

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

held at the Council House, Nottingham,

on Monday 11 September 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

33 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

In respect of agenda item 6 – Annual Review – SAFE for Nottingham 2005-08, Councillor Urquhart declared a personal interest as an employee of the Nottinghamshire Probation Service, which did not preclude her from speaking or voting.

34 ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED that the order of business be varied so that the Annual Review – SAFE for Nottingham 2005-08 (agenda item 6) be considered as the final item, to enable the Chief Constable to be present.

35 PETITIONS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Question

The Lord Mayor asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Transport and Street Services, on behalf of Ms J Kandola:-

What is the action plan you will be implementing to resolve the issue of bins being left on the streets in Sherwood? You have admitted that this has been an issue for some time. Given this, why has nothing been done? Without having house numbers on the dustbins how can you even identify which householders to contact in order to take action against them?

How long are you going to allow bins to be left permanently on the streets (e.g. Drayton Street, Hucknall Road, Woodville Road) without doing anything about it? Do you really expect householders such as those with all male sharers to sort their rubbish, and when they don't do it, how are you going to take action against them without being able to identify them (again because bins do not have house numbers on them)? If you can't implement an effective plan to clean up the streets in Sherwood, what can you do?

Councillor Grocock replied as follows:-

Thank you, Lord Mayor. I would like to thank Ms Kandola for her question.

The question relates to two issues associated with the wheeled bin collection system for domestic waste collections and the controls over residents on the recycling scheme.

With respect to the bins on the streets, this is an issue that can cause problems across the City. In some instances it can be a result of missed or late collections. However, an increasing problem is pockets of properties in neighbourhoods who leave bins out on the street, often permanently.

Historically, the City has followed a path of persuading residents to remove bins back to their properties. Usually this will result in partial resolution but will often be short-lived.

In the last year the City has undertaken pilot exercises in problem areas to reinterpret legislation to force bins to be removed back to their properties. In the trial areas last year, the process involved repeated monitoring and communications with these particular properties, and we were unsuccessful in gaining a prosecution. The City Council is continuing with this process, having done one trial this year and about to embark on another. It will continue to do so until a successful prosecution has been obtained. Once our efforts have been acknowledged as lawful with the courts, the authority will then be able to use Fixed Penalty Notices issued to householders as a control measure across the City. It should be noted that some properties have problems in locating their bins off the highway. We will therefore look carefully at this type of additional collection medium being appropriate, possibly by box system as they are included in recycling schemes.

Lord Mayor, with respect to the issue of recycling, whilst not always universally popular, it has been shown in both the City and elsewhere in the country that the public can be educated to sort their waste and become effective recyclers. This is reliant on the local authority implementing good collection systems coupled with clear guidance and help.

It is necessary that the material presented for recycling by the public is uncontaminated with other types of waste. Therefore the

City does use inspectors who will walk the collection rounds in front of the recycling lorries checking for contamination. Bins that have been contaminated are not emptied and a note is left for the resident explaining why. This system is evolving all the time but has proved an effective means of keeping the quality of collected material high. We service something in the order of 127,000 properties and the number of bins emptied citywide, weekly, is in excess of 150,000. This does include the recycling bins of course. The amount of waste collected in the year April 2005 to March 2006 is approximately 128,000 tonnes of household waste and 23,789 tons of this is recyclable waste.

Replacement bins are numbered when delivered with a permanent marker which I don't think is particularly satisfactory at this moment in time. There is no procedure for numbering bins. We don't mind our customers, and I use the word loosely, our customers doing that themselves if they so wish.

In conclusion, Lord Mayor, what I would like just to note is in the Saturday Evening Post, September 9th, it says "System's Bin Working Well – Sherwood - Sherwood and Mapperley Neighbourhood Watch Association have welcomed the introduction of this three bin recycling system. Chairman of the Association, Mike Douglas said "I think it's great that the City Council is encouraging more people to recycle waste that may otherwise be thrown away. The three bin system seems to be working well and is a positive step to helping the environment so we definitely welcome it."."

Thank you, Lord Mayor.

36 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2006, be confirmed and signed by the Lord Mayor.

37 OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Lord Mayor requested that Council remember the victims of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York on the fifth anniversary of the tragedy.

The Council stood in silence in tribute to their memory.

38 QUESTIONS

Home Office Statistics 2005/06

Councillor Culley asked the following question of the Chair of the Police Authority:-

Does the Chairman of the Police Authority accept the latest Home Office statistics which show that in 2005/06 per thousand population, out of 375 local authority areas Nottingham had:

- the highest number of crimes,
- the highest number of dwelling burglaries,
- the highest number of thefts from vehicles,
- the joint fourth highest number of sex offences,
- the joint eighth highest number of theft of vehicles,
- the joint eleventh highest number of crimes of violence against the person,
- the joint fifteenth highest number of robberies,
- that Nottinghamshire at 24% has the highest rate of victimisation at least once for household crime, and
- that as a result Nottinghamshire has the lowest level of confidence in the police.

Alan Street, as representative of County Councillor John Clarke, Chair of the Police Authority, replied as follows:-

Thank you, my Lord Mayor. May I thank Councillor Culley for her question. I do stand in for Councillor Clarke who is currently, at this very moment, in a meeting with Tony McNulty, the Minister with specific responsibilities for policing, who is in Nottingham today at the request of the Police Authority to discuss policing matters.

I would comment as follows, using the information from the Crime in England and Wales report to which Councillor Culley has referred. As this information is by its nature historic, I would wish to qualify the data with more recent information as indicated below:-

“the highest number of crimes”

Using the British Crime Survey comparator crimes as in the England and Wales report, Nottingham does have the highest level of crime per thousand population. There was a 2% reduction for 2005/06 compared with 2004/05. For the current 06/07 performance, all crime is at 19,936, down by 1,605 or 7.5% on 2005/06 July year-to-date;

“the highest number of dwelling burglaries”

Nottingham did have the highest number of dwelling burglaries per thousand population. There was a 10% reduction for 2005/06 compared with 2004/05 and, for the current 06/07 performance, dwelling burglaries stand at 1,768, down 31 or 1.7% on 2005/06 July year-to-date;

“the highest number of thefts from vehicles”

Nottingham did have the highest number of thefts from a vehicle per thousand population. There was an 11% increase for 2005/06 compared with 2004/05. For the current 06/07 performance, theft from vehicles is 2,189, down 250 or 10.3% on 2005/06 July year-to-date;

“the joint fourth highest number of sex offences”

Nottingham did have the joint fourth highest number of sexual offences per thousand population, when using the rounded figures. If decimal places are used then Nottingham is seventh highest. There was a 6% increase for 2005/06 compared to 2004/05. For the current 06/07 performance, sexual offences number 297, up by 75 or 33.8% on 2005/06 July year-to-date;

“the joint eighth highest number of thefts of vehicles”

Nottingham did have the joint eighth highest number of thefts from vehicles per thousand population when using rounded numbers. If decimal places are used then Nottingham is fifteenth highest. There was a 26% decrease for 2005/06 compared to 2004/05. For the current 06/07 performance, theft

of vehicles is 629, down 133 or 17.5% on 2005/06 July year-to-date;

“the joint eleventh highest number of crimes of violence against a person”

Nottingham did have the joint eleventh highest number of crimes of violence against a person per thousand population when using rounded figures. Again if decimal places are used then Nottingham is fourteenth highest. There was a 5% increase for 2005/06 compared with 2004/05. For the current 06/07 performance, crimes of violence against the person is standing at 3,379, that's down 130 or 3.7% on 2005/06 July year-to-date;

“the joint fifteenth highest number of robberies”

Nottingham did have the joint fifteenth highest number of robberies per thousand population when using rounded numbers. If decimal places are used then Nottingham is 17th highest. There was a 3% increase for 2005/06 compared to 2004/05. For the current 06/07 performance, robbery stands at 516, down 75 or 12.7% on 2005/06 July year-to-date;

“that Nottinghamshire at 24% has the highest rate of victimisation at least once for household crime”

Nottinghamshire did have the highest rate of victimisation at least one per household crime;

“that as a result Nottinghamshire has the lowest level of confidence in the police”

The level of confidence in the police cannot be solely linked to the victimisation level. For example, Northamptonshire has the same level as Nottinghamshire of both household victimisation and person victimisation but the level of confidence in the police is 10% higher there.

In terms of victim satisfaction, data for January to March 2006 shows that, for example:

- 84% of victims of violent crime are satisfied with the ease of contacting the police;
- 68% with the actions taken by the police;
- 84% with the way they were treated by the police;
- 69% were satisfied with their overall experience and
- 73% were reassured by what the police did.

The equivalent figures for burglary dwelling victims are:

92% of victims are satisfied with the ease of contacting the police;
 84% with the actions taken by the police;
 94% with the way they were treated by the police;
 84% were satisfied with their overall experience and
 83% were reassured by what the police did.

Other summary year-to-date July performance for the City 'C' Division 2006/07:-

- Burglary Other stands at 1,145, down 86 or 7.4% on 2005/06 July year-to-date;
- Criminal Damage at 3,762, down 699 or 15.7% on 2005/06 July year-to-date.

I trust that Councillor Culley will find this additional data helpful.

I can assure the Councillor that the Authority continues to monitor force performance closely and to seek continuous improvement from the Force.

Housing Repairs

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

Does the Portfolio Holder for Adult and Housing Services recall agreeing to provide members with robust evidence that housing repairs are improving? Does he think the information circulated provides this robust evidence?

Councillor Trimble replied as follows:-

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

Following my statement that housing repairs were showing gradual improvement I agreed to provide the performance figures. I also informed the Council that changes were made to the methodology on 5th June and that Housemark will be undertaking independent assessments of all performance indicators. So in terms of whether or not the figures were robust, they were as robust a figure as was available to us at that time.

Lord Mayor, I think that what is really important is that a fresh delivery plan is used by the Strategic Board, the Accountability Body, of which Councillor Long is a member, and Housemark, to ensure that the standard we set is at, or even beyond, the national standard. I will not be happy, and everyone else involved should not be happy, until we seek continued and sustained improvement across the board.

GSCE exam results

Councillor Packer asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People Services:-

Would the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services please update Council as to the results of the recent GSCE exams, and what they mean to the young people of Nottingham?

Councillor Chapman replied as follows:-

Can I thank Councillor Packer for her question.

This set of results of 45% A-C GCSEs has been, I think, the best so far in the City's history. I'll cast people's minds back to the year 2000 when, I think, the equivalent result was 29%. That means a 16% increase in those years and it has been done at some considerable effort all the way round from all parties - the department, the schools, the children. We have managed to close the difference on the national average which used to be 20% and is now nearer 11% and we hit the target which the Government set for us with a 3.4% increase.

This is a result of probably three things. First, I believe there is better teaching. I think there is more focussed teaching, there are better teaching methods being applied and a lot of it is supported by the Children's Services department. Second, I believe that the increased investment, which has meant more teachers, more teaching assistants, more time for teachers to teach, is also beginning to show, in addition to the investment and new equipment. And third, and I don't think we should underestimate this, I think there is a gradual change in culture within the City towards education. It's perhaps only anecdotal but I thought the front page of the Evening Post, which announced some of these results at Elliott Durham, illustrated that change in culture because there the children at Elliott Durham stated, and it may have been slightly exaggerated, but they stated that one of their reasons for wanting to achieve was in memory of Danielle Beccan. Now if they were going to use that as a reason for paying tribute to Danielle Beccan, that they actually wanted to achieve, then for me it illustrates something about a culture. I have also noted on the estate I represent, which is one of the least well-educated in the country, that it is far easier to talk to parents and children about achievement, so I think gradually there is a culture change which gives me great hope for the future.

So on the whole things are going well and they are underpinned by a good set of Key Stage 2 and 3 results. But I would like to single out Elliott Durham for its 12.7% increase; Top Valley for its 16.7% increase; Big Wood for its 11.7% increase, and a school which is under particular pressure, Haywood, which managed to achieve 6% increase. But we should not forget, either, the Fernwoods, the Trinitys, the Greenwood Dales and the Bluecoats, all of which are performing at a consistently high level.

Nevertheless, we shouldn't be complacent. There is an extremely long way to go and this is the attitude I know is shared by the Director of Children's Services. There are some schools this year that have under performed and we need to make particular effort, just as we made a particular effort with the schools that under performed in last year's Key Stage 2 results, and I will be having discussions with officers about that.

Secondly, in some authorities there is a mad rush to try and increase results by, in my view, sacrificing standards, in other

words, shifting children on to courses on which they stand more chance of getting a good result but which is not necessarily in their interests as children or in the interests of their future career. So therefore there is a quality that we do have to sustain. Now one of the indications of quality, not the only indicator of quality, is the number of GCSEs in English and Maths and there are some schools which are performing exceptionally well, and I do have to name Trinity, but others could be doing a bit better which is something we certainly want to encourage. I'm very much in favour of vocational training - I think it will be the salvation of parts of the City, but I don't want personally for children to be pushed into vocational training when they stand half a chance of getting academic results which would probably stand them in better stead in the long run. It's a very delicate balance, it's a very delicate balance, we've got to get it right for the child not for the school - that's the message.

The third issue that arises from these results, I think, is the under performance of black boys and white working class boys, and I put them both together. I think it is a very, very serious issue for this city. I do get the feeling that girls of all ethnic origins are beginning to perform far better. I am extremely worried about these last two categories. We have put a lot of energy, and will continue to put a lot of energy, into black boys, but I think it is also important to note that two of the schools which under performed quite considerably have a large number of white boys.

So there's good results, congratulations all round, we are moving in the right direction, we will try and keep the quality, but we have some challenges that we must continue to address. Thank you.

Basford Hall College

Councillor Wood asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People Services:-

Is the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People Services aware that New College Nottingham (NCN) is keen to rationalise its assets and sell the valuable Basford Hall College site, which provides much needed vocational training for youngsters living in the West and Northern areas of the City. Given the poor levels of academic attainment and poor employment prospects, would he not

agree with me that NCN should improve this resource, rather than disposing of it?

Councillor Chapman replied as follows:-

Thank you for the question.

There are a number of proposals floating around put forward by different colleges to rationalise services provided by them and this is only the first. I can imagine there are a few more in the pipeline.

As for this particular proposal, it is difficult to assess either the impact or chances of success. There are a number of obstacles to overcome which means that it may well never be realised. For example, it does need to fit into the 14-19 Strategy because colleges are now obliged to work in co-operation with partners such as the City Council, such as other colleges and, in particular, it needs to agree with the Learning Skills Council's (LSC) approach for two reasons; one the LSC is probably the main operator when it comes to post-16 and secondly I don't think this development can go ahead without LSC support funding. So those are a couple of obstacles.

Further obstacles may well be planning permission, I assume this is dependent on a planning application for change of use. If that is the case then it may well have to go to planning committee and that is another obstacle to be overcome. And then there is the land issue. I am told that part of the land, certainly the forecourt, is owned by the City Council, and if there were to be any developments, at any stage, of the land, then I'm fairly sure the City Council would have some say over it. So we have there a number of obstacles and a number of problems and I therefore won't expect, but I may be wrong, that this scheme as it is proposed at the moment will end up as it is proposed. I think there will be substantial changes and, ultimately I have got to say, will have to fit into the Strategy and there hasn't been as yet sufficient discussions amongst the partners as to how it does that.

Result of the Culture Block Inspection

Councillor Haymes asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Community Services and Tourism :-

Would the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Community Services and Tourism please inform Council of the results of the Culture Block Inspection?

Councillor Unczur replied as follows:-

Thank you, my Lord Mayor, and thank you Councillor Haymes for your question.

Following an Inspection in June this year by the Audit Commission, Nottingham's Cultural Services have been assessed as 'good' with 'promising prospects for improvement'. Under the current assessment framework, no other Council has achieved a better result. It's on a par with Manchester and Brighton and better than Bristol and Solihull.

The Inspectors were particularly impressed that the services are based on the Council's thorough understanding of the needs of our local community. They recognise the Council's commitment to, and investment in, cultural services as a means of improving the quality of people's lives, all of which is reflected in the overall good satisfaction ratings from the public.

Some of the activities that the inspectors particularly picked out for praise include:

- Park Life events, some 12 in the City this summer with more than 4,500 of our young people taking part over a 6 week period;
- more people of all ages successfully being encouraged to take exercise (I should take it up myself sometime), older people in particular, with more using the City leisure centres and taking part in sports development sessions. That was not an easy road to take, it took a lot of tough decisions to get there but we made it;
- a new museums outreach service called Lazarus, where artefacts are loaned to the community and to schools. Over 1,000 children have now benefited during the summer term alone;

- initiatives to reach groups that might otherwise be excluded, such as work with prisoners on reading, sports development and library services for 'looked after' children, and now a children's allotment project in Hyson Green;
- work with the community to improve parks and open spaces, helping the city to gain Green Flag awards for six parks and to win the Britain in Bloom and, over the last 6 weeks, East Midlands in Bloom competitions;
- the contribution to community cohesion such as supporting asylum seekers through the 'Building Bridges' project and the inclusion of Asian Arts at the Riverside Festival;
- the Ace Base study centre at the Tennis Centre, helping children to enjoy and achieve through study support to promote key skills in literacy, numeracy and ICT;
- and this one for me I am particularly proud of because I pushed it all the way, a 290% increase in the number of three and four-year-olds using our library service since Boots Books for Babies started some eight years ago. The scheme is now part of the national Bookstart scheme;
- 'Go for it,' a fun-based programme of sports, activities and advice for overweight children, run jointly with the Primary Care Trust (PCT);
- The Footprints Project, which is a scheme to encourage children to walk to school at least once a week. Some 8,000 pupils have already signed up.

The Council has already started working towards the recommendations made by the inspectors, including developing better performance management and reviewing value for money across the whole range of cultural services.

Nottingham can undoubtedly claim its place as the cultural capital of the East Midlands. The Royal Centre now offers a bigger choice of shows under one roof each year than any other venue in the UK.

We are particularly pleased that the Inspectors have acknowledged some of the lesser known, but equally valuable services, that contribute to many of the Council's priorities, including health, education, and the fact that our services have improved as a result of consultation and work with local people, along with a strong support from our fellow partners.

The Council and its hard-working staff have been extremely supported by our partners and they have all worked together benefiting local people and our visitors.

I thank Councillor Haymes for her question. Thank you, Lord Mayor.

39 CITY COUNCIL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2005/06 – PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE

The report of Councillor Edwards (as set out on page 131 of the agenda) was submitted and its recommendations were moved by Councillor Edwards and seconded by Councillor Collins.

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

In Recommendation 1

- (i) after "Accounts" insert "and Audit", and
- (ii) after "Governance Report" add "and to receive, consider and make recommendations to the Council or any Committee on all internal and external audit reports as soon as practicable after they have been issued".

In Recommendation 2

- (i) after "date of the" insert "first", and
- (ii) for "be held on" substitute "shall be".

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

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Collins:-

- (1) that an Accounts Committee be established with delegated authority to consider the Annual Governance Report;**
- (2) that the following members of the committee be appointed (on a ratio of 7:1:1:1) and the date of the meeting be Thursday 28 September 2006 at the rising of Performance and Resources Standing Panel:-**

Labour Group

Councillor Aslam

Councillor Campbell

Councillor Edwards

Councillor Griggs

Councillor Hartshorne

Councillor Mathews

Councillor Parbutt

Substitute : Councillor Taylor

Conservative Group

Councillor Cowan

Substitute: Councillor Culley

Liberal Democrat Group

Councillor Long

Substitute: Councillor Stephenson

Independent Group

To be notified.

40 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

The report of Councillor Clark (as set out on page 133 of the agenda) was submitted and its recommendations were moved by Councillor Clark and seconded by Councillor Gibson.

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

In recommendation 1, add, immediately after "1847", "subject to prior consultation with the Area Committees within the area of which the street or property lies".

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

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

- (1) that delegated authority be granted to the Services Director for Planning, Transport and Highways to undertake the Street Naming and Numbering requirements of the Public Health Act 1925 and the Town Improvements Clauses Act 1847;
- (2) that the Development Control Committee Terms of Reference, as detailed in Appendix 6 (c) of the Council's Constitution, be amended by removing the responsibility for the Street Naming and Numbering function.

41 TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE – CHANGE TO THE CONSTITUTION

The report of Councillor Cresswell (as set out on page 136 of the agenda) was submitted.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Cresswell, seconded by Councillor Grocock, that the proposed changes to the Constitution, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be approved.

42 ANNUAL REVIEW – SAFE FOR NOTTINGHAM – 2005-08

(a) GUEST SPEAKERS

The meeting was addressed by the following guest speakers:-

Alan Given, Chief Executive of the Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership;

Chief Constable Steve Green (Nottinghamshire Police), accompanied by Chief Superintendent Marcus Beale and County Councillor John Clarke, Chair of the Nottinghamshire Police Authority.

The speakers gave their respective views on the SAFE strategy and crime and drugs issues in the City and answered Members' questions on matters within their areas of expertise.

RESOLVED that the Council's thanks to the speakers for their attendance and valuable contributions to the debate be recorded.

(b) SAFE FOR NOTTINGHAM 2005-08

The report of Councillor Collins (as set out on page 103 of the agenda) was submitted and its recommendations were moved by Councillor Collins and seconded by Councillor James.

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

In Recommendation (i), delete “current” and substitute “limited and in some cases negative”;

renumber Recommendations (ii) and (iii) as (iv) and (v) respectively; and insert new Recommendation (ii):

“(ii) the continuing and wholly unacceptable levels of crime in Nottingham as evidenced by police recorded crime statistics for 2005/06 published by the Home Office in July 2006 which show that out of 375 local authority areas, Nottingham had per thousand population :

- the highest number of recorded British Crime Survey comparator crimes;
- the highest number of dwelling burglaries;
- the highest number of thefts from vehicles;
- the seventh highest number of sex offences;
- the fifteenth highest number of thefts of vehicles;
- the fourteenth highest number of crimes of violence against the person;
- the seventeenth highest number of robberies, and
- that Nottinghamshire has at 24% the highest rate of victimisation at least once for household crime, and
- that as a result Nottinghamshire has at 39% the lowest level of confidence in the police;” and

insert new Recommendation (iii):

“(iii) that Nottingham will not be adequately safe for residents, visitors and businesses until it has the same number of police officers and support staff proportionate to its recorded

crime levels as other better resourced and financed police forces;” and

in former Recommendation (ii), renumbered as (iv), insert at the beginning “that”, and after “met”, insert “are unclear, uncertain and incomplete”.

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

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

Under point 2 “Recommendations”, insert new paragraph (ii):-

“that progress against some targets has been good, others disappointing and still others have not been measurable,”

then renumber subsequent paragraphs.

After discussion the amendment was put to the vote and was carried.

After further discussion the substantive motion was put to the vote and the Council RESOLVED to note:-

- (i) the current progress of the Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership against the eight headline targets of the SAFE strategy;**
- (ii) that progress against some targets had been good, others disappointing, and still others had not been measurable;**
- (iii) the corrective actions currently in place, and planned, to ensure that the SAFE headline targets were met;**
- (iv) the need to harmonise the SAFE strategy with the targets and indicators contained in the Local Area Agreement (Safer Stronger Communities) and the Crime Floor Target Action Plan, which were statutory plans that had developed over the last twelve months.**

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm