



# Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 13 December 2018 (10.30 am – 4.39 pm)

## Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

## COUNCILLORS

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

Reg Adair  
Pauline Allan  
Chris Barnfather  
Joyce Bosnjak  
Ben Bradley  
Nicki Brooks  
Andrew Brown  
Richard Butler  
Steve Carr  
John Clarke  
Neil Clarke MBE  
John Cottee  
Jim Creamer  
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE  
Samantha Deakin  
Maureen Dobson  
Dr John Doddy  
Boyd Elliott  
Sybil Fielding  
Kate Foale  
Stephen Garner  
Glynn Gilfoyle  
Keith Girling  
Kevin Greaves  
John Handley  
Tony Harper  
Errol Henry JP  
Paul Henshaw  
Tom Hollis  
Vaughan Hopewell  
Richard Jackson  
A Roger Jackson

Eric Kerry  
John Knight  
Bruce Laughton  
John Longdon  
Rachel Madden  
David Martin  
Diana Meale  
John Ogle  
Philip Owen  
Michael Payne  
John Peck JP  
Sheila Place  
Liz Plant  
Mike Pringle  
Francis Purdue-Horan  
Mike Quigley MBE  
Alan Rhodes  
Phil Rostance  
Andy Sissons  
Helen-Ann Smith  
Tracey Taylor  
Parry Tsimbiridis  
Steve Vickers  
Keith Walker  
Stuart Wallace  
Muriel Weisz  
Andy Wetton  
Gordon Wheeler  
Jonathan Wheeler  
Yvonne Woodhead  
Martin Wright  
Jason Zadrozny

## **HONORARY ALDERMEN**

Terence Butler  
John Carter

## **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Anthony May	(Chief Executive)
David Pearson CBE	(Adult Social Care and Health)
Jonathan Gribbin	(Adult Social Care and Health)
Paul Johnson	(Adult Social Care and Health)
Sara Allmond	(Chief Executives)
Carl Bilbey	(Chief Executives)
Angie Dilley	(Chief Executives)
Martin Gately	(Chief Executives)
David Hennigan	(Chief Executives)
Anna O'Daly-Kardasinska	(Chief Executives)
Marjorie Toward	(Chief Executives)
Rob Shirley	(Chief Executives)
Nigel Stevenson	(Chief Executives)
James Ward	(Chief Executives)
Colin Pettigrew	(Children, Families and Cultural Service)
Adrian Smith	(Place)

## **OPENING PRAYER**

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

## **MINUTE SILENCE**

A minute silence was held in memory of former County Councillors Clifford Grove and Arthur Woodward.

## **1. MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED: 2018/042**

That the minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on 20 September 2018 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The following apology was submitted:-

- Councillor Roger Jackson – medical / illness

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

#### **AGENDA ORDER – WITHDRAWAL OF ITEM 9**

The Chairman advised Members that item 9 had been withdrawn from the agenda.

#### **(a) FORMER COUNTY COUNCILLORS CLIFFORD GROVE AND ARTHUR WOODWARD**

The Chairman and Councillors John Clarke, Creamer, Cutts, Elliott and Rhodes spoke in memory of former County Councillors Clifford Grove and Arthur Woodward.

#### **(b) PRESENTATION AND AWARDS**

##### **Games of Remembrance – Award for Silver Sponsor**

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE introduced the certificate which was presented to the County Council as a Silver Sponsor of the Games of Remembrance which had taken place in November attracting over 14,000 people across the two events. The Chairman received the certificate from Councillor Cutts.

#### **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.

#### **DAVID PEARSON'S LAST MEETING**

The Chairman and Councillors Steve Carr, Mrs Kay Cutts MBE, Tony Harper, David Martin, Alan Rhodes, Kevin Rostance, Phil Rostance, Andy Sissons, Stuart Wallace, Muriel Weisz and Jason Zadrozny spoke to thank David Pearson for his hard work and dedication during his time at the Council; as the Corporate Director, Adult Social Care and Health and wished him well in the future.

### **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 Bruce Laughton – regarding government investment in the A614

Councillor Joyce Bosnjak – regarding overdevelopment and its impact on local infrastructure in her division

## **6. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

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

- (1) Councillor John Handley regarding parking issues on Broad Lane, Brinsley
- (2) Councillor Bruce Laughton, on behalf of Councillor Roger Jackson requesting part time traffic lights at the junction of the A6097 with Main Street, Gunthorpe
- (3) Councillor Steve Carr regarding a request from residents of Peveril Road to help to tackle nuisance parking
- (4) Councillor Reg Adair regarding concerns about road safety around Stanford Hall
- (5) Councillor Reg Adair regarding a request for a residents' parking scheme on Distillery Street, Ruddington
- (6) Councillor Maureen Dobson regarding the future of the Newark number 67 bus service
- (7) Councillor Boyd Elliott regarding a crossing in Calverton
- (8) Councillor Nicki Books regarding a request for a new light controlled pedestrian crossing between Mill Field Close and Maris Drive, Burton Joyce
- (9) Councillor John Peck regarding the opposition of fracking (shale gas extraction) in Edwinstowe
- (10) Councillor Michael Payne on behalf of Gedling members, regarding the opposition of proposals for a unitary authority for Nottinghamshire from the residents of Gedling
- (11) Councillor Sheila Place regarding the opposition of the construction of a waste to energy power generator in Harworth
- (12) Councillor Andy Wetton regarding a request for a speed reduction to 30mph on Forest Road, Warsop
- (13) Councillor Andy Wetton regarding a request for 'siding up' works to be undertaken on part of the footpath on Forest Road, Warsop

- (14) Councillor Andy Wetton regarding a request for a zebra crossing outside Sherwood Street Junior School, Warsop
- (15) Councillor Tracey Taylor regarding junction improvements and signage at Town Street crossroads, Lound
- (16) Councillor Vaughan Hopewell regarding parking on The Close, Rainworth
- (17) Councillor Joyce Bosnjak regarding a call to reverse the new charges for adult social care in Nottinghamshire
- (18) Councillor Martin Wright regarding a request to permanently close a footpath between The Mount and Clipstone Drive, Forest Town

**RESOLVED: 2018/043**

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.

**7. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF GROUPS**

Councillor Richard Butler introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2018/044 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Stephen Garner

**RESOLVED: 2018/044**

- 1) That the membership of the political groups be noted
- 2) That in accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Officers of the Groups be noted.

**8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT 2018/19**

Councillor Richard Jackson introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2018/045 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor John Ogle

**RESOLVED: 2018/045**

- 1) That the actions taken by the Section 151 Officer to date as set out in the report be approved.

- 2) That the new policy relating to Pension Fund cash balances invested in money market funds be approved.

## **10. QUESTIONS**

### **(a) QUESTIONS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY**

No questions were received

### **(b) QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

Six questions had been received as follows:-

- 1) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny concerning a 'Spice Summit' (Councillor Stuart Wallace replied)
- 2) from Councillor Liz Plant regarding establishing a Corporate Parenting Board (Councillor Philip Owen replied)

Council adjourned from 12.40pm to 1.46pm for lunch.

- 3) The question was withdrawn by Councillor Tom Hollis

Question 4 and 5 were taken together

- 4) from Councillor Muriel Weisz concerning individual contributions to the cost of care (Councillor Stuart Wallace replied)
- 5) from Councillor David Martin regarding support for those effected by the changes to the individual contributions to the cost of care (Councillor Stuart Wallace replied)

As far as question five was concerned, following receipt of the answer from Councillor Stuart Wallace, Councillor David Martin moved:-

"That an adjournment debate take place on this question."

This was seconded by Councillor Muriel Weisz.

The full responses to the questions above are set out in set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

A motion to suspend standing order 33 to extend questions by a maximum of 45 minutes was moved by Councillor Steve Carr and seconded by Councillor Michael Payne. The Chairman put the motion to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was lost.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 31 members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Joyce Bosnjak	Rachel Madden
Nicki Brooks	David Martin
Steve Carr	Diana Meale
John Clarke	Michael Payne
Jim Creamer	John Peck JP
Samantha Deakin	Sheila Place
Maureen Dobson	Liz Plant
Sybil Fielding	Mike Pringle
Kate Foale	Alan Rhodes
Glynn Gilfoyle	Helen-Ann Smith
Kevin Greaves	Parry Tsimbiridis
Errol Henry JP	Muriel Weisz
Paul Henshaw	Andy Wetton
Tom Hollis	Yvonne Woodhead
Vaughan Hopewell	Jason Zadzonzy
John Knight	

The following 33 Members voted '**Against**' the motion:-

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

The Chairman declared that the motion was lost.

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.

- 6) from Councillor Jim Creamer about projects and schemes which received EU funding (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE to reply)
- 7) from Councillor Helen-Ann Smith concerning the cost of cleaning up after travellers (Councillor John Cottee to reply)
- 8) from Councillor Errol Henry regarding SEND funding (Councillor Philip Owen to reply)
- 9) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny about the electrification of the Midland Mainline (Councillors Mrs Kay Cutts MBE to reply)

## **11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

A Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Jason Zadrozny and seconded by Councillor Tom Hollis:-

“This Council notes that according to our constitution... “Nottinghamshire County Council is committed to the principles of openness and accountability and encourages the public to attend meetings and take an active interest in how the Council works.”

This Council further notes that as guardians of public money, Nottinghamshire County Council is committed to the fundamental principles of openness and transparency. This is the greatest strength of local government, working with and for the people we represent to strive for the very best services and the most effective use of public money.

This Council therefore requests that the Monitoring Officer conduct a review of:

- 1) Any meetings including Council Members relating to Council functions and decision-making which are held in private.
- 2) Whether working groups of this County Council should be held in public.
- 3) To look into whether meetings should be streamed live on the Council's website and Facebook page to ensure maximum transparency and coverage.

The review will be reported back to Governance and Ethics Committee to form an action plan ensuring the maximum amount of business is held in public and that meetings are scheduled at times which enable the widest possible access to elected councillors.”

An amendment to the Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Chris Barnfather and seconded by Councillor Keith Girling:-

“This Council

- notes that according to our constitution... “Nottinghamshire County Council is committed to the principles of openness and accountability and encourages the public to attend meetings and take an active interest in how the Council works.”;



- recognises that these principles were central to the decision of the Conservative administration to re-introduce a full committee system in place of the Leader/Cabinet model of governance from May 2012, and that the Labour administration maintained this system throughout their period of office 2012-2017;
- notes that only two borough/district councils in Nottinghamshire operate a committee system, namely Conservative-controlled Broxtowe Borough Council and Newark & Sherwood District Council, and would encourage other councils including Ashfield District Council to do the same;
- This Council further notes that as a guardians of public money, Nottinghamshire County Council is committed to the fundamental principles of openness and transparency. This is as the greatest strength of local government, working with and for the people we represent to strive for the very best services and the most effective use of public money.

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Councillor Jason Zadrozny did not accept the amendment.

Following a debate, the amendment was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried.

Following a further 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: 2018/046**

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- notes that only two borough/district councils in Nottinghamshire operate a committee system, namely Conservative-controlled Broxtowe Borough Council and Newark & Sherwood District Council, and would encourage other councils including Ashfield District Council to do the same;
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## **12. ADJOURNMENT DEBATE**

Following the motion by Councillor David Martin that an adjournment debate take place on question six, which was duly seconded, the motion was debated.

In accordance with the Constitution, no vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4.39 pm.

**CHAIRMAN**