



Meeting POLICY COMMITTEE

Date Wednesday 16 September 2020 (commencing at 10.30 am)

**membership**

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

**COUNCILLORS**

Mrs Kay Cutts MBE (Chairman)

Reg Adair (Vice-Chairman)

Chris Barnfather  
Richard Butler  
John Cottee  
Kate Foale  
Stephen Garner  
Glynn Gilfoyle  
Tony Harper  
Richard Jackson  
John Knight

Bruce Laughton  
Rachel Madden **A**  
David Martin **A**  
Philip Owen  
John Peck JP  
Mike Pringle  
Alan Rhodes  
Muriel Weisz

**SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

Tom Hollis for Rachel Madden  
Jason Zadrozny for David Martin

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Anthony May  
Nigel Stevenson  
Marjorie Toward  
Angie Dilley  
Keith Ford  
David Hennigan  
James Silverward  
Chief Executive's Department

Melanie Brooks  
Adult Social Care and Health Department

Colin Pettigrew  
Children & Families Department

Adrian Smith  
James Delaney  
Sally Gill  
Derek Higton  
Matthew Neal  
Place Department

## **1 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 15 July 2020, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Rachel Madden – Other Reasons

Councillor Davis Martin – Other Reasons

## **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS.**

The Chief Executive advised that as agenda item 4 – Devolution and Local Government in Nottinghamshire affected all Members in the same way, he had granted a dispensation so that all Members were able to remain in the meeting, contribute to the debate and vote on that item.

No Declarations of Interests were made on that or the other agenda items.

## **4 DEVOLUTION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

### **RESOLVED: 2020/071**

- 1) That approval be given for the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (as per the draft letter at Appendix A to the report), requesting an invitation for the County Council to come forward with proposals for unitary local government for the County Council's administrative area.
- 2) That the Chief Executive be instructed to develop draft proposals for unitary local government for the County Council's administrative area (in anticipation of the invitation from the Secretary of State) to be considered at a future meeting of County Council.
- 3) That funding of £100,000 be approved for the Chief Executive to commission an independent accountancy firm to validate financial information in the proposals for unitary local government and an independent research company to conduct appropriate public and stakeholder engagement.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 11 Members voted '**For**' the motion:

Reg Adair  
Richard Butler  
John Cottee  
Tony Harper  
John Knight  
Philip Owen

Chris Barnfather  
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE  
Stephen Garner  
Richard Jackson  
Bruce Laughton

The following 8 Members voted '**against**' the motion:

Kate Foale	Glynn Gilfoyle
Tom Hollis	John Peck
Mike Pringle	Alan Rhodes
Muriel Weisz	Jason Zadrozny

The Chairman confirmed that the motion had been carried.

**5 DELIVERY OF TREES FOR CLIMATE PROGRAMME IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

**RESOLVED: 2020/072**

- 1) That Greenwood Community Forest be approved to lead on the delivery of, and for the County Council to act as the accountable body for, the Trees for Climate Programme in Nottinghamshire.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Service Director Growth and Investment to agree the terms of the Grant Funding Agreements with Cheshire West and Chester Council, after taking relevant legal and financial advice.
- 3) That Greenwood Community Forest be authorised to work across the whole of Nottinghamshire, as set out in paragraph 12 of the Committee report.
- 4) That 2.7 Full Time Equivalent fixed term posts be established and recruited to within the Conservation Team and approval be given to the recruitment of any consultants required for the delivery of the Trees for Climate Programme in Nottinghamshire, as set out in paragraphs 13,14 and 19 of the report.
- 5) That support be given in principle to the purchase of land for tree planting schemes and for the Capital Programme to be amended accordingly with any expenditure funded by external grant.

**6 STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COVID-19 ADDENDUM**

**RESOLVED: 2020/073**

- 1) That the Addendum to the Statement of Community Involvement 2018 be ratified as Council policy until 7 May 2021 or such longer period as may be prescribed by relevant Government guidance or legislation imposing restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2) That once COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, the Addendum to the SCI would cease to have effect and publicity and consultation on planning matters would be thereafter carried out in accordance with the original Statement of Community Involvement adopted in 2018.
- 3) That the Corporate Director, Place be authorised to approve additions to, or amendment of any part of, the Addendum to the SCI as may be necessary to give

effect to any changed legislation, regulation or guidance relating to the COVID-19 emergency.

**7 ENFORCEMENT POLICY FOR THE TRADING STANDARDS REGIONAL INVESTIGATION TEAM**

**RESOLVED: 2020/074**

That approval be given to the Enforcement Policy as set out in Appendix A to the Committee report.

**8 LEARNING DISABILITY AND AUTISM COMMUNITY DISCHARGE GRANT**

**RESOLVED: 2020/075**

That the County Council agree to receiving and administering the Learning Disability and Autism Community Discharge Grant allocation for financial years 2020-21 to 2022-23 on behalf of the Transforming Care Partnership.

**9 PROPOSED EXPANSION OF TOOT HILL SCHOOL**

**RESOLVED: 2020/076**

- 1) That the principle of an increase in capacity at Toot Hill School by one form of entry / 150 places be approved.
- 2) That funding of £92,840 be approved to enable master planning, feasibility and design to planning application stage that would assess deliverability and estimated construction costs.
- 3) That Arc be appointed to monitor the works at a cost of £10,000.

**10 PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE AND EXPANSION LAND – NORTH OF GATEFORD PARK, WORKSOP**

**RESOLVED: 2020/077**

- 1) That the purchase of approximately 1.1 hectares of land at Gateford Park in the sum of £1 for school construction to meet pupil place need in the planning area; the purchase of 0.4 hectares of adjacent expansion land in the sum of £40,000; and the £150,000 costs associated with the security fence be approved.
- 2) That the purchases be forward-funded from the Council's Basic Need education budget.

## **11 LINDHURST DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: SITE DISPOSALS**

### **RESOLVED: 2020/078**

- 1) That approval be given for the Council to 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 and Democratic Services, the Service Director Finance, Infrastructure & Improvement and the Chairman (or Vice Chairman) of Policy Committee, to approve terms of the sale contracts as set out in the Exempt Appendix to the Committee report.

## **12 WORK PROGRAMME**

During discussions, the following issues were raised by Members:-

- With regard to this meeting's agenda item 4 – Devolution and Local Government in Nottinghamshire, the Chief Executive clarified that any response back from the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government would be circulated to all Members of the Committee. Advice would subsequently be sought as to whether further consideration by Policy Committee of the issue was required.
- Disposal of Abbey School site, Mansfield – officers agreed to update the local Divisional Member on progress with this issue (which had previously been removed from the work programme).

### **RESOLVED: 2020/079**

That no amendments were required to the Work Programme.

## **13 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

### **RESOLVED: 2020/080**

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.

**14     LINDHURST DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – EXEMPT APPENDIX**

**RESOLVED: 2020/081**

That the information contained in the exempt appendix be noted.

The meeting closed at 1.40 pm.

CHAIRMAN