

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

held at the Council House, Nottingham,

on Monday 26 June 2006 at 2.00 pm

ATTENDANCES

✓ Councillor Wilson	Lord Mayor
✓ Councillor Akhtar	✓ Councillor G N Khan
✓ Councillor Aslam	✓ Councillor Klein
✓ Councillor Bloomfield	✓ Councillor Lee
✓ Councillor Bull	✓ Councillor Liversidge
✓ Councillor Campbell	✓ Councillor Long
✓ Councillor Chapman	✓ Councillor Malcolm
✓ Councillor Charlesworth	✓ Councillor Markin
✓ Councillor A Clark	✓ Councillor Marshall
✓ Councillor C A Clarke	✓ Councillor Mathews
✓ Councillor B Clarke-Smith	✓ Councillor Mir
✓ Councillor Cobb	✓ Councillor Morris
✓ Councillor Collins	✓ Councillor Munir
✓ Councillor Cowan	✓ Councillor Packer
✓ Councillor Cresswell	✓ Councillor Palmer
✓ Councillor Culley	✓ Councillor Parbutt
✓ Councillor Dewinton	✓ Councillor Price
✓ Councillor Edwards	✓ Councillor Shaw
✓ Councillor Foster	✓ Councillor J W E Smith
✓ Councillor Gibson	✓ Councillor Spencer
✓ Councillor Griggs	✓ Councillor Stapleton
✓ Councillor Grocock	✓ Councillor Stephenson
✓ Councillor Hartshorne	✓ Councillor Sutton
✓ Councillor Haymes	✓ Councillor Taylor
✓ Councillor Heppell	✓ Councillor Trimble
✓ Councillor Ibrahim	✓ Councillor Unczur
✓ Councillor James	✓ Councillor Urquhart
✓ Councillor A Khan	✓ Councillor Wood

13 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

In respect of agenda item 6 – Best Value Performance Plan, Statement of Accountability, Statement on Internal Control, the following members declared interests:-

Councillor Liversidge declared personal interests as a City Council appointed Director of Nottingham City Homes Limited and Enviroenergy Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Gibson declared a personal interest, as a City Council appointed Director of Nottingham City Transport Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Heppell declared a personal interest as a City Council appointed member of Nottingham City Homes Limited, which did not preclude her from speaking or voting.

Councillor Grocock declared a personal interest, as a City Council appointed Director of Nottingham City Transport Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Taylor declared a personal interest, as a City Council appointed Director of NET Development Board, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Parbutt declared a personal interest, as a City Council appointed Director of Nottingham City Transport Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Stephenson declared a personal interest as a City Council appointed Director of Nottingham City Homes Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Sutton declared a personal interest as a City Council appointed Director of Nottingham City Homes Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Clark-Smith declared a personal interest as a City Council appointed member of Nottingham City Homes Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Culley declared a personal interest as a City Council appointed Director of Nottingham City Homes Limited, which did not preclude her from speaking or voting.

Councillor Urquhart declared a personal interest, as a City Council appointed Member of NET Development Board, which did not preclude her from speaking or voting.

Councillor Haymes declared a personal, as a City Council appointed Director of Nottingham City Transport Limited, which did not preclude her from speaking or voting.

Councillor Wood declared a personal interest as a City Council appointed Director of Nottingham City Homes Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Wilson declared a personal interest as a City Council appointed Member of Nottingham City Homes Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Edwards declared personal interests as a City Council appointed member of Nottingham City Homes Limited Audit Committee and NET Development Board, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Long declared a personal interest as a City Council appointed member of NET Development Board, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

In respect of agenda item 8 – Motion in the name of Councillor Culley on Nottingham City Homes Limited:-

Councillor Liversidge declared a personal and prejudicial interest as the former Chairman of Nottingham City Homes Limited, and left the Chamber prior to the item being discussed and voted upon.

Councillor Stephenson declared a personal interest as a City Council appointed Director of Nottingham City Homes Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Sutton declared a personal interest as a City Council appointed Director of Nottingham City Homes Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Clarke-Smith declared a personal interest as a City Council appointed member of Nottingham City Homes Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Cowan declared a personal interest as a leaseholder, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Culley declared a personal interest as a City Council appointed Director of Nottingham City Homes Limited, which did not preclude her from speaking or voting.

Councillor Wood declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a City Council appointed Director of Nottingham City Homes Limited and left the Chamber prior to the item being discussed and voted upon.

Councillor Wilson declared a personal interest as a City Council appointed Member of Nottingham City Homes Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Edwards declared a personal interest as a City Council appointed member of Nottingham City Homes Limited Audit Committee, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Note: Upon arrival at the meeting, at the conclusion of agenda item 5, Councillor Morris declared personal interests in relation to agenda items 6 and 8, as a City Council appointed Director of Nottingham City Homes Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

14 ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED that the order of business be varied so that the Motion in the name of Councillor Culley (Agenda item 8) be considered prior to the Best Value Performance Plan 2006/07, Statement of Accounts 2005/06 and Statement on Internal Control (Agenda item 6), to allow for the Portfolio Holder for Adult and Housing Services to be present during consideration of the motion.

15 PETITIONS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Petitions

Councillor Grocock submitted a petition to the Lord Mayor on behalf of residents of the City, who were against the proposed building of a residential centre on 514 Arnold Road, Nottingham.

Councillor Culley submitted a petition to the Lord Mayor on behalf of residents in the Wollaton area, requesting that the opening hours of Jackson's Store on Arlestone Drive, Wollaton be reduced from 11pm to 9 pm, due to a number of incidents of anti-social behaviour that had occurred in the surrounding area.

Question

Vernon Park

The Lord Mayor asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Transforming Neighbourhoods on behalf of Mr M Newton:-

Could the Council please outline the plans for development work at Vernon Park, and also set a timescale for the work. As I'm sure you understand there is a lot of interest in the development locally and we are anxious to see this work underway as soon as possible. Could the Council further explain what steps are being taken to ensure that this investment will be protected from anti-social behaviour and vandalism and remain a benefit to the area for years to come. Does the Council also agree with me that Vernon Park is a huge resource for the local community, and it is vital that Basford gets the funding it deserves?

Councillor Clark replied as follows:-

Thank you, Lord Mayor, and can I thank Mr Newton for his question.

Vernon Park is a very well-used park and is seen as a valuable asset to the local community. The redevelopment of and facilities at the site have been identified as a strategic priority by a wide range of stakeholders and this is highlighted in both the City's Playing Pitch Strategy and Nottinghamshire's Football Facility Strategy.

Following the establishment of a project management steering group and extensive consultation in the area, the proposals for improvements and developments for the park include:-

- the levelling, re-grading and reseeding of the senior football pitch, to bring it up to a standard to enable matches to be played within the Nottinghamshire Senior League;
- to resurface, floodlight and improve fencing around the site's tennis courts;
- to demolish and rebuild the existing pavilion to include improved changing rooms, public toilets, meeting room, kitchen and improved security measures; and
- to undertake improvements to the site's car parking and entrance incorporating an overflow car park, disabled parking spaces and cycle racks and secure storage.

Dependant upon successful funding applications being made to the Football Foundation and the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) to help finance these improvement works, a preliminary completion date for the scheme is set for September 2007.

Through the City Council's Parks Development team, a new management and maintenance schedule is being produced to help protect and maintain this development and investment, to ensure appropriate and sustainable maintenance standards are undertaken following the completion of the works.

The new scheme and the proposals for the development have already been widely consulted upon and have taken into account local responses made, particularly given the vandalism and anti-social behaviour issues.

The project is seen as an important development for the City and I agree, as stated earlier, that Vernon Park is an important community resource, which I want to see developed and improved for the future and this is illustrated by Basford Ward getting the funding it deserves.

In somewhat more detail, Lord Mayor, the project funding at the moment has been provisionally costed at £980,000. The funding will be from the following sources:-

Section 106 Funding	Confirmed	£400,000
LTA	funding application – unconfirmed	£100,000
Football Foundation	funding application – unconfirmed	£400,000
WREN Landfill Tax	funding application – unconfirmed	£50,000
Football Club & Other	unconfirmed	£30,000

In more detail, the timetable is that the LTA funding application was submitted in December 2005. The planning approval was confirmed in March 2006. The submission of the Football Foundation Application will be in July 2006, and if we get confirmation of secured funding from the Football Foundation, the LTA and other sources, that should come through in October 2006. The procurement, design and construction work, with a detailed breakdown of costs, project plan and timetable is scheduled for November this year. The start of demolition and construction on the site would commence in January 2007, with an aspiration to complete the project by September 2007.

It is important to note, Lord Mayor, that a Friends Group has been set up for the park and its development will help to ensure greater local ownership and responsibility for the new facilities and provide ongoing support and a community link with the Council. Such a link with the community and the Friends Group are essential if we are to go for Green Flag status.

There will, Lord Mayor, be changes to the overall management of the park as a result of increased use particularly in the evenings and this should result in greater staff presence on the site which may help to minimise anti-social behaviour.

Further improvements, beyond those planned, will be examined by working with the aforementioned Friends Group, such as addressing youth facility provision, the issues around the fishing ponds and other wider park improvements which would be dependant on further funding becoming available.

Thank you, Lord Mayor.

16 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2006, and of the Extraordinary meeting held on 8 May 2006, be confirmed and signed by the Lord Mayor.

17 OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Viv Bell

The Acting Chief Executive reported with regret the recent death of Viv Bell, who died at the end of May 2006, after a long illness.

Ms Bell was elected as a Nottinghamshire County Councillor in 1981 and served until 1989. She had a strong connection with Nottingham City in that for four of those years she was the Chair of the Social Services Committee, which at the time, had responsibility for social services within city wards. She was highly regarded by those professionals who worked with her.

The Council stood in silence in tribute to her memory.

18 QUESTIONS

Crime and Anti-social Behaviour

Councillor Liversidge asked the following question of the Chair of the St Ann's and Dales Area 6 Committee:-

Could the Chair of Area 6 Committee tell Council of the work that is currently taking place in the area and in Sneinton in particular to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour? Could he inform Council of the work that is taking place to tackle the root causes of crime and

how ASBOs and other powers are being used to take a firm line with those that cause trouble in our neighbourhoods?

Councillor Mathews replied as follows:-

Thank you, Lord Mayor, and can I thank Councillor Liversidge for his question.

Can I inform Council that the Community and Neighbourhood Protection Service are working very closely with Nottinghamshire Police to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in Area 6, particularly in Sneinton. After the successful and much publicised Anti-social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) that were obtained against the so called 'Sneinton Soljas', a lot of resources have been deployed in the Sneinton area to tackle incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour. This includes teams of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and Community Protection Officers (CPOs), formerly known as wardens, being on near constant patrol around Sneinton Hermitage and on one particular street in Sneinton.

Members may know that weekly hot spot tasking meetings take place here at the Council House, chaired by the Leader and the Chief Superintendent Marcus Beale. At these meetings Police analysts provide factual data regarding crime and anti-social behaviour across the entire city. For a number of months Sneinton was identified as an anti-social behaviour 'hot spot' and this was clearly illustrated by data held by Nottinghamshire Police. A rapid response team consisting of four CPOs and PCSOs were immediately deployed to Sneinton. The team provided high profile patrols on foot and mountain bikes and concentrated on the collation of intelligence on the most prolific perpetrators of anti-social behaviour.

In addition to the weekly hot spot tasking meetings, officers from the Community and Neighbourhood Protection Service attend regular local tasking meetings at Sneinton Police Station, along with a number of other partners and agencies such as the Youth Offending Team, Nottingham City Homes and the Youth Service. At these meetings the perpetrators of anti-social behaviour, individuals and families are discussed and appropriate actions are agreed.

Where there is evidence against individuals and families perpetrating anti-social behaviour, our Community and Neighbourhood Protection Service will pursue the appropriate legal action in an effort to improve matters in the area.

Council will be interested to know that there are six Anti-social Behaviour Orders currently in force on individuals perpetrating acts of anti-social behaviour in Sneinton. These have been successfully enforced and a number of arrests have been made for breach of the orders, which are now pending criminal proceedings. Most recent Police data demonstrates a reduction in the reporting of incidents of anti-social behaviour in the Sneinton area, resulting in the area no longer being identified as a 'hot-spot'. That does not mean that there is no work being undertaken to tackle anti-social behaviour in Sneinton, just that a statistically proven problem has been tackled.

In order to tackle the root causes of anti-social behaviour, Officers from the Community and Neighbourhood Protection Service have been working closely with the Youth Offending Team and the Youth Service. Police Officers have visited parents of young offenders to encourage them to engage with the Youth Offending Team. Area 6 has been involved in the creation of a Youth Inclusion Project for Sneinton, funded through Neighbourhood Renewal Funding, to engage young people in a more positive way. The work in this project is vital to ensuring social inclusion in the area.

Sneinton is also part of a Neighbourhood Policing pilot, where the Police prioritise their work around local people's priorities. This pilot is proving to be a success in Sneinton, with residents telling me that they feel that South Sneinton in particular is much quieter.

Regulars in this Chamber will remember me challenging our Liberal Democrat colleagues, who condemned the use of ASBOs and Dispersal Orders in Sneinton in a leaflet. It had been regarded as unnecessary legislation infringing on the civil liberties of our residents and abuse of power by New Labour. Well no, there aren't any principle stands for liberty here, no principles here of any kind because of the schism in their group just after the election. No rise to the challenge to tell the public what they think of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act. They have the cheek to criticise us in this leaflet that we are not tough enough. Liberal Democrats campaigner, Glynn Johns it says here, and that's a familiar name, as he used to sit over

there besides Councillor Clarke. I cannot understand what happened to poor Glynn, he stuck with them through John Major, William Hague, Ian Duncan Smith, Michael Howard and now finally they have a Leader worth following he takes off and joins this lot, just as they splutter to a halt. I can only imagine it must be local factors.

Glynn says here, "It's all very well the Council saying that they are using ASBOs, but if its not being enforced, what's the point?". Well, it's all very well you lot jumping on the band wagon at the last minute but it makes you hypocrites and, worst of all, you could have saved your group if you had just got on board the Anti-Social Behaviour Act in the first place. They are a party without principles or solutions, there's nothing positive there, it's just whining. They are a party without solutions but they do have a plan and it's clear from this that they do, because they tell us quite clearly here that we will hear from the Focus Team regularly and we are all familiar with Liberal Democrat campaigns for putting out poor quality leaflets by the hundreds, even thousands. Their top candidate at the last election came seventh, two hundred votes behind the Tories. They know they cannot come first in the next election, but what they do know is that they can get these guys elected. So now we know that not only are they ready to go into coalition with them like they did in Derby and Leicester, they are ready to work putting out thousands of leaflets to get Tories elected. The message is clear, vote Lib Dem and get a Tory.

Thank you, Lord Mayor.

Recycling Scheme in Sherwood

Councillor Urquhart asked the following question of the Chair of the Mapperley and Sherwood Area 5 Committee:-

Would the Chair of Mapperley and Sherwood Area Committee comment on public reaction to the new recycling scheme in Sherwood and its impact on the recycling rate locally?

Councillor Parbutt replied as follows:-

Thank you, Lord Mayor, and I would like to thank Councillor Urquhart for her question.

Following a spot-light scrutiny review last year the Executive Board agreed, in February to extend curb-side recycling collections in the City both in terms of the range of items that are collected from existing premises and the number of households that are collected from. As the first part of that development, Sherwood has been put onto a single scheme with each household receiving three bins for separating their domestic waste. Sherwood Councillors have always been keen on kerb-side recycling collection and we have tended to be the first to ask for them. Because of that, Sherwood was the first area in the City to have blue bag collections for newspapers and magazines and it was also one of the first areas in the City to have brown bins for the collection of garden waste. As a consequence collections in Sherwood were slightly complicated with a mix of different schemes serving different streets.

This new scheme allows for separated collection of garden waste, paper, card-board, cans and plastics from every home in Sherwood where it is practical to do so and the scheme is uniform throughout the area.

It has been promoted locally by the Council through road shows explaining the scheme and promoting take-up by households through the Sherwood Recycling Brand. The first collections on the scheme started today. City Council officers tell me that we have received 183 phone calls to the call-centre from members of the public in the last two weeks, many of them very positive about the new scheme. They included 53 requests from people wanting to opt out of the garden waste scheme and have their brown bin taken back, which of course is an option available to all households, and 24 requests from small properties requesting an alternative form of bin because they cannot store the large 240 litre bin.

Sherwood Councillors visited the road shows in the ward where we found most people extremely positive and we have also over recent weeks picked up comments at our surgery and around the ward. Most people think it's an extremely good scheme and are very pleased to be receiving it. Because we have a combination of blue bag and brown bin recycling already in the area, recycling in Sherwood is already above the City average, above 30% and we expect the new scheme to take that recycling rate still further and make a major contribution to City recycling targets overall.

Many thanks must go to all of the City Council officers involved in the scheme roll-out, they have been working so hard and enthusiastically over recent weeks.

Thank you, Lord Mayor.

Sky Bus Service

Councillor Palmer asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Transport and Street Services:-

Would the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services please comment on the success of the Sky Bus service between Nottingham and Nottingham East Midlands Airport?

Councillor Grocock replied as follows:-

Thank you, Lord Mayor, and can I thank Councillor Palmer for her question.

The Skylink service has been in operation for 2 years, under a 5 year financing package from East Midlands Development Agency, Nottingham East Midlands Airport and the City Council. The Airport takes all the financial revenue risk. Both years one and two passenger targets have been exceeded. Numbers have risen from 1000 per week in May 2004 to 8000 per week in May 2006.

Lord Mayor, it's worth noting that the success of Skylink has sparked similar recent Skylink services in Derby and Leicester, using the same partnership model. Around 23% of passengers are using the service to commute to either the Airport or to Pegasus Business Park.

Revenue targets are slightly lower than forecast due to the commuter market being more price sensitive than predicted.

The service has recently been subject to an independent scrutiny. It has received satisfaction ratings over 90% and around 60% of passengers said they could not have made the trip without the service.

This service is just one example of a range of successful new or improved services recently delivered across the City. Both Nottingham City Transport and Trent have seen year on year growth on their key services, bucking the downward trend outside London.

There has been consistent year-on-year growth of public transport trips since 2000, a total increase of just over 6 million trips. Notable partnership successes include the 25% growth in the Work-link services to Queens Drive and Daleside Road, and 80% increase in the Uni-link service to Nottingham Trent University, with the popular new Medi-link services between the hospitals.

Thank you, Lord Mayor.

Nottingham City Homes Repairs Service

Councillor Akhtar asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Adult and Housing Services:-

Residents of Bridge Ward have expressed the view that the housing repair service is even worse under Nottingham City Homes than it was under the Housing Department. Does the Portfolio Holder agree with them?

Councillor Trimble replied as follows:-

Thank you, Lord Mayor, and can I thank Councillor Akhtar for her question.

Nottingham City Homes carries out around 2,700 repairs a week and as every member knows housing repairs are high on everybody's priorities, whether you own your own home, whether you rent privately or rent publicly, this is the case.

Figures tell us that housing repairs gradually improved under the Housing Department and have continued that gradual improvement under Nottingham City Homes.

Independent surveys carried out by the research company Kwest also show small improvements in customer satisfaction in housing repairs over a period. However, I believe it takes continual and sustained improvement to change opinion and general perception,

which is an anecdote by nature. I also believe the perception of services provided by Nottingham City Homes will be influenced by the disappointment of not achieving a two star inspection, by not gaining the extra Government investment and the subsequent media interest.

So whilst I am not aware of how the residents of Bridge Ward expressed this view, I can understand tenants' concerns, on what is a major issue for them. As members, we need to be driving through improvements that our tenants expect and deserve.

Thank you, Lord Mayor.

**19 MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR CULLEY-
NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES LIMITED**

MOVED by Councillor Culley, seconded by Councillor Cowan:-

That the Executive Board be recommended that subject to any necessary approval of the Secretary of State the Memorandum and Articles of Association of and the Council's Management Agreement with Nottingham City Homes Limited be amended so that meetings of the Strategic Board of Directors and of its committees (including any operational boards) shall be subject to the provisions and requirements of Part VA and Schedule 12 A of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended from time to time and as if for references to members of the council there is substituted references to Directors and other members of the Strategic Board of Directors; that every board committee shall include at least one director from each of the classes of directors with a quorum of the same; that no director shall be empowered to act other than at a meeting of the board or of one of its duly appointed committees; and that Directors shall have the same rights of access to the accounts, documents and papers of the company as councillors have in relation to the council of which they are a member.

MOVED by Councillor Stephenson by way of amendment and seconded by Councillor Long:-

“Remove, after the first semi-colon, “that every board committee shall include at least one director from each of the classes of directors with a quorum of the same; that no director shall be empowered to act other

than at a meeting of the board or of one of its duly appointed committees.””

The amended motion to read:-

That the Executive Board be recommended that subject to any necessary approval of the Secretary of State the Memorandum and Articles of Association of and the Council’s Management Agreement with Nottingham City Homes Limited be amended so that meetings of the Strategic Board of Directors and of its committees (including operational boards) shall be subject to the provisions and requirements of Part VA and Schedule 12 A of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended from time to time and as if for references to members of the council there is substituted references to Directors and other members of the Strategic Board of Directors; and that Directors shall have the same rights of access to the accounts, documents and papers of the company as councillors have in relation to the council of which they are a member.

After discussion the amendment was put to the vote and was not carried.

After further discussion the substantive motion was put to the vote and was not carried.

20 BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2006/07, STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2005/06 AND STATEMENT ON INTERNAL CONTROL 2005/06

The report of Councillor Edwards (as set out on page 38 of the agenda) was submitted and its recommendations were moved by Councillor Edwards and seconded by Councillor Clark.

MOVED by Councillor Cowan by way of an amendment and seconded by Councillor Culley:-

“In recommendation 2.3 add after ‘necessary,’

“provided that all amendments shall be reported to a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as soon as practicable after they have been made.””

“In recommendation 2.3 insert at the end before the full stop,

“and subject to the following addition to paragraph 9 of the Explanatory Foreword immediately before the sub-heading ‘City Council shortfall contribution’, ‘In 2005/06 the Promoters received PFI Grant of £22,630,424.16 and Availability Payments (net of VAT subsequently recovered) totalling £19,970,531.00 were made to the Arrow consortium.’ ”

The amended recommendation to read:-

2.3 That the Statement of Accounts for 2005/06 be approved, in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003, subject to the Chief Finance Officer being authorised to make any changes in response to observations from Performance and Resources Panel and any other minor amendments or corrections as may be necessary provided that all amendments shall be reported to a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as soon as practicable after they have been made and subject to the following addition to paragraph 9 of the Explanatory Foreword immediately before the sub-heading ‘City Council shortfall contribution,’ ‘In 2005/06 the Promoters received PFI Grant of £22,630,424.16 and Availability Payments (net of VAT subsequently recovered) totalling £19,970,531.00 were made to the Arrow consortium.’

After discussion the amendment was put to the vote and was not carried.

MOVED by Councillor Culley by way of an amendment and seconded by Councillor Cowan:-

“In recommendation 2.4 add after ‘necessary,’

“provided (a) that all amendments shall be reported to a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as soon as practicable after they have been made, and (b) that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall undertake a scrutiny of the Council’s response to requests under the Freedom of Information Act since 1 January 2005 and report to the Council by November 2006.” ”

The amended recommendation to read:-

- 2.4 The Statement on Internal Control for 2005/06 be approved, subject to the Acting Chief Executive being authorised to make any changes in response to observations from Performance and Resources Panel and any other minor amendments or corrections as may be necessary, provided (a) that all amendments shall be reported to a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as soon as practicable after they have been made, and (b) that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall undertake a scrutiny of the Council's response to requests under the Freedom of Information Act since 1 January 2005 and report to the Council by November 2006.

After discussion the amendment was put to the vote and was not carried.

After further discussion the motion was put to the vote and was carried and the Council RESOLVED that:-

(1) it recognised:-

- a) that there had been significant progress in delivering the actions underpinning the Council's priorities that had been set out in the Strategic Plan Refresh (2005-06). Over half of the key performance indicators demonstrated better performance than in 2004/05 and 8 of the 13 LPSAs had been achieved. This had built on the general performance improvements that had been made, with three quarters of all performance indicators demonstrating improvement over the last 3 years;**
- b) that further work was underway and planned to tackle remaining areas of under-performance and to progress priority areas for improvement. This drive would be spearheaded through by the Serving Nottingham Better programme, the continued implementation of the corporate performance management framework and continued scrutiny activity framed by the Strategy for Supporting Improvement;**
- c) the successful management of resources, enabling the allocation of over £16 million of extra revenue to our priorities in 2005/06 and £104 million spend on capital works; delivering to date £11 million efficiency savings and exceeding the**

targets, with more demanding targets for 2006/07; and all this was achieved whilst delivering a balanced budget for Social Services, despite significant pressures and a national backdrop of overspending in Social Services Departments;

- (2) the Best Value Performance Plan 2006/07 be approved, subject to the Acting Chief Executive being authorised to make changes in response to observations from the Executive Board and Performance and Resources Panel, and any other minor amendments or corrections as may be necessary;
- (3) the Statement of Accounts for 2005/06 be approved, in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003, subject to the Chief Finance Officer being authorised to make any changes in response to observations from Performance and Resources Panel and any other minor amendments or corrections as may be necessary;
- (4) the Statement on Internal Control for 2005/06 be approved, subject to the Acting Chief Executive being authorised to make any changes in response to observations from Performance and Resources Panel and any other minor amendments or corrections as may be necessary;
- (5) the Corporate Plan, which had been approved by Executive Board on 23 May 2006, be noted.

21 STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – SUBMISSION DRAFT

The report of Councillor Clark (as set out on page 45 of the agenda) was submitted and its recommendations were moved by Councillor Clark and seconded by Councillor Gibson.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Gibson:-

that the Submission Draft of the Statement of Community Involvement be submitted to the Secretary of State, and that it be published for a 6 week consultation period (in accordance with

government requirements), subject to any amendments made by the Executive Board on 20 June 2006.

22 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

RESOLVED that the appointment of Councillor A Khan to the Children and Young People Standing Panel be noted.

The meeting concluded at 8.20 pm.