



Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 22 September 2022 (10.30 am – 3.40 pm)

**Membership**

**COUNCILLORS**

Roger Jackson (Chairman)  
John Ogle (Vice-Chairman)

Reg Adair  
Mike Adams  
Pauline Allan  
Sinead Anderson  
Callum Bailey  
Matt Barney  
Chris Barnfather  
Ben Bradley MP  
Richard Butler  
Anne Callaghan BEM  
André Camilleri  
Scott Carlton  
Steve Carr - apologies  
John Clarke MBE  
Neil Clarke MBE  
Robert Corden  
John Cottee  
Jim Creamer  
Debbie Darby  
Sam Deakin  
Dr John Doddy  
Bethan Eddy  
Boyd Elliott  
Sybil Fielding  
Kate Foale  
Stephen Garner - apologies  
Glynn Gilfoyle  
Keith Girling - apologies  
Penny Gowland  
Errol Henry JP  
Paul Henshaw  
Tom Hollis - apologies

Mike Introna  
Richard Jackson  
Eric Kerry  
Bruce Laughton  
Johnno Lee  
David Martin  
John 'Maggie' McGrath  
Andy Meakin  
Nigel Moxon  
Philip Owen  
Michael Payne  
Sheila Place  
Mike Pringle  
Francis Purdue-Horan  
Mike Quigley MBE  
Mrs Sue Saddington  
Dave Shaw  
Helen-Ann Smith - apologies  
Sam Smith  
Tom Smith  
Tracey Taylor  
Nigel Turner  
Roger Upton  
Lee Waters  
Michelle Welsh  
Gordon Wheeler  
Jonathan Wheeler  
Daniel Williamson  
Elizabeth Williamson - apologies  
John Wilmott  
Jason Zadrozny

## **HONORARY ALDERMEN**

Mrs Kay Cutts MBE

## **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Adrian Smith	(Chief Executive)
Marjorie Toward	(Chief Executives)
Sara Allmond	(Chief Executives)
Peter Barker	(Chief Executives)
Carl Bilbey	(Chief Executives)
Isobel Fleming	(Chief Executives)
Michael Higginson	(Chief Executives)
Phil Rostance	(Chief Executives)
Nigel Stevenson	(Chief Executives)
Jonathan Gribbin	(Adult Social Care and Public Health)
Colin Pettigrew	(Children and Families)
Derek Higton	(Place)
Matthew Neal	(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 her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and County Councillor Eddie Cubley

## **1. MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED: 2022/032**

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 July 2022 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from:-

- Councillor Steve Carr (other)
- Councillor Steve Garner (other)
- Councillor Keith Girling (other)
- Councillor Tom Hollis (other)
- Councillor Mike Pringle (medical/illness)
- Councillor Helen-Ann Smith (medical/illness)
- Councillor Elizabeth Williamson (other)

Councillor John Clarke MBE and Councillor Boyd Elliott submitted apologies that they would arrive late to the meeting.

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

Adrian Smith declared a pecuniary interest in item 4 – confirmation of the appointment to the position of Chief Executive and left the Chamber during the consider of the item.

### **4. CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Having declared a pecuniary interest in this item, Adrian Smith left the Chamber.

Councillor Ben Bradley MP introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2022/033 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Bruce Laughton.

Following a debate, the Chairman put the motion to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried and it was:-

#### **RESOLVED: 2022/033**

To approve the appointment of Adrian Smith to the post of County Council's Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service with immediate effect.

Adrian Smith returned to the Chamber.

### **5. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

#### **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

None

#### **Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

The Chairman spoke in memory of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and informed the Chamber that a cross-party working group would be established to consider how the Council could commemorate the life and service of Queen Elizabeth II.

Councillors Ben Bradley MP, Kate Foale, Jason Zadrozny, Neil Clarke MBE, Matt Barney, Mike Quigley MBE, Sam Smith, Bruce Laughton, John Lee, John Wilmott, Samantha Deakin and Ann Callaghan BEM also spoke in memory of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

## **County Councillor Eddie Cubley**

The Chairman spoke in memory of County Councillor Vaughan Hopewell who had passed away unexpectedly at home.

Councillors Ben Bradley MP, John Ogle, Jason Zadrozny, Kate Foale, Richard Jackson, Michael Payne, Sue Saddington and Eric Kerry also spoken in memory of Councillor Eddie Cubley.

During consideration of this item Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 11.30am

## **CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

The Chairman updated members on the business he and the Vice-Chairman had carried out since the last meeting, including attending a number of events including a number of events relating to the death of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, and the Proclamation of his Majesty King Charles III. He also attended a number of civic services, the Indian Independence Day, the Ukrainian Independence Day and the Jamaican Independence Day events. The Chairman also raised the Nottinghamshire flag at Newark Castle on Nottinghamshire Day; celebrated Merchant Navy Day at a number of districts and at County Hall and attended the tour of Britain on its Nottinghamshire leg of the race.

## **6. CONSTITUENCY ISSUES**

The following Members 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 John Wilmott regarding environmental responsibilities of Nottinghamshire County Council in Hucknall North

Councillor David Martin regarding bus services in Selston Parish

Councillor Dave Shaw left the Chamber at the start of this item at 11.43am.

## **7a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

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

- (1) Councillor John Ogle, request for a footpath from East Markham to Tuxford
- (2) Councillor Philip Owen, request for one-way street and residents parking scheme on Victoria Street, Kimberley

- (3) Councillor Dr John Doddy, regarding the withdrawal of the No21 bus service
- (4) Councillor Roger Jackson, regarding illegal and dangerous incidents occurring in Hoveringham.

**RESOLVED: 2022/033**

That the petitions be referred to the appropriate Cabinet Member for consideration in accordance with the Procedure Rules, with a report being brought back to Council in due course.

Councillor Sheila Place left the Chamber at the start of this item, at 11.58am.

**7b. RESPONSE TO PETITION PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED: 2022/034**

That the contents and actions taken as set out in the report be noted.

**8. RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF GROUPS**

Councillor Chris Barnfather introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2022/035 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Bruce Laughton.

The Chairman put the motion to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried and it was:-

**RESOLVED: 2022/035**

- 1) That the membership of the political Groups be recognised.
- 2) That the Officers of the Groups be noted.

**9. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**

Councillor Chris Barnfather introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2022/036 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Bruce Laughton.

The Chairman put the motion to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried and it was:-

**RESOLVED: 2022/036**

That the revised allocation of committee seats set out in Appendix A of the report be approved.

Councillor Dave Shaw returned to the Chamber at the start of this item, at 11.57am.

**10. EXECUTIVE REPORT – KEY ISSUES AND ACTIVITIES**

**RESOLVED: 2022/037**

That the contents of the report be noted.

**11a. QUESTIONS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY**

None

Councillor Jason Zadrozny returned to the Chamber at 12.09pm.

**11b. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

Twenty questions had been received as follows: -

- 1) from Councillor Jonathan Wheeler concerning update on works following the fire at County Hall (Councillor Ben Bradley MP replied)
- 2) from Councillor Jim Creamer concerning community wealth funding (Councillor Richard Jackson replied)
- 3) from Councillor Tom Smith regarding No141 bus service (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 4) from Councillor Helen-Ann Smith about barriers to bus use (Councillor Ben Neil Clarke MBE to reply) – Councillor Smith had submitted her apologies to the meeting, therefore her question would receive a written answer.
- 5) from Councillor Penny Gowland about fixed £2 bus fares (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 6) from Councillor Dave Shaw regarding costs relating to Council buildings at Toy Wighay Farm (Councillor Ben Bradley MP replied on behalf of Councillor Keith Girling)
- 7) from Councillor John Lee about blue badge application process (Councillor Gordon Wheeler replied)

- 8) from Councillor David Martin concerning adult social care funding (Councillor Matt Barney replied)
- 9) from Councillor Mike Pringle about spending of Household Support Fund (Councillor John Cottee to reply) – Councillor Pringle had submitted his apologies to the meeting, therefore his question would receive a written answer.
- 10) from Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan concerning budgeting for capital projects (Councillor Richard Jackson replied)
- 11) from Councillor Jonathan Wheeler concerning Lady Bay Bridge (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)

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

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.

- 12) from Councillor Kate Foale concerning model for finance Local Government services (Councillor Bed Bradley MP to reply)
- 13) from Councillor John ‘Maggie’ McGrath regarding funding for Health Bureau’s community transport service (Councillor John Cottee to reply)
- 14) from Councillor Penny Gowland regarding ‘school streets’ policy (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE to reply)
- 15) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding Arts Council funding (Councillor Ben Bradley MP to reply)
- 16) from Councillor Penny Gowland concerning Climate Change team (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE to reply)
- 17) from Councillor Anne Callaghan about communal and green open spaces (Councillor Keith Girling to reply)
- 18) from Councillor Debbie Darby about school clothing allowances policy (Councillor Tracey Taylor to reply)
- 19) from Councillor Errol Henry regarding Black History Month (Councillor Ben Bradley MP to reply)
- 20) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding Communications and Marketing team (Councillor Gordon Wheeler to reply)

During consideration of this item the Council adjourned from 12.30pm to 1.32pm for lunch.

The following Members left the Chamber for more than 10 minutes during consideration of this item:-

- Councillor Samantha Deakin left the Chamber at 12.11pm and returned at 1.32pm.
- Councillor Sheila Place returned to the Chamber at 1.32pm.
- Councillor Jason Zadrozny did not return to the Chamber after lunch until 1.45pm.
- Councillor Daniel Williamson did not return to the Chamber after lunch until 1.48pm.
- Councillor Samantha Deakin did not return to the Chamber after lunch until 1.57pm
- Councillor David Martin left the Chamber at 2.11pm during consideration of this item and returned later in the agenda.
- Councillor Nigel Turner gave his apologies (other) and did not return to the meeting after lunch.
- Councillor Pauline Allan gave her apologies (medical/illness) and did not return to the meeting after lunch.

Having previously submitted his apologies, Councillor John Clarke MBE arrived at the meeting at 1.32pm after lunch.

Having previously submitted his apologies, Councillor Boyd Elliott arrived at the meeting at 1.49pm during consideration of this item.

## **12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

A motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Paul Henshaw and seconded by Councillor Kate Foale:-

“Research undertaken by the Child Poverty Action Group, published on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022, has indicated that 16.7 million people in England will be living in fuel poverty by January 2023, a figure drastically higher than the 3.65 million people reported to be in fuel poverty in 2019/20.

The research also suggests as many as 57.1% of East Midlands households are expected to be living in fuel poverty by January 2023.

A significant proportion of those people will expect to pay 30% or more of their total net-income on heating their homes.

The Government will consider what measures they will undertake to address the cost-of-living crisis and rising energy prices, however, this Council can and should have a contingency plan currently in place to help the people in Nottinghamshire this winter.

Across the country, many Local Authorities have publicly acknowledged this and have plans to implement policies, such as the establishment of communal ‘Warm Rooms’, where residents in need can access free, heated spaces.



The Labour Group believe that waiting until November for the Overview Committee to start a project of considering what assistance this Council may be able, willing or required to provide over the coming winter months will simply be too late.

We therefore ask this Council to:

1. Provide a report detailing the potential actions this Council can take to mitigate the impact of the energy price and cost of living crises specifically over the coming winter months (From October onward) by no later than the next Cabinet meeting on 13 October 2022, for approval.
2. Support the Implementation of a 'Warm Rooms' scheme across Nottinghamshire, similar to existing schemes proposed by other Local Authorities elsewhere, at the earliest opportunity."

Following a debate, the motion was put 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 23 members voted '**For**' the altered motion:-

Anne Callaghan	John 'Maggie' McGrath
John Clarke MBE	Andy Meakin
Jim Creamer	Michael Payne
Debbie Darby	Sheila Place
Samantha Deakin	Francis Purdue-Horan
Sybil Fielding	Dave Shaw
Kate Foale	Lee Waters
Glynn Gilfoyle	Michelle Welsh
Penny Gowland	Daniel Williamson
Errol Henry JP	John Wilmott
Paul Henshaw	Jason Zadrozny
David Martin	

The following 32 members voted '**Against**' the altered motion:

Reg Adair	Dr John Doddy
Mike Adams	Bethan Eddy
Sinead Anderson	Boyd Elliott
Callum Bailey	Mike Introna
Matt Barney	Richard Jackson
Chris Barnfather	Roger Jackson
Ben Bradley MP	Eric Kerry
Richard Butler	Bruce Laughton
André Camilleri	Johno Lee
Scott Carlton	Nigel Moxon
Neil Clarke MBE	John Ogle
Robert Corden	Philip Owen
John Cottee	Mike Quigley MBE

Mrs Sue Saddington  
Tom Smith  
Tracey Taylor

Roger Upton  
Gordon Wheeler  
Jonathan Wheeler

No members '**Abstained**' from the vote.

The Chairman declared the motion was lost.

During consideration of this item, Councillor Sam Smith left the Chamber at 2.32pm and did not return.

The following Members left the Chamber for more than 10 minutes during consideration of this item:-

Councillor David Martin returned to the Chamber at 2.51pm

Councillor Samantha Deakin left the Chamber at 3.14pm and returned at 3.28pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 3.40 pm.

**CHAIRMAN**