
John Knight	

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

RESOLVED: 2019/023

To approve the level of County Fund Balances as set out in section 6.2 and Appendix A of the report.

Council adjourned from 12.30pm to 1.33pm for lunch.

Councillors Maureen Dobson and Parry Tsimbiridis joined the meeting after lunch.

8. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN – PUBLICATION VERSION

Councillor John Cottee introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2019/024 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Phil Rostance

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	Eric Kerry
Chris Barnfather	Bruce Laughton
Ben Bradley	John Longdon
Andrew Brown	John Ogle
Richard Butler	Philip Owen
Neil Clarke MBE	Francis Purdue-Horan
John Cottee	Mike Quigley MBE
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE	Kevin Rostance
Maureen Dobson	Phil Rostance
Dr John Doddy	Mrs Sue Saddington
Boyd Elliott	Andy Sissons
Stephen Garner	Tracey Taylor
Keith Girling	Steve Vickers
John Handley	Keith Walker
Tony Harper	Stuart Wallace
Vaughan Hopewell	Gordon Wheeler
Richard Jackson	Jonathan Wheeler
Roger Jackson	Martin Wright

The following 5 Members voted '**Against**' the motion:-

Steve Carr	David Martin
Tom Hollis	Jason Zadrozny
Rachel Madden	

The following 23 Members '**Abstained**' from the vote:-

Pauline Allan	Sybil Fielding
Joyce Bosnjak	Kate Foale
Nicki Brooks	Glynn Gilfoyle
John Clarke	Kevin Greaves
Jim Creamer	Errol Henry JP

Paul Henshaw
John Knight
Diana Meale
Michael Payne
John Peck JP
Sheila Place
Liz Plant

Mike Pringle
Alan Rhodes
Parry Tsimbiridis
Muriel Weisz
Andy Wetton
Yvonne Woodhead

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

RESOLVED: 2019/024

- 1) That the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan – Publication Version as set out in Appendix A of the report be agreed and published for a period of six weeks from 30 August 2019 to 13 October 2019 in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended);
- 2) That, following the conclusion of the publication period, the Nottinghamshire Minerals Plan be submitted to the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government for Independent Examination together with the submission documents prescribed by Regulation 22 of the 2012 Regulations;
- 3) That the Corporate Director, Place, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Communities and Place Committee be authorised to make any further typographical, formatting, mapping and other minor changes considered necessary prior to publication and submission of the Local Plan to the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government and in preparation for adoption;
- 4) That the Corporate Director, Place, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Communities and Place Committee be authorised to produce and submit any supplementary information and documentation to the Local Plan Inspector as may be required to complete the examination;
- 5) That the Corporate Director, Place, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Communities and Place Committee be authorised to write to the Local Plan Inspector appointed to carry out the Examination of the submitted Nottinghamshire Minerals Plan asking him/her to recommend such modifications to the submitted Local Plan as may be necessary to make the Plan sound and legally compliant, in accordance with section 20(7C) of the 2004 Act;
- 6) That the Corporate Director, Place, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Communities and Place Committee be authorised to submit a schedule of proposed main modifications to the submitted Nottinghamshire Minerals Plan to address any issues relating to soundness and legal compliance which are identified;
- 7) That the Nottinghamshire Minerals Plan be endorsed as a material consideration to be used in the determination of planning applications, with appropriate weight given in accordance with paragraph 48 of the National Planning Policy Framework;

9a. QUESTIONS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY

None

9b. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Nine questions had been received as follows:-

- 1) from Councillor Philip Owen regarding Care Quality Commission report on Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Councillor Keith Girling replied)
- 2) from Councillor Alan Rhodes about the cost of the unitary authority proposal (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE replied)
- 3) from Councillor Tom Hollis concerning the cost of school bus season passes (Councillor John Cottee replied)
- 4) from Councillor Tony Harper about the running of the Nottingham Treatment Centre at the QMC (Councillor Keith Girling replied)
- 5) from Councillor Mike Pringle about the authority's financial position (Councillor Richard Jackson replied on behalf of Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE)
- 6) from Councillor Liz Plant concerning funding for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) (Councillor Philip Owen replied)

The full responses to the questions above are set out in set out in Appendix A 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 Full Council meeting.

- 7) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding the review of the Local Improvement Scheme (Councillors John Cottee to reply)
- 8) from Councillor Kate Foale regarding social mobility in Newark and Sherwood, Ashfield and Mansfield (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts to reply)
- 9) from Councillor Muriel Weisz concerning unaccompanied children seeking asylum (Councillor Philip Owen to reply)

Councillor Jason Zadrozny did not return to the Chamber after lunch and returned to the meeting at 2.43pm during the debate on Motion One.

10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Motion One

A Motion was moved by Councillor Richard Jackson and seconded by Councillor Reg Adair in terms of resolution 2019/025 below.

Following a debate, the motion was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2019/025

In 2018, the County Councils Network (CCN) commissioned PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) to conduct an *Independent Review of Local Government Spending Need and Funding*, to which Nottinghamshire County Council contributed a significant amount of data and information. The report was published in May 2019 and a copy is available on the County Councils Network website at: <https://www.countycouncilsnetwork.org.uk>

This Council, as a CCN member, agrees with the key conclusions from the PwC report, that:-

- the current local government funding model does not reflect underlying spending need, which is driven by huge increases in demand for services and the increased cost of delivering those services;
- the scale of these funding pressures varies across different tiers of local government, with CCN authorities being the most exposed and having the fewest options available to resolve the problem;
- all future Government decisions in relation to local government funding need to take account of the relative spending need of councils, recognising variations in demand for services, the cost of their delivery and the ability of councils to provide a consistent level and quality of service.

This Council, through the Council Leader, will write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government, in support of the CCN's "Key Asks", which are that:-

- Government must provide substantial extra funding for local councils to preserve and enhance local services, with this funding being prioritised on the areas that face the biggest cost pressures;
- the Fair Funding Review should proceed to implementation and must address the underfunding of county areas in comparison with other parts of the country;
- the Spending Review should consider wider reforms to the local government system, including New Homes Bonus and a higher share of locally retained business rates.

Motion Two

A Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor John Cottee and seconded by Councillor Sue Saddington:-

“This Council instructs the Communities & Place Review & Development Committee to investigate the feasibility of a number of measures that could minimise our negative impact on the natural environment and protect and enhance wildlife throughout Nottinghamshire, including:-

- a revised trial of grass cutting on rural roadsides, so that only a small strip of vegetation along road verges would be cut back annually to maintain safe sight lines for traffic;
- a review of our weed spraying policy, analysing the extent to which chemical treatments may be contaminating soil and leaching into water courses, and how to prevent any such occurrence;
- a review of our tree and hedgerow maintenance policy, to determine whether a less aggressive pruning and pollarding regime would be practical and beneficial; and
- an examination of our capacity to plant more trees on Nottinghamshire County Council land, increasing greenery and improving air quality for the benefit of current and future generations.

This Council instructs the Communities and Place Review and Development Committee to report its findings and recommendations to Policy Committee for consideration and decision.”

An amendment to the Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor John Peck and seconded by Councillor Alan Rhodes:-

“This Council instructs the Communities & Place Review & Development Committee to investigate the feasibility of a number of measures that could minimise our negative impact on the natural environment and protect and enhance wildlife throughout Nottinghamshire, including:-

- a revised trial of grass cutting on rural roadsides, so that only a small strip of vegetation along road verges would be cut back annually to maintain safe sight lines for traffic, **in addition to the planting of wildflowers in these locations to encourage biodiversity, as demonstrated in areas such as Lowdham Bypass and Blyth Road, Worksop;**
- a review of our weed spraying policy, analysing the extent to which chemical treatments may be contaminating soil and leaching into water courses, and how to prevent any such occurrence;
- a review of our tree and hedgerow maintenance policy, ~~to determine whether a less aggressive pruning and pollarding regime would be practical and beneficial;~~ **and ensuring appropriate management of trees which Nottinghamshire County Council are responsible for continues;**
- an examination of our capacity to plant more **native trees and explore the potential for the promotion of wildlife and pollinator corridors** on

Nottinghamshire County Council land, increasing greenery and improving air quality for the benefit of current and future generations;

- **A commitment to any changes of practice or procedure outlined above being subject to full consultation with the town/parish councils in the affected areas.**

This Council instructs the Communities and Place Review and Development Committee to report its findings and recommendations to Policy Committee for consideration and decision.”

The amendment was accepted by the mover of the motion.

Following a debate, the motion as amended was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2019/026

This Council instructs the Communities & Place Review & Development Committee to investigate the feasibility of a number of measures that could minimise our negative impact on the natural environment and protect and enhance wildlife throughout Nottinghamshire, including:-

- a revised trial of grass cutting on rural roadsides, so that only a small strip of vegetation along road verges would be cut back annually to maintain safe sight lines for traffic, in addition to the planting of wildflowers in these locations to encourage biodiversity, as demonstrated in areas such as Lowdham Bypass and Blyth Road, Worksop;
- a review of our weed spraying policy, analysing the extent to which chemical treatments may be contaminating soil and leaching into water courses, and how to prevent any such occurrence;
- a review of our tree and hedgerow maintenance policy, ensuring appropriate management of trees which Nottinghamshire County Council are responsible for continues;
- an examination of our capacity to plant more native trees and explore the potential for the promotion of wildlife and pollinator corridors on Nottinghamshire County Council land, increasing greenery and improving air quality for the benefit of current and future generations; and
- A commitment to any changes of practice or procedure outlined above being subject to full consultation with the town/parish councils in the affected areas.

This Council instructs the Communities and Place Review and Development Committee to report its findings and recommendations to Policy Committee for consideration and decision.

Councillor Michael Payne left the Chamber at 3.49pm and returned to the meeting at 4.36pm during the debate on Motion Two.

Councillor Tom Hollis left the Chamber at 3.51pm and returned to the meeting at 4.44pm during the debate on Motion Two.

A Motion to suspend the Standing Order set out in Paragraph 7 of the Council's Procedure Rules to remove the time limit for the meeting of 5.30pm was moved by Councillor Zadrozny and seconded by Councillor Tom Hollis.

The motion was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was lost.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.17 pm. All remaining business would be carried over to the next meeting.

CHAIRMAN