



Meeting POLICY COMMITTEE

Date Wednesday 13 January 2021 (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 **A**
John Knight

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

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

John Ogle

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May Chief Executive's Department
Nigel Stevenson
Marjorie Toward
Angie Dilley
Keith Ford
David Hennigan
Anna O-Daly-Kardasinska
James Silverward

Colin Pettigrew Children & Families Department

Adrian Smith Place Department
Neil Gamble
Sally Gill
Derek Highton
Matthew Neal

1 MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 9 December 2020, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Richard Jackson submitted an apology for absence due to other Nottinghamshire County Council business and Councillor John Ogle attended the meeting as his substitute.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS.

None.

4 SUPPORT FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SMALL TO MEDIUM ENTERPRISES IMPACTED BY CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

During discussions, Members requested that further research be undertaken by officers to identify any further impacts of the pandemic and potential gaps in support, for example to self-employed residents.

RESOLVED: 2021/001

- 1) That up to £10,000 from the 2020-21 Growth and Economic Development initiatives budget be allocated to support a programme of activities to help Nottinghamshire's businesses maximise the contracting opportunities available via national infrastructure projects and larger scale contracts.
- 2) That the Committee continues to monitor the effectiveness of business support and officers continue to seek feedback from Nottinghamshire SMEs to ensure that the Council's services continually improve in line with their needs.

5 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HIGHWAY DESIGN GUIDE

RESOLVED: 2021/002

- 1) That the draft Nottinghamshire Highway Design Guide be approved and adopted as County Council policy and procedure.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Place to make minor changes to the Design Guide when required, with any subsequent updates published via the Council's website.

6 LOCAL ENFORCEMENT PLAN UPDATE

During discussions, Members commended the excellent work of the Council's Monitoring and Enforcement Officers.

RESOLVED: 2021/003

- 1) That the updated Local Enforcement Plan be approved and adopted as County Council policy.
- 2) That the updated Policy be promoted via the Council's website and shared with relevant partner agencies and Councils as appropriate.

7 SUPPORTING NOTTINGHAMSHIRE YOUNG PEOPLE AS THEY MAKE KEY CHOICES ABOUT THEIR FUTURE

RESOLVED: 2021/004

That up to £10,000 be allocated from the 2020-21 Growth and Economic Development Initiatives budget to support the development and promotion of a suite of online resources and jointly sponsor a virtual careers fair for Nottinghamshire young people.

8 PROPOSED LEASE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MILL ADVENTURE BASE

In response to a query from Members, officers clarified that all references to 'The Council' in the proposed lease terms in the committee report related to Nottinghamshire County Council rather than the landlord, Ashfield District Council.

RESOLVED: 2021/005

- 1) That the leasing of the additional area be approved.
- 2) That the existing leases dated 13 May 2004 and 6 May 2015 be surrendered and one new lease be agreed on the terms contained in the committee report.

9 SUPPORTING A BID FOR AN EAST MIDLANDS FREEPORT

RESOLVED: 2021/006

- 1) That subject to the delegation and considerations contained within Resolution 2), the submission to Government of a Freeport Proposal for the East Midlands, including sites within Nottinghamshire, be endorsed.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Place, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to give consideration to the finalised Freeport Proposal and, subject to the proposal identifying potential benefits for businesses and people across Nottinghamshire (and advice being provided outlining any currently identifiable risks or negative impacts on the Council's statutory functions, finances or other risks), to approve submission of a formal letter of support from the County Council, signed by the Leader, for the proposal.
- 3) That, should the bid be taken forward by Government, a further report be submitted to the Committee to consider the full business case and any implications for the County Council.

**10 OPERATIONAL DECISIONS ANNUAL REVIEW & QUARTERLY UPDATE
SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2020**

RESOLVED: 2021/007

- 1) That continued support for the authorising of operational decisions as originally approved by Finance and property Committee on 20 January 2014, be confirmed.
- 2) That the operational decisions taken in the period September to November 2020 be noted.

11 OUTSIDE BODIES REGISTER UPDATE

During discussions, Members highlighted that, due to shared objectives, the Constable's Field Foundation had recently merged with the Arnold Education Foundation and County Council representation was no longer needed on the merged organisation.

RESOLVED: 2021/008

That the updated Outside Bodies Register and information highlighted by Members at the meeting be noted.

12 USE OF URGENCY PROCEDURES

RESOLVED: 2021/009

That no further information or actions were required in relation to the Council's urgency procedures in the latest monitoring period July 2020 – December 2020.

13 WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: 2021/010

That no amendments were required to the Work Programme.

The meeting closed at 12.47 pm.

CHAIRMAN