

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 17th May 2012 (10.00 am – 4.30 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

Keith Walker (In the Chair until the election of a new Chairman)

Carol Pepper (Chairman)

L B Cooper (Vice Chairman)

	Reg Adair		Bruce Laughton
	John Allin		Keith Longdon
	Fiona Asbury		Rachel Madden
	Chris Barnfather		Geoff Merry
	Victor Bobo		Mick Murphy
	Joyce Bosnjak		Philip Owen
	Richard Butler		Sheila Place
	Steve Carr		Darrell Pulk
	Steve Carroll		Mike Quigley MBE
	Allen Clarke		Mrs Wendy Quigley
	Ged Clarke		Alan Rhodes
	John Clarke		Ken Rigby
	John Cottee		Kevin Rostance
	Michael J Cox		Mrs Sue Saddington
	Jim Creamer		Mel Shepherd MBE
A	Bob Cross		S Smedley MBE JP
	Mrs Kay Cutts	A	Mark Spencer MP
A	V H Dobson		June Stendall
	Dr John Doddy		Andy Stewart
	Sybil Fielding		Martin Suthers OBE
	Stephen Garner		Lynn Sykes
	Michelle Gent		David Taylor
	Glynn Gilfoyle		Parry Tsimbiridis
	Keith Girling		Gail Turner
	Kevin Greaves		Stuart Wallace
	John M Hemsall		Les Ward
A	Stan Heptinstall MBE		Gordon Wheeler
	Rev. Tom Irvine		Chris Winterton
	Richard Jackson		Brian Wombwell
A	Rod Kempster		Martin Wright
	Eric Kerry		Liz Yates
	John Knight		Jason Zadrozny

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Hon. Alderman Terry Butler
Hon. Alderman John Carter

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

David Pearson	(Deputy Chief Executive)
Jayne Francis-Ward	(Assistant Chief Executive & Monitoring Officer)
Chris Kenny	(Director Public of Health)
Paul McKay	(Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection)
Anthony May	(Children, Families & Cultural Services)
Tim Gregory	(Environment & Resources)
Sara Allmond	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Carl Bilbey	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Claire Dixon	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Martin Done	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Chris Holmes	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)
Sally Dury	(Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)

OPENING PRAYER

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

A minute silence was held in memory of Guardsman Michael Roland, aged 22 from the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, who was killed on 27th April whilst on patrol in the Helmand province, Afghanistan.

OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS TO COUNCIL

Councillor Keith Walker, outgoing Chairman of the County Council, made a short address, during which he referred to his enjoyment in meeting the residents of Nottinghamshire. He thanked Members and Officers for the support which he had received from them, particularly in relation to his chosen charity the Royal British Legion for whom £10,000 had been raised. He also thanked his wife who had acted as consort for the year and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Councillor David Taylor, seconded by Councillor John Clarke:-

RESOLVED: 2012/017

That Councillor Carol Pepper be elected Chairman of the Nottinghamshire County Council until the annual meeting 2013.

Arising from the above resolution, Councillor Pepper made the prescribed Declaration of Acceptance of Office, was invested with the Chairman's Chain of

Office and assumed the chair. Thereafter, Councillor Pepper's portrait was unveiled by the Chief Executive.

INCOMING CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL

Councillor Pepper addressed the Council, thanking members for the opportunity to perform the civic role for the County Council. She indicated that her chosen charity for the year would be the Nottingham Hospitals Charity Cystic Fibrosis Campaign.

RETIRING CHAIRMAN – VOTE OF THANKS

At the invitation of the newly-elected Chairman, Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts paid tribute to Councillor Walker's contribution to Nottinghamshire's civic life, thanking him for his work as Chairman.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Andy Stewart, who articulated Members' appreciation and congratulations for Councillor Walker's successful year of office.

RESOLVED: 2012/018

That the County Council's thanks for Councillor Walker's work as its Chairman during 2011-12 be recorded.

PAST CHAIRMAN'S BADGE OF OFFICE

Further to the above resolution, the Chairman of the County Council presented to Councillor Walker his Past Chairman's Badge of Office and acknowledged his work during the year.

2. APPOINTMENT OF A VICE-CHAIRMAN

The appointment of Councillor L B Cooper as Vice-Chairman was moved by Councillor Michael J Cox and seconded by Councillor Steve Carroll.

During their speeches, both Councillors spoke of Councillor Cooper's long standing work in the local community.

RESOLVED: 2012/019

That Councillor L B Cooper be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Nottinghamshire County Council until the Annual Meeting 2013.

Arising from the above Resolution, Councillor Cooper made the prescribed Declaration of Acceptance of Office, was invested with the Vice-Chairman's chain and took his new place alongside the Chairman.

Councillor Cooper thanked Members for appointing him as Vice-Chairman.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2012/020

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on 29th March 2012 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following apologies for absence were received:-

Medical/Illness

- Councillor Bob Cross
- Councillor Rod Kempster

Other

- Councillor V H Dobson
- Councillor Stan Heptinstall MBE
- Councillor Mark Spencer MP

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

6. RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF GROUPS

Councillor Mel Shepherd MBE introduced the report with the following amendments:-

- The Liberal Democrat and Social Democrat Group has changed its name to The Liberal Democrat Group
- Councillor Mel Shepherd MBE had been appointed as the Conservative Business Manager to replace Councillor Carol Pepper
- Councillor Martin Wright had been appointed as the Deputy Leader/Business Manager for the Independent Group

and moved a motion in terms of the resolution 2012/021 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Chris Barnfather.

RESOLVED: 2012/021

- (1) that the membership of the political Groups be noted, including the change of name of the Liberal Democrat and Social Democrat Group to the Liberal Democrat Group
- (2) that, in accordance with Standing Orders, the Officers of the Groups be recognised with the amendment to the following officers:-
 - Councillor Mel Shepherd MBE appointed as the Conservative Business Manager
 - Councillor Martin Wright appointed as the Deputy Leader/Business Manager for the Independent Group

7. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

(a) Presentation of Awards

Councillor Richard Jackson presented an award from the East Midlands Merit Awards 2012 in relation to the Bilsthorpe depot. Councillor Jackson presented the award to the Chairman.

Councillor Kevin Rostance presented the Innovation in the Public Sector Award for the work of the Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection Department which was given in recognition for their work with Capita IB Solutions in developing a cutting edge solution - the BEDS System, to improve services to the public.

(b) Constituency Issues

Set out in Appendix A to these minutes is a full note of the issues discussed by Councillors as follows:-

Councillor Fiona Asbury – Market Place One Way System

Councillor Rachel Madden – Annesley Woodhouse Library

Councillor Ken Rigby – Local Open Cast Mining

Councillor Jason Zadrozny – Skegby Road Junction

Councillor June Stendall – Benefits of use of divisional fund

8. PETITIONS

(a) PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

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

1. Councillor Joyce Bosnjak – Petition regarding cutback of bus routes in Mansfield
2. Councillor June Stendall – Petition regarding Supporting People, Mansfield
3. Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts – Petition regarding reinstatement of Red Lodge bus service, Screveton
4. Councillor Bruce Laughton - Petition regarding bollards on grass verge opposite the Maythorne Lane/Lower Kirklington Road Junction, Maythorne
5. Councillor Keith Girling – Petition regarding Sunday parking in Newark
6. Councillor Ken Rigby – Petition regarding removal of safety barriers from footpaths in Kimberley
7. Councillor Liz Yates – Petition regarding speeding and traffic volume on Little Gringley Lane, Welham
8. Councillor Sheila Place – Petition requesting reconsideration of the part-night switch off of street lights in Langold
9. Councillor Sheila Place – Petition requesting reconsideration of the part-night switch off of street lights in Blyth
10. Councillor Stuart Wallace – Petition requesting a residents parking scheme – William Street, Newark
11. Councillor Les Ward – Petition regarding speed limit on Gorsethorpe Lane, Kings Clipstone
12. Councillor Steve Garner – Petition regarding parking in Maun View, Mansfield
13. Councillor L B Cooper – Petition regarding the switching off of street lights from residents of Lady Bay.

RESOLVED: 2012/022

That the petitions be referred to the appropriate Committees for consideration in accordance with Standing Orders.

(b) REPORT BACK ON PETITIONS

RESOLVED: 2012/023

That the contents and proposed actions in the report back on petitions received on 29th March 2012 be noted and the petitioners be informed accordingly.

9. QUESTIONS

(a) QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 7.1

Eight questions had been received as follows:-

1. from Councillor Michelle Gent about the Can't Paint Won't Paint project (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts replied)
2. from Councillor Rachel Madden concerning Citizens Advice Bureaux (Councillor Mick Murphy replied)
3. from Councillor Chris Winterton regarding privately run care homes (Councillor Kevin Rostance replied)
4. from Councillor Chris Winterton about employment of Sherwood Industries Staff (Councillor Kevin Rostance replied)
5. from Councillor Chris Winterton concerning funding for social care (Councillor Kevin Rostance replied)
6. from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding reductions in welfare benefits (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts replied)
7. from Councillor Jason Zadrozny about recycling (Councillor Richard Butler replied)
8. from Councillor Jason Zadrozny concerning street light switch off (Councillor Richard Jackson replied)

The full responses to these questions under Standing Order 7.1 are set out in Appendix B to these Minutes.

(b) QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 7.2

One question had been received from Councillor June Stendall about Section 106 funding (Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle, Vice-Chair of Nottinghamshire Police Authority replied)

The full responses to this question under Standing Order 7.2 is set out in Appendix C to these Minutes

Following consideration of this item, Council adjourned from 12.35 pm until 2.05 pm for lunch.

10. REPORTS FROM CABINET MEMBERS

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts presented the reports. The reports were seconded by the Councillor Martin Suthers OBE.

RESOLVED 2012/024

That the reports from Cabinet Members be noted.

11. SELF FUNDERS – FINANCIAL ADVICE AND FUTURE STRATEGY

Councillor Kevin Rostance introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of the resolution 2012/025 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Stuart Wallace.

RESOLVED: 2012/025

1. That the Council continues to sign-post information about moneymadeclear and Society Of Later Life Advisers (SOLLA) to self-funders currently in or likely to enter long-term care
2. That the Council sign-posts the public and Care Homes with self funding customers to Paying for Care and specify that Advisers must operate a fee charging scheme
3. That the Council works with Capita IB to market and sell the care home bed monitoring system.

12. SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2011-12

Councillor Joyce Bosnjak introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of the resolution 2012/026 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Mel Shepherd MBE

RESOLVED: 2012/026

That the annual report of Scrutiny 2011-12 be noted

13. CHANGES TO GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of the resolution 2012/027 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Martin Suthers OBE.

RESOLVED: 2012/027

1. That the following parts of the Constitution as set out in Appendix A of the report be approved to operate with effect from 17th May 2012: -
 - a. Financial Regulations
 - b. Employment Procedure Rules
 - c. Access to Information and Meetings
 - d. Policy Framework
 - e. Budget Framework
 - f. Protocol for Involvement in Outside Bodies
 - g. Protocol for Councillor/Officer relationships
 - h. Officer Code of Conduct
 - i. Travel and Accommodation Policy
2. That the amendments to the procedure rules for Full Council in relation to the number of Members needed to call a special meeting of Full Council; questions to committee Chairmen; and the procedure rules for committees and sub-committees in relation to the order of business of committees and the Personnel Committee be agreed as set out in Appendix B of the report.
3. That any interpretation issues or conflicts between the Financial Regulations and other parts of the Constitution be resolved by the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Monitoring Officer.
4. That the Petitions Scheme set out in Appendix C of the report be adopted.
5. That the list of matters reserved to Full Council for decision set out in Appendix D of the report be approved.

6. That it be noted that the Constitution has been revised to reflect the recent changes to the Council's management structure.
7. That the terms of reference of the Grant Aid Sub-Committee be amended to have responsibility for grant aid as defined in the grant aid strategy.
8. That the terms of reference of the Health Scrutiny Committee be amended to have responsibility for scrutinising health matters in the areas covered by the NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups for Bassetlaw, Mansfield, Ashfield and Newark and Sherwood.
9. That the terms of reference of the Policy Committee and the Administration Committee be amended as set out in the report.
10. That the terms of reference of the Rights of Way Committee be amended as set out in the report.

14. COMMUNITY COVENANT

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of the resolution 2012/028 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor June Stendall.

RESOLVED: 2012/028

1. That a Community Covenant be established;
2. That the Policy Committee develop a community covenant pledge.

15. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of the resolution 2012/029 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Mel Shepherd MBE.

RESOLVED: 2012/029

1. That the Basic Allowance remains at the current level and remains indexed to local government pay settlement.
2. That the revised scheme of special responsibility allowances as set out in the Appendix to the report be adopted.
3. That the allowances for the Chair and Independent Members of the Standards Committee cease with effect from the date of the abolition of the current arrangements.
4. That any claims by members for travel costs where the Council has provided shared transport will only be payable in exceptional circumstances and subject to the prior agreement of the Team Manager (Democratic Services).
5. The Administration Committee be given responsibility for determining any variation to the maximum rates for dependent care allowances in the light of particular individual circumstances.

16. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Councillor Mel Shepherd MBE introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of the resolution 2012/030 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Chris Barnfarther.

RESOLVED: 2012/030

1. that the Council confirm the establishment of the following Committees and Sub-Committees of Council with their previously agreed terms of reference and with the membership shown:-

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Size of Committee</u>	<u>Cons</u>	<u>Lab</u>	<u>Lib Dems</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Other</u>
Administration Committee	9	5	2	1	1	
Adult Social Care and Health Committee	11	6	2	2	1	

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Size of Committee</u>	<u>Cons</u>	<u>Lab</u>	<u>Lib Dems</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Other</u>
Appeals Sub-Committee (pool)	11	6	2	2	1	
Audit Committee	9	5	2	1	1	
Children and Young People's Committee	11	6	3	1	1	4 non-voting co-optees
Community Safety Committee	9	5	2	1	1	
Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee	9	5	2	1	1	
Culture Committee	11	6	2	2	1	
Early Years and Youth Services Sub-Committee	7	4	1	1	1	
Economic Development Committee	9	5	2	1	1	
Environment and Sustainability Committee	11	6	3	1	1	
Finance and Property Committee	11	6	3	1	1	
Grant Aid Sub-Committee	7	4	1	1	1	
Health Scrutiny Committee	6	3	1	1	1	4 District Council members
Joint Committee on Appointments to the Police Authority (until 15 Nov 2012)	3	2	1	0	0	3 City Councillors
Joint Committee on Strategic Planning & Transport	4	2	1	1	0	4 City Councillors
Joint City/Council Health Scrutiny Committee	8	4	2	1	1	8 City Councillors
Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board	18	3	1	1	0	13

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Local Joint Resolutions Committee	6	3	1	1	1	
Nottinghamshire Pension Fund Committee	9	5	2	1	1	
Pensions Investment Sub-Committee	9	5	2	1	1	8
Pensions Sub-Committee	9	5	2	1	1	8 plus 2 pensioner reps
Personnel Committee	9	5	2	1	1	
Planning & Licensing Committee	11	6	2	2	1	
Policy Committee	19	10	4	3	2	
Rights of Way Committee	11	6	2	2	1	
Senior Staffing Sub-Committee	9 or 5	5 or 3	2 or 1	1 or 1	1 or 0	
Standards Committee (until 1 July 2012)	7	4	1	1	1	4
Transport and Highways Committee	11	6	3	1	1	

2. That the Health Scrutiny Committee membership include 1 co-opted Councillor with voting rights from each of the following authorities:- Ashfield District Council, Bassetlaw District Council, Mansfield District Council and Newark and Sherwood District Council.
3. That the other representatives on the above Committees /Sub Committees be appointed as follows:-
 - (a) Children and Young People's Committee: One representative of the Church of England Diocese, one representative of the Roman Catholic Diocese, and two Parent Governors.
 - (b) Health and Wellbeing Board: Two District/Boroughs Councillors, six NHS Clinical Commissioning Group representatives, one Health LINK, one Primary Care Trust Cluster representative, three officers – Corporate Director, Adult Social Care, Health and Public

Protection, Corporate Director, Children, Families and Cultural Services, Director of Public Health

- (c) Pensions Investment Sub-Committee: Three City Councillors, two Nottinghamshire District/Borough Council representatives, two Trade Union Representatives, one Admitted Body representative
 - (d) Pensions Sub-Committee: Three City Councillors, two Nottinghamshire District/ Borough Council representatives, two Trade Union representatives, one Admitted Body representative plus two pensioner representatives.
 - (e) Standards Committee (until 1st July 2012): Four independent members
4. That the membership of the Administration Committee comprise Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, Business Manager and the Deputy Business Manager of the Majority Group, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property, Leaders of all three Opposition Groups and the Deputy Leader of the main Opposition Group.
 5. That the Senior Staffing Sub-Committee when considering issues relating to the Chief Executive and Corporate Directors will have a membership of 9 Members (5 Conservative Group, 2 Labour Group, 1 Liberal Democrat Group, 1 Independent Group; and when the Sub-Committee considers issues relating to other officers the membership will be 5 Members (3 Conservative Group, 1 Labour Group, 1 Liberal Democrat Group) and that no Member must sit on the Sub-Committee unless they have received appropriate training.
 6. That the Leader of the Council be an ex-officio member of all committees and sub-committees except the Appeals Sub-Committee, Planning and Licensing Committee, Rights of Way Committee, Senior Staffing Sub-Committee and Joint Committees; with the right to speak but not to vote.
 7. That the Council make the following appointments of Chairman and Vice-Chairman until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2013, it being noted that the appointment of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Senior Staffing Sub-Committee will be a matter for that Sub-Committee:-

Committee	Chairman	Vice-Chairman
Administration	Leader	Leader of the Main Opposition Group
Adult Social Care and Health	Kevin Rostance	Stuart Wallace
Appeals	Ged Clarke	Not applicable
Audit	Sheila Place	Mike Quigley MBE
Children and Young People	Philip Owen	Allen Clarke
Community Safety	Mick Murphy	David Taylor

Committee	Chairman	Vice-Chairman
Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee	Allen Clarke	Not Applicable
Culture	John Cottee	Liz Yates
Early Years and Youth Services Sub-Committee	Lynn Sykes	Dr John Doddy
Economic Development	Keith Girling	Gordon Wheeler
Environment and Sustainability	Richard Butler	John Hemsall
Finance and Property	Reg Adair	Eric Kerry
Grant Aid Sub Committee	Martin Suthers OBE	Joyce Bosnjak
Health and Wellbeing Board (shadow)	Martin Suthers OBE	To be appointed by Board
Health Scrutiny Committee	Sue Saddington	Wendy Quigley
Joint Cmte on Planning & Transport	TBC	City Councillor
Joint Health Scrutiny (with City)	Mel Shepherd MBE	City Councillor
Nottinghamshire Pension Fund	Michael J Cox	Stella Smedley MBE JP
Pensions Investment Sub-Committee	Michael J Cox	Stella Smedley MBE JP
Pensions Sub-Committee	Michael J Cox	Stella Smedley MBE JP
Personnel	Andy Stewart	Michelle Gent
Planning & Licensing	Chris Barnfather	Sybil Fielding
Policy	Kay Cutts	Martin Suthers OBE
Rights of Way	Bruce Laughton	Gail Turner
Standards Committee (until 1 July 2012)	Charles Daybell	To be appointed
Transport and Highways	Richard Jackson	Chris Barnfather

8. That, subject to similar resolutions being taken by the City Council Joint Committees be established as follows:-

JOINT COMMITTEE	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL				
	TOTAL NO OF COUNCILLORS	CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	INDEPENDENT
Jt City/County Health Scrutiny	8	4	2	1	1
Jt Cttee for Appointments to the Nottinghamshire Police Authority	3	2	1	0	0
Joint Cttee on Strategic Planning and Transport	4	2	1	1	0

9. That the pool of 16 members (8 Conservative Group, 4 Labour Group, 2 Liberal Democrat Group and 2 Independent Group) be re-established from which a Mental Health Guardianship Panel can be formed, to make decisions on renewal and discharge of guardianship under the Mental Health Act 1983.

10. That the 12 places on the Combined Fire Authority be allocated between the groups as follows:-
- Conservative Group 6
 - Labour Group 3
 - Liberal Democrat Group 2
 - Independent Group 1
11. (a) That the appointment of members of the political groups to committees, sub-committees and joint committees be undertaken by the Team Manager, Governance and Scrutiny on behalf of the Chief Executive (the Proper Officer) acting in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Local Government Act 2000 the relevant Statutory Regulations and the Council's Standing Orders.
- (b) That the Team Manager, Governance and Scrutiny be authorised to act on behalf of the Chief Executive to appoint people as co-optees to membership of committees or joint committees when required .

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4.30 pm

CHAIRMAN
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APPENDIX A

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17TH MAY 2012

3-MINUTE SPEECHES

Councillor Fiona Asbury

“I would like to speak on behalf of my residents as they are experiencing many problems with the traffic in Huthwaite. There are speeding problems throughout the area, HGVs causing problems, poor signage, congestion through the Market place but the main issue is the one way system.

Most residents think this one way system at the market place is an absolute sham. I have worked tirelessly with County Council officers to try and alleviate the many problems this has caused but do not seem to have got anywhere fast. I would however like to thank Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts, Councillor Martin Suthers OBE, Councillor Reg Adair and Councillor Richard Jackson for meeting the Huthwaite Community Action Group to listen to their views on the traffic issues that Huthwaite face. Unfortunately I was not invited to the meeting however the officers are now keeping me up to date with all their reviews.

There have been many accidents in this area due to the lack of understanding of the way the system works. Maybe it would have been less of a problem if a full safety audit had been done before the scheme went ahead. It is a shame it was pushed through by the previous leader in a desperate attempt to hold his seat after 20 years of neglecting the village. This was all planned for, processed and implemented before I was in office. The works were just about to be started when I was elected and many of the residents now complaining about the system were the ones shouting for it to be done.

What I would say is if there is any other major change like this in the future, there should be a much more in depth consultation and evaluation of any such scheme to prevent the upset, anger and confusion this is now causing the residents of Huthwaite. I look forward to working with Councillor Jackson, the officers and the community group to get this problem sorted for the sanity and safety of the residents.”

Councillor Rachel Madden

“Approximately 10 years ago under the previous regime it was noted that the Hall Housing Annessey Library on Skegby Road, Kirkby Woodhouse was unsafe under Health and Safety rules. It appears that not a lot happened to either make the existing facility safe or even to consider a move to new premises until the idea arose of replacing the Acacia Avenue Community Centre with a modern building fitted out to provide a lot of activities catering for the community such as an IT suite, meeting rooms and a library.

Discussions then took place to relocate to this new building leaving the Church with a reduced income stream and an empty room. Following the £1 million refurbishment by the Liberal Democrats when we were in administration at Ashfield District Council, this centre has been up and running for some time now but with no sign of moving the library to Acacia Avenue.

About two years ago, Councillor John Cottee and myself, along with the Officer-in-charge of the project had a very positive meeting and I came away thinking that very soon the residents in Woodhouse, part of my division would have a nice new library to enjoy. But that officer has left and despite my, I regret to say, unanswered requests for further information on progress, I have no firm idea as to when this facility will be opened.

I understand the money is there to fund the project so I am at a loss to explain to people who ask me “why the delay?” It is bad enough that the opening hours were cut back to the bone but at least we still have this library; so may I have an update as to when the new room would be available to my residents?”

Councillor Ken Rigby

“UK coal has officially applied to open cast in my area, mostly in my Trowell division but it will go into the Cossall part as well. It is a planned operation for six years. It will involve removing 18 million tonnes of soil and rock to extract 1.27 tonnes of coal.

My constituents of which Councillor Doddy is one, have grave concerns about the dust, the noise, the blasting which will cause vibration, known health hazards which Dr. Doddy has spoken very eloquently about at a recent public meeting and traffic implications with lorry movement.

But above all they are concerned about the decimation of green belt. It will be in what we have, a one mile barrier between Trowell and Cossall and the City of Nottingham. We have just one mile of open space between us and the open city and they fear that it will decimate the area for many, many years to come.

They also have fears about the viability of the company and as of last Friday's close, on the FT100 their value is down to 14.75 pence which indicates a company in trouble.

Also due to prevailing winds, the other sections of my division – I get it all Chairman, Awsorth and Kimberley will be affected and Councillor Owen's division in Nuttall will also be affected so all in all there are a lot of people who are going to be affected by this monstrosity of a great big hole that we will have to suffer for years.

Can I appeal to officers and councillors who unlike me haven't got one arm tied behind their backs, would they give all possible help as and when required?"

Councillor Jason Zadrozny

"I rise to speak about Skegby Road Junction again which I've mentioned a number of times in this Chamber via questions and speeches and petitions and the number of concerns there have been. I've been speaking on this issue for about five years now and I looked in my diary, five years ago I met with Councillor Smedley. Just shy of three years ago Councillor Jackson met with me on site and looked round and agreed how awful it was and still the situation is exactly the same.

It's on a terrible junction which sort of staggers in a U-shape and then there is a Main Road coming onto it and it is the site of the major school crossing patrol for Dalestorth School. We are having significant trouble recruiting a lollipop lady because the last two have had the lollipops snatched out their hands by passing traffic and we have had Councillor Lwelyn Jones before me as it's directly on the border, and Councillor Anthony had some very low bollards put around to try and stop parking.

Since then we've had a number of people fall over the bollards, the County Council's been sued and we've now had to paint them this colour which in Skegby is a beautiful colour – it just looks a little out of place in Sutton North.

So I think, I would hope that before we get to a serious accident there have been a number of minor collisions, a number of near misses and a number of areas where people have been hurt but not serious enough for this. I don't want this to become as infamous as Ollerton roundabout and it certainly won't be anywhere as expensive. The costings have come back at around £50,000 to install a mini-island, to shave back the pavement and increase school safety which is vital for the Primary School there.

I would hope that it is agreed at some point in the future that appropriate measures are taken."

Councillor June Stendall

"I would like to tell you how a little faith, support and a small amount of my division fund has changed the lives of some undesirables in my Division.

I would like to read to you a passage taken from information used by the secretary of the Bull Farm Football Club when he applied for funding recently. I will read it as the author writes it.

"The starting of the Bull Farm Football Club 2009

2nd September 2010/11

While sitting in the Bull Farm Social Club one dismal windy night, the discussion was community safety, how to avoid the thugs loitering the streets, harassing the elderly, petty thieves and druggies.

One cold winters night Ian Gregory took his life in is own hands and walked amongst the trouble causes, and gang leaders.

He listened to face on face to verbal abuse, but stood his ground and asks, what would the community have to do, to stop and prevent this anti social behaviour?

They said we would like somewhere to hang out and have fun, join in sports, something we can achieve on our own.

Ian Gregory decided on his own back to take the lads onto the Bull Farm Park and do training in football skills.

At one point he had over 40 teenagers and 30 under 16 year olds running round the park, people were walking their dogs and watching them.

They could not believe their eyes. After nearly 12 months it was decided that they would form the Bull Farm Football Club and they approached the Chad Sunday League. They were accepted and finished bottom of the league table for the 2009/10 season.

They kept up their spirits and were given some funding from the o2 charity fund, they went on to become better players, but the main thing was they started to respect one another, they had a feeling of responsibility towards their team mates.

Some of them decided to stay on at school and better their education. Others found employment (only part time) but it was a start.

Now they have just completed the third season and finished in 6th position. They have anywhere up to 80/90 community home game supporters and they have an away match with supporters of approximately 20 members of the community.

We have a football management team; one who has no clue about football, the other who didn't have an idea of management, and between us have taken the bad off the streets and encouraged the elderly to be free to walk the streets when they like.

The younger members of our community now respect the senior citizen and the elders respect the kids. We have taken them off the streets, given them an aim in life, nearly all the team now have part time and full time employment, they have come off drugs, avoided crime and anti social behaviour. They can now hold their heads up high as respectful members of the community.

This wouldn't have happened though without the support of our County Councillor June Stendall and the company called O2, but most of all a common member of the community who works 60 hours a week. By being a devoted member of his community who has pride of where he lives, Mr Ian Gregory is now the coach."

I am pleased to say this passage earned them additional funding, and they are now taking on a youth team and all the players have jobs."

APPENDIX B

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17TH MAY 2012 **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 7.1**

Question to the Leader of the Council from Councillor Michelle Gent

“Would the leader like to take the opportunity to congratulate and praise the children of Ashfield who took part in the Can’t Paint, Won’t Paint project she attended alongside Councillors Asbury, Madden, Zadrozny and myself in Sutton-in-Ashfield on the 4th May?”

Response by Councillor Kay Cutts, Leader of the Council:

“Can I just say how much I enjoyed my visit to Ashfield to see the Can’t Paint, Won’t Paint project by so many children. There were other Councillors there of course including Steve Carroll and I think we had very much of a consensus on the day that this was something very worthwhile for young people to do within school. I was astonished at the quality of work which I viewed. I felt that it was so outstandingly good it actually deserves a wider exhibition and I’m sure that you will look at doing that in your own areas.

We were able to present prizes to a number of children who were there or schools who were there which had taken part in the project. I had had a previous conversation with the man who was running this project and the previous conversation’s upshot was it was so worthwhile; there were so many schools that would still like to take part that Nottinghamshire County Council would fund a further £1,000 to buy materials for this scheme to continue.

This is part of the Adult Learning Skills Project run by the Skills Funding Council. I think the bank account is held by Ashfield Council and between us I think we’re making a stunning job and I would just like to see more of these projects in the County because the benefit for a relatively small amount of money is absolutely enormous so may I thank you for asking this question.”

Question to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety from Councillor Rachel Madden

“I note that in your report to this Council you state that Citizens Advice Bureaux, following the Government’s decisions on the future direction of consumer law, will have a bigger role to play in consumer law, carrying out research into consumer issues, delivering information and advice on the changes being made, leading on consumer-facing education and becoming the voice of consumers.

Can the Portfolio Holder confirm, particularly given the recent reductions in funding, where funding for the Citizens Advice will come from to enable them to successfully fulfil this enhanced role?”

Response from Councillor Murphy, Cabinet Member for Community Safety:

“Following a consultation the Government decided to simplify the number of organisations so people received advice and support from Trading Standards, and Citizens Advice.

Citizens Advice in particular was recognised by the Government as having an excellent record. The Government report states;

*“Consumers need someone they can trust and who has a track record of providing knowledgeable, fair and impartial advice. We therefore **propose to fund** Citizens Advice... to provide information and advice about general consumer matters. They will become **the publicly-funded** voice of consumers, championing their needs and empowering them to make the right choices for themselves.”*

As a result the Government has given funding to Citizens Advice in order to do this. The new service started on 2nd April and I am pleased to report that the service being provided to Nottinghamshire residents by Citizens Advice so far has been of a very high standard.”

Question to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health from Councillor Chris Winterton

“How many care homes, run by Four Seasons (the company that took over 140 homes from Southern Cross), are there in Nottinghamshire?”

Should we:-

- be concerned that they need to raise £230 million from shareholders and £550 million from other investors
- be concerned about the Private Sector’s role in the ownership of care homes as we discover more examples of poor financial management.

Don’t the elderly deserve better?”

Response from Councillor Rostance, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health:

“In answer to the first part of your question, Four Seasons currently run 10 Care Homes in Nottinghamshire, 7 of which were previously run by Southern Cross out of a total number of 170 independent sector care homes for older people in the county.

Clearly, the global financial crisis has impacted upon the public and private sectors and we must ensure that this does not undermine the quality of care services that we provide. Having said that, I do not share the ideological aversion to private care providers that is apparent in Councillor Winterton’s

question. The private sector has had a major role for over 50 years under successive governments and under successive council administrations here at County Hall. The majority of care for our elderly has always been delivered by the private sector.

The Care Quality Commission has a role in checking the financial viability of providers when registering them. In addition, as a result of the events surrounding Southern Cross, the Commission has created a new section focussing on aspects such as financial viability. They are also providing additional focus in their work on large national providers whose financial affairs are difficult to track and analyse at a local level.

There are conversations taking place in the Department of Health with other Central Government departments and the Association of Director of Adult Social Services (ADASS) about what steps can be taken in an attempt to minimise risk of financial failure in the future.

The Southern Cross crisis was averted by very close collaboration between local authorities, ADASS and the private businesses concerned. Local authorities have a part to play in monitoring the viability of private homes alongside national government and regulators.

In relation to the specific issues Councillor Winterton raises, recently agreement has been reached for Terra Firma to acquire Four Seasons with an investment of over £300 million. This places the services on a more stable financial footing and avoids the need for the investment suggested in Councillor Winterton's question.

In addition to this, Terra Firma has access to greater levels of funding, should that be necessary. We are informed that last year that Terra Firma invested £1.9 billion in developing their existing businesses.

It is right that we should be concerned about any operator experiencing financial difficulties, but politicians have a responsibility not to scaremonger before they know the facts. The acquisition of the Four Seasons by Terra Firma should provide a level of reassurance for residents and their carers and we will, of course, continue to monitor these and all other Nottinghamshire care homes carefully.

The implication of Councillor Winterton's question is that we cannot trust or look to work with any private care providers, which as far as I am aware was not, and is not, the Labour Group's official position. If I'm wrong, then the Labour Group need to reveal how they would tackle the demographic challenges facing Nottinghamshire County Council without using the private sector, and how they would fund such policies. How much taxpayers' money would they spend on removing all council-funded placements in private homes?"

Question to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health from Councillor Chris Winterton

“Can the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health tell the Council how many members of staff, from Sherwood Industries, have been found alternative employment after the devastating decision to close the factory?”

Response from Councillor Rostance, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health:

“As you are aware at the County Council meeting on the 23rd February this year, 47 Members, including Independent and Liberal Democrat councillors, voted for the motion to close Sherwood Industries because it was the only responsible course to take.

In contrast, the Labour Group displayed complete cynicism in voting against the recommendations, ignoring the financial reality that the net cost of Sherwood Industries to the County Council had risen from £386,000 in 2000/01 to £832,000 in 2010/11. It was no longer providing a viable supported employment option for supported employees or the taxpayer overall.

This was not a new development. It became evident that Sherwood Industries was unsustainable when the Labour administration was in power, but they lacked the courage to make a decision. As with many policy areas, they shirked the difficult decisions when they were in control and now have the temerity to criticise those left to pick up the pieces.

The final insult at February’s meeting was that having first opposed the closure of Sherwood Industries, the Labour Group then made no provision for keeping it open in their budget amendment in the next agenda item. Joined-up thinking and responsible opposition clearly come a poor second place to their desire to grab the headlines.

At the time of that County Council meeting, Sherwood Industries had 43 employees and to date:

- 8 employees (4 disabled, 4 non-disabled) have commenced work in a trial in an alternative post within the County Council;
- 14 employees (8 disabled, 6 non-disabled) have chosen to take voluntary redundancy; and
- 21 employees continue to receive support and job opportunities continue to be sought for them across different departments of the Council.

More opportunities are becoming available and a number of staff are already waiting for a date to be arranged for an informal interview in a potential job, or are awaiting the outcome of a meeting with an appointing officer.

All employees have been allocated a named HR Officer to support them through the redeployment process in addition to the support offered from line management.

Work placements are being identified for all the staff, some of which will be temporary until appropriate permanent opportunities are identified. At the moment such potential opportunities are being pursued.

The County Council has been approached by four organisations who have expressed an interest in the factory's assets, including its order book and equipment. Two of these organisations are local and have also indicated that they would be interested in discussing with the Council some potential work opportunities for some of the staff from Sherwood Industries.

Officers have sought advice and input from legal services and the Corporate Procurement Team in relation to the disposal of assets. Before the Council is able to have any detailed discussions with any of the organisations, they have had to get the assets valued.

In the meantime, the two local organisations have been contacted to ascertain what assets they would be interested in and what employment opportunities they are able to provide for staff at Sherwood Industries. These discussions are on-going whilst the assets are fully valued and the best means of their disposal are considered in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.

Councillor Winterton refers in his question to a "devastating" decision. Well, it was certainly a difficult decision to close Sherwood Industries and I'm sure none of us in this Chamber voted for it lightly. However, I find it more "devastating" that Labour was willing to put short-term political considerations ahead of their duty to make the right decision some time ago."

Question to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health from Councillor Chris Winterton

"There is a serious funding shortage in the Social Care System with many vulnerable people with little or no funds to pay for their care. The Council has an obligation to ensure there is funding to protect the elderly.

Can the Cabinet Member tell us what he has done to draw the funding crisis to the attention of Central Government?

Does the Cabinet Member agree with the Managing Director of BUPA, the Chief Executive of Carers UK and the Chair of the LGA Health and Wellbeing Board that the current crisis in funding will result in an increase of elderly people accessing hospital beds at a point of crisis?"

Response from Councillor Rostance, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health:

“In relation to contact with the Government on this matter, the County Council has recently submitted a response to a call for evidence from the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Local Government which, in advance of the government’s White Paper on Social Care, is looking at the nature and funding of adult social care.

The evidence provided, followed by formal evidence sessions at the House of Commons, will feed into a final report that will be a significant cross-party contribution to the debate about the role of local government in delivering care in the next decade. As part of this evidence the Council was able to highlight a number of areas where we are leading the way in terms of service development and good practice; such as the excellent progress we have made on provision of Personal Budgets, working with micro-providers to provide more choice and control for people who need support, and the modernisation of our day services to create a network of modern, multi-purpose centres for older people and people with learning and physical disabilities.

You will also recall that a motion on the issue of social care for older people and people with disabilities and how it should be funded was discussed at the full Council meeting on 3rd November 2011. There was a unanimous vote of support for the motion. This motion formed part of the Council’s response to the Department of Health’s consultation – Caring for our Future: Shared Ambitions for Care and Support - which was submitted last December.

In relation to the issue of hospital beds, this is indeed something that requires a long term solution. This issue has a history that predates the current situation. Analysis and debate on this matter has been taking place since the Wanless Report (Securing Good Health for the Whole Population) in 2004. The previous Labour Government produced a White Paper in 2006 (Our Health, Our Care, Our Say: a new direction for community services) and a Green Paper (Shaping the future of care together) in July 2009. Both of these addressed the current issues but no solution was identified at the time. As I have already mentioned the coalition government is now developing cross party support to work on the forthcoming White Paper on adult social care.

In terms of the cost of care to individuals, service users have a financial assessment to decide their contribution. Some elements of their income are disregarded and people only contribute what they can afford following the financial assessment. People on a low income may pay nothing at all. For community-based care, 40% of service users are currently paying full cost, 40% pay nothing at all and 20% make a contribution to the cost of their care.

In Nottinghamshire we are working closely with the health service through the Health and Wellbeing Board, chaired by Councillor Suthers, to ensure the integrated commissioning of services to help keep people out of hospital, and to

arrange timely and effective discharge for those who are admitted. For a number of months now, the Corporate Director has been sponsoring a joint health and social care programme to support integrated discharge across the major hospitals around the county.

We will continue to work closely with health colleagues to provide effective integrated services in Nottinghamshire and we will continue to contribute our views to the national debate whenever we have the opportunity to do so.”

Question to the Leader of the Council from Councillor Jason Zadrozny

“The reductions in welfare benefit will have a major impact on certain people currently receiving these benefits, particularly adults of working age. Can the Leader update members whether any protection is envisaged for those most severely affected by the reductions?”

Response from the Leader of the Council, Councillor Kay Cutts:

“The reductions in welfare benefit will have a major impact on certain people. As I am sure Councillor Zadrozny is aware, Nottinghamshire County Council does not provide any welfare benefits. The majority of welfare benefits are paid by the Department for Work and Pensions with housing benefit and council tax benefit currently paid by local district and unitary councils.

The measures taken by the Coalition Government to ensure the future sustainability of the welfare system have to be viewed in context. Spending on welfare increased by more than 40% in real terms in past decade to 2009-10 and in that year alone the Government spent £192 billion on welfare payments, compared with £35 billion on defence, £50 billion on education, and £98 billion on health.

The facts are that the previous Labour Government left this country living beyond its means and the state needs to ensure that its resources are targeted to help those in the most severe need. It is not feasible to pay disproportionate amounts in welfare benefit each week, sometimes in excess of what someone in work may take home in wages.

The Welfare Reform Act which received Royal Assent in March 2012 represents the biggest reform of the welfare system for 60 years and provides support to the most vulnerable people in society, with around 2.8 million low to middle income households better off and around 900,000 adults and children lifted out of poverty under Universal Credit.

The Government’s stated intention underpinning these reforms is to make the benefits and tax credits system fairer and simpler by:

- creating the right incentives to get more people into work by ensuring work always pays;

- protecting the most vulnerable in our society; and
- delivering fairness to those claiming benefit and to the tax payer.

As highlighted in the budget earlier this year, one major component of the reforms that does have potential financial implications for the County Council is the Government's plan to transfer the responsibility and funding of council tax benefits to local authorities from April 2013. Local authorities will be required to design local schemes prior to this date and the change to local schemes will be accompanied by a 10% reduction in future expenditure from the same date. The Government will, however, prescribe how schemes are to operate in relation to pensioners, having already stated clearly that they intend to protect low income pensioners from having to pay increased council tax. It will be down to local district and unitary councils to determine the design of the new schemes for working age benefit claimants, although they will be required to consult with major precepting authorities, namely the County Council, and the Police and Fire authorities.

I recently attended a meeting of Nottinghamshire County Council Leaders where this issue was discussed but no decision has yet been reached in terms of the proposed design of a Nottinghamshire-wide Council Tax Benefit scheme, and further work has been commissioned jointly by the Districts, the City Council and ourselves to better understand the potential implications. We will of course continue to fulfil our role in protecting the most vulnerable in our communities but we will have to wait for the detailed proposals from the District Councils before we can decide how to respond.

Residents can receive more advice and guidance about the welfare benefit changes by contacting Nottinghamshire County Council through our main number, 08449 80 80 80, by email or by post or, of course, by contacting a Member."

Question to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Sustainability from Jason Zadrozny

"Can the Portfolio holder tell the Council what he intends to do to enable all of the county's HWRCs to accept recyclable items such as paint, batteries and fluorescent lighting that are currently not accepted?"

Does he agree with me that there is a high level of inconsistency between the level and quality of facilities at the HWRCs across the county?"

Response by Councillor Richard Butler, Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability:

"Thank you for your question, however it seems that Councillor Zadrozny is a little out of date in respect of his knowledge of the services offered at the HWRC, as household batteries and fluorescent lights, including low energy light bulbs, are accepted at every site in the county.

Dried paint residues and empty tins are also accepted at every HWRC, although unwanted liquid paint cannot be accepted due to legislation on the disposal of liquid wastes to landfill. At the Worksop and Calverton HWRC liquid paint is accepted, but is then sorted, and the re-useable paint is redistributed free of charge to charities and individuals by Community RePaint Nottinghamshire, a joint venture between the County Council, its PFI partner Veolia, and the Community RePaint network. Any unusable liquid paint is then sent on for specialist treatment.

Officers have recently reported to me on the success of the Community Re-Paint Nottinghamshire scheme, and I am keen to extend the service to other suitable centres when possible. Unfortunately this will be subject to the availability of space on site to operate the scheme, and funding for the required infrastructure improvements, and is therefore unlikely to cover all of the sites in the County. However efforts will be made to ensure the sites chosen to receive the service are as accessible as possible.

I cannot agree with Councillor Zadrozny that the HWRC sites are inconsistent in the level and quality of facilities offered. All 14 HWRC in the county are now either new, or have undergone full refurbishment by Veolia over the last 5 years. In addition the HWRC customer satisfaction survey carried out in March 2012 showed that 98% of HWRC users are either very or quite satisfied with the level of service and facilities offered. I think this is a remarkable achievement for this Council and our waste contract partner, Veolia.”

Question to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways from Councillor Jason Zadrozny

“The portfolio holder has made an exception in Worksop to the policy of switching off street lighting.

Given the nature of the representations made in this area, particularly regarding high levels of crime and anti-social behaviour, why does he not feel this is setting a precedent that would also benefit other areas blighted with these types of issues?”

Would he now re-visit his plans to turn off street lighting in areas where not only crime but the fear of crime is a significant issue such as Stanton Hill, Skegby, Huthwaite and other parts of Sutton-in-Ashfield?”

Response from Councillor Richard Jackson, Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways:

“Members will be familiar with our part night lighting policy and should recall that I’ve regularly assured this Council that we would not be turning off lights where there is a higher than average level of crime or where there’s a history of road traffic accidents.

Following extensive consultation in Worksop and in view of the level and distribution of crime in the town we have decided not to proceed with part night light in the Worksop area. This is a perfect example of the flexible approach we are taking to the programme and demonstrates that we are prepared to respond to any issue and to make changes where they are justified.

I can assure members and particularly members of Councillor Zadrozny's party who supported our budget with the savings in it for part night lighting that the project is still on course to deliver those savings and to reduce by 25% our use of energy in street lighting.

Works for the Stanton Hill, Skegby, Huthwaite and Sutton-in-Ashfield area are not programmed until November of next year onwards and a decision on how to proceed in those areas will be made nearer to the time and in consultation with Councillor Zadrozny as the local member."

APPENDIX C

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17TH MAY 2012 **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 7.2**

Question to the Chair of the Nottinghamshire Police Authority from Councillor June Stendall

“At full Council on the 26th January 2012, I asked a question regarding 106 Planning request by the Police Authority, in your reply you assured me you would take this back to the Police Authority and reply with updates. Could you please inform me of any progress you have made to date.”

Response from Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle, Vice-Chairman of the Nottinghamshire Police Authority:

“Can I thank you Councillor Stendall for your question and your continued interest in Nottinghamshire Police’s approach to planning matters and the Section 106 in particular. I understand that you have also recently met with representatives of the Police Force who have explained their approach to Planning and Designing out crime for new commercial and residential developments.

To clarify the situation I have been informed since your original question posed in January, there have been no planning applications suitable for Section 106 funding. Sometimes Section 106 funding only provides short term revenue funding, leaving the Police or Local Authorities with an on-going revenue burden. For example, Section 106 funding has been used in the past to install CCTV in town centres, leaving Local Authorities and the Police to pick up a long term revenue cost.

All public bodies are seeking to minimise any long term revenue implications for a short term benefit. What I am aware of is on some occasions, private developers and retailers will commit to providing revenue funding over a longer period of time, sometimes up to 10 years but this is rare in my experience.

Nottinghamshire Police are fully engaged with district planning authorities to maximise any Section 106 opportunities as they arise. The current challenging financial climate has had an impact on the number of new developments. Force representatives are therefore working with developers and local authorities to ensure that increasing community safety and reducing opportunistic crime are considered in the first instance of the planning stage therefore not building in the necessity for short or long term revenue commitments. This ensures that long term solutions are applied to developments at a time of extreme financial pressures.

I can confirm, however that the Police Authority and the Force will continue to review planning applications on a regular basis to see whether any of these are suitable for funding via Section 106 or indeed under the new Community

Infrastructure Levy to benefit Policing and the community safety in Nottinghamshire.

I am sure Councillor Stendall and other members will support the Police Authority and Nottinghamshire Police to persuade councils across Nottinghamshire to prioritise funding from their local Community Infrastructure Levy schemes to reduce crime and promote community safety.

Nottinghamshire Police need the support from local councils to benefit from this funding.”