



## **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Chris Barnfather gave apologies (other reasons) – Councillor Mike Adams attended as his substitute.

## **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS.**

No interests were declared.

## **3 CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED: 2021/037**

That the appointment by Full Council on 27 May 2021 of Councillor Ben Bradley MP and Councillor Bruce Laughton as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of Policy Committee be noted.

## **4 TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP**

**RESOLVED: 2021/038**

That the Committee's membership and terms of reference be noted.

## **5 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the last meeting of Policy Committee held on 21 April 2021, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## **6 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the final meeting of Improvement and Change Sub-Committee held on 22 March 2021, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## **7 THE COUNCIL PLAN AND RESIDENT AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

**RESOLVED: 2021/039**

That an engagement exercise be undertaken with residents and stakeholders on the long-term vision and immediate recovery priorities for Nottinghamshire to inform the development of the Council Plan, with the costs of up to £50,000 to be met from the General Contingency budget subject to approval from the Finance Committee.

## **8 LOCAL AUTHORITY REMOTE MEETINGS: CALL FOR EVIDENCE**

During discussions, Members requested that the following changes be made to the draft consultation response:-

- Question 5 – that the following options be selected as further applicable disadvantages of remote meeting arrangements:
  - ‘It is more difficult to provide effective opposition or scrutiny in a remote format’;
  - ‘Some find it more difficult to read documents online than in a physical format’;
  - ‘It might enable democratically elected members to live and perform their duties outside their local area on a permanent basis, therefore detaching them from the communities they serve’.
  
- Question 5 – Other - that the response in this category should specify
  - informal discussions with the public, Council officers and other Councillors are less enabled through remote working;
  - the need for attendees to be sat in appropriate private areas in order to maintain confidentiality during exempt agenda items;
  - the potential for lobbyists and protestors to gather outside of Councillors’ homes if it is known that they are attending live broadcast meetings from their own address.

**RESOLVED: 2021/040**

That the Council’s response to the Government’s call for evidence on remote meetings, as detailed in appendix A to the committee report, be agreed subject to the changes requested by Members at the meeting.

**9 LEVELLING UP FUND PROPOSALS**

In response to a request from Members that a list of the various funding posts currently available and the bids made by the County Council and District and Borough Councils, officers agreed to share relevant information currently known. It was underlined that this list may not be definitive, in terms of partners’ bids, but that the Economic Prosperity Committee, which would be Chaired by the County Council from September 2021 onwards, would be an appropriate vehicle for co-ordinating such bids.

**RESOLVED: 2021/041**

- 1) That the £27,000 bid development contribution be approved.
  
- 2) That the County Council, as the relevant Highway Authority, confirms its formal support for the Newark and Sherwood District Council Southern Link Road LUF Bid.

**10 THE UK COMMUNITY RENEWAL FUND (UKCRF)**

**RESOLVED: 2021/042**

- 1) That a bid be submitted to Central Government for UKCRF support for Nottinghamshire, comprising the nine projects as referenced in the exempt appendix to the committee report.

- 2) That the Council agrees to 'overbid' to the UKCRF against the notional £9m that had been made available for the three Priority Places within Nottinghamshire.
- 3) That a funding requirement of up to £30,000 be set aside from the Major Programmes delivery work budget to enable the submission of the bid.
- 4) That the additional expenditure referenced in paragraph 16 of the committee report be approved and authority be delegated to the Corporate Director, Place, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and the Chairman of Finance Committee, to approve the process and terms, including consideration of any wider financial implications of managing a successful bid.

## **11 WORK PROGRAMME**

In response to a query from Members, officers gave assurance that previous items that had been scheduled for Policy Committee had been redirected to the most appropriate committee following the recent changes to the Council's committee system and subsequent changes to Policy Committee's Terms of Reference (whereby not all policies would need final approval by Policy Committee).

**RESOLVED: 2021/043**

That no amendments were required to the work programme.

## **12 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED: 2021/044**

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.

## **13 THE UK COMMUNITY RENEWAL FUND (UKCRF) – EXEMPT APPENDIX**

**RESOLVED: 2021/045**

That the information contained in the exempt appendix be noted.

The meeting closed at 12.20 pm.

CHAIRMAN