

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

held at the Council House, Nottingham,

on Monday 13 November 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

47 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

In respect of agenda item 5 – council question 4 relating to the bus services operated by Nottingham City Transport and agenda item 7, Meadows and Southside Action Plan, the following members declared personal interests as Council appointed Directors of Nottingham City Transport Ltd, Councillors Parbutt, Gibson, Haymes and Grocock, which did not preclude them from speaking on this item.

In respect of agenda item 6 – Urgent Decisions taken by the Executive Board, the following members declared interests:-

Councillor Edwards declared a personal interest as a Council appointed Director of Enviroenergy Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Liversidge declared a personal interest as a Council appointed Director of Enviroenergy Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Smith declared a personal interest as a Council appointed Director of Enviroenergy Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

In respect of agenda item 7 – Meadows and Southside Action Plan, the following members declared interests:-

Councillor Edwards declared personal interests as a Council appointed member of both Nottingham Development Enterprise and Greater Nottingham Light Rapid Transit Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Taylor declared personal interests as a Council appointed member of the NET Development Board and Greater Nottingham Light Rapid Transit Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

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

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

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

Notes:

Upon arrival at the meeting, (at the conclusion of agenda item 5), Councillor Hartshorne declared a personal interest in relation to agenda item 6, Urgent Decisions taken by Executive Board as a Council appointed Director of Enviroenergy Limited, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

48 PETITIONS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Councillor Dewinton submitted a 3622 named petition to the Lord Mayor on behalf of members of the public who were against the City Council's proposal to discontinue the Elms Primary and Nursery School, Cranmer Street, Nottingham.

49 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2006, be confirmed and signed by the Lord Mayor.

50 QUESTIONS

Stopping of monthly crime statistics by Chief Constable

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

Will the Chairman of the Police Authority please explain why the Chief Constable has recently decided to stop supplying Conservative Councillors with monthly crime statistics?

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

Thank you, Lord Mayor. I thank Councillor Culley for her question, which I am replying to on behalf of the Chairman.

I have asked the Chief Constable for an explanation and his response was as follows:-

- he advised that there had never been a formal supply of such information to Councillors, but there had been a change in how statistics are presented to ensure they are available to more people;
- monthly crime and detection statistics are now published on the Force internet site. These figures drill down to Local Area Committee (LAC) level and are available for all key crime areas;
- the monthly management information pack is distributed to the Police Authority on a monthly basis;
- the Force's Management Information Department circulate the crime and disorder return to all Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRPs) on a monthly basis. This includes Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Broxtowe, Gedling, Mansfield, Newark and Sherwood, Nottingham, Rushcliffe and Nottinghamshire Councils and the Government Office for the East Midlands;
- all CDRPs have access to Iquanta;
- the overall effect is that the information is available to more people, in a timely fashion, at less cost to the Authority and reduces paper use.

Nottinghamshire Police force rated as third worst in the country

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

Will the Chairman of the Police Authority please explain why the Nottinghamshire Police Force has recently been rated as the third worst in the country?

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

Thank you, Lord Mayor.

I believe Councillor Culley is referring to the so-called league table created by the media, and based on a limited number of subjective assessments made and subsequently moderated by the Home Office.

In relation to those assessments, what they do reveal is that the force is showing improvement in 13 of the 21 baseline categories used by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) to assess police performance. Furthermore, in the Police Performance Assessment, Nottinghamshire has improved in six of the seven categories.

One critical assessment or factor missing from these figures is the statement relating to resources. It was accepted by the Home Office as a result of its recent review of the five East Midlands Forces that resources (or more accurately the lack of resources) was a key feature in the acknowledged difficulties in attempting to merge these forces. It is therefore not a coincidence that we find three of the five forces at the foot of the created table.

If we were to review another table, found in the Police Review, we would find the Nottinghamshire Force rates as joint second best in the country.

Perhaps a more telling statistic is that when all crime is considered for the period 2001 to 2006, Nottinghamshire has achieved the seventh highest reduction in crime in the country.

Neither the Authority nor the Force is complacent - we are determined that improvements will continue and I would place on record my thanks to the Officers and staff of the Force for all their continued efforts.

Cost of implementing Decent Homes and the current shortfall

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

Could the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Adult Services let us know the current projections for the cost of implementing Decent Homes and the current projected shortfall (assuming 2 star status is obtained) needing to be bridged? What are results of talks with the Minister regarding funding this shortfall?

Councillor Trimble replied as follows:-

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

There have been no talks with the Minister about any Decent Home's funding gap for Nottingham. We are told by civil servants at the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) that they will discuss funding for all Arms Length Management Organisations (ALMO) in round 4 with the Minister some time in the near future. We expect that the £165 million will be confirmed as still available for Nottingham's tenants, subject to a future successful inspection of Nottingham City Homes.

I think you may be referring to the meeting held between officers at the DCLG early last month, the discussion on that day was led by our new Chief Executive, Michael Frater. The talks were, I am told, extremely positive and constructive but there is still a considerable amount of work to be done before final figures can be confirmed and it's not helpful to speculate on the outcome by guessing or projecting at this stage.

Nottingham City Homes

Councillor Stephenson asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Adult Services, Housing and Health:-

Could the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Adult Services inform Council of the consequences for Nottingham City Homes of the delays in Nottingham City Council drawing up Area Investment Plans?

Councillor Trimble replied as follows:-

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

I am aware that the Board of Nottingham City Homes may have been told that the City's Area Investment Plans are essential for a Decent Homes programme. This is not the case. They were only ever intended to look in detail at our most deprived lettings areas and could not provide the whole City stock condition analysis that the Decent Homes programme needs. All of the plans should be finished by the end of January. They will provide information not just on housing but on a whole range of social and economic indicators including transport, welfare, education and crime. The Investment plans are an important tool which will assist in cross departmental planning, information sharing and the regeneration agenda.

The complete Decent Homes programme is being jointly agreed and finalised by the City and Nottingham City Homes. A joint Asset Management Group with senior representation from Nottingham City Homes and the retained housing service has already mapped out an indicative programme for the whole City and is validating this by reference to the latest stock survey. It will be important that the group ensure a balanced programme across the City.

There are no delays while the validation work is being undertaken. There are secondary surveys already done on enough homes for the next 6 months and by February the following 12 months work will already have been planned and surveyed.

I would like to have seen the investment plans delivered on time but the delay has had no material affect on the regeneration agenda and absolutely no impact on the Decent Homes programme.

Thank you, Lord Mayor.

Abolishing District Councils

Councillor Foster asked the following question of the Leader of the Council:-

Does the Leader consider abolishing District Councils to be “double devolution”?

Councillor Collins replied as follows:-

Thank you, Lord Mayor. It depends on the circumstances.

Withdrawal of the No.53 bus and cessation of the No.191 service

Councillor Clarke-Smith asked the following question of the Chair of the Clifton and Wilford Area Committee:-

Will the Chairman of Clifton and Wilford Area Committee please comment on the withdrawal of the number 53 bus service and the cessation of the 191 service to West Bridgford health facilities, which are much used by people in Clifton, Silverdale and Wilford.

Councillor Spencer replied as follows:-

Thank you, Lord Mayor.

Can I thank Councillor Clarke-Smith for his question.

The loss of the number 53 bus in evenings and on Sundays in Clifton will mean great hardship for many of the residents in the area. Some will find it difficult to travel to work like those who work at the Queen’s Medical Centre. The changes to the 191 bus in Wilford and Silverdale will also make it difficult for older residents to get to the doctors and shops and the small bus used for this service may be alright during the day but it’s not suitable in the early mornings when many people are travelling to work. One answer

could be a free phone booking service for the early morning journeys. I know local residents and Councillors are concerned with these changes. We need to make sure that Nottingham City Transport are aware of these problems and hopefully answers can be found.

Thank you, Lord Mayor.

51 DECISIONS BY EXECUTIVE BOARD UNDER SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE

The report of Councillor Collins (as set out on page 223 of the agenda) was submitted and its recommendations were moved by Councillor Collins and seconded by Councillor Edwards.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Edwards that the decisions of the Executive Board on 18 July 2006 in respect of the Stonebridge Park Regeneration Project and the Industrial/Employment Unit Partnership Scheme at Radford Road, Basford, be noted.

52 MEADOWS AND SOUTHSIDE ACTION PLAN – SUBMISSION DRAFT

The report of Councillor Clark (as set out on page 226 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 Meadows and Southside Area Action Plan be submitted to the Secretary of State, and that it be published for a six week consultation period in accordance with the new planning regulations.

The meeting closed at 2.57 pm

Council Question(s) requiring a written response

City Council Internet domains (URLs)

Councillor Foster asked the following question of the Deputy Leader:-

Could the Deputy Leader please provide a full list of all internet domains (URLs) registered by the City Council?

The following response was circulated to all members on 21 November 2006:-

I would like to thank Councillor Foster for his question.

The following table details a total of 69 internet domains that are registered by Nottingham City Council. It also shows when they were created, which Council address was used and who the registration agent is.

Domain name	Registered to	Registration Agent	Address	Address	Address
nottinghamcitynet.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	SOFTOP	IT Customer Accounts	Nottingham City Council	The Guildhall
nottinghaminbloom.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES			
nottinghamcitycouncil.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	UKHOSTS	Customer and Information Services	Guildhall Annexe	South Sherwood Street
nottinghamgoosefair.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES			
newsteadabbey.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES			
nottingham-waterside.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES			
nottinghamcitycouncil.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES			
nottinghamcouncil.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES			
nottinghamcouncil.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES			
nottinghampropertyplus.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES			
nottinghammarkets.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES			
ctis.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES			
nottinghamevents.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	PURPLE2	55 Castle Gate	Nottingham	
nottinghamscitech.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES			
nottinghamparking.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES			
nottinghamparkingservices.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES			
nottinghambusinesscentres.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES			
nottsearthsummit.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES			
nottinghamcitychildrensfund.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Guildhall Annexe	South Sherwood Street	Nottingham
livingfortomorrow.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES			
wollatonhall.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Leisure		

Domain name	Registered to	Registration Agent	Address	Address	Address
			Nottingham		
flexiblefitness.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Leisure Nottingham	Woodthorpe Grange	Nottingham
lea.nottingham.sch.uk	Nottingham City Council	NOMINET	The Sandfield Centre	Sandfield Road	Lenton
eventsmarketing.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Guildhall Annexe	South Sherwood Street.	
nottinghamcastle.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Nottingham City Council Web Team	Customer & Information Services	The Guildhall
cbss-online.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Severns House		
changing-lives.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EMBC	Nottingham City Council	Education Department	Sandfield Centre
creative-room.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	UK2NET	Department of Lesure and Community Services	Isabella Street	
nottinghamchildrensbookaward.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Corporate Promotions	Guildhall Annex	South Sherwood Street
nottinghamcityhomes.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	14 Houndsgate		
nottinghamhousingdirect.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	14 Houndsgate		
egamesonline.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	NOMINET	Sandfield Centre	Sandfield Rd	Lenton
preraphaelitesatnottingham.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Technical	City	Exchange

Domain name	Registered to	Registration Agent	Address	Address	Address
			Support Unit	Development	Buildings North
triptimes.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	AI	Exchange Buildings North	Smithy Row	
nottinghambbn.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Guildhall Annex		
nottinghamics.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Technical Support Unit	City Development	Exchange Buildings North
nottinghamics.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Technical Support Unit	City Development	Exchange Buildings North
nottingham-ics.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Technical Support Unit	City Development	Exchange Buildings North
nottingham-ics.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Technical Support Unit	City Development	Exchange Buildings North
nottinghamaware.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Technical Support Unit	City Development	Exchange Buildings North
jinpartnership.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Technical Support Unit	City Development	Exchange Buildings North
nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Technical Support Unit	City Development	Exchange Buildings North
citycard.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Technical Support Unit	City Development	Exchange Buildings North
cityofnottinghamtenniscentre.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Technical Support Unit	City Development	Exchange Buildings North
services4notts.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Technical Support Unit	City Development	Exchange Buildings North
services4notts.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Technical Support Unit	City Development	Exchange Buildings North
nottinghampublictransport.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Technical	City	Exchange

Domain name	Registered to	Registration Agent	Address	Address	Address
			Support Unit	Development	Buildings North
nottinghamparkandride.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Technical Support Unit	City Development	Exchange Buildings North
nightbuses.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Technical Support Unit	City Development	Exchange Buildings North
fabrication05.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Technical Support Unit	City Development	Exchange Buildings North
servicesfornotts.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Technical Support Unit	City Development	
servicesfournotts.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Technical Support Unit	City Development	
nomadplus.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Communication s and marketing	Guildhall Annex	
servicesfornotts.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Technical Support Unit	City Development	
nottinghamhomelink.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Nottingham City Homes	Marketing and Communicati ons	
nottinghamhomelink.org.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Nottingham City Homes	Marketing and Communicati ons	
pre-raphaelitesatnottingham.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	c/o E Business Services Ltd	The Coach House	
nottinghamcityhost.co.uk	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Guildhall Annex		
nottinghamcitycouncil.net	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES			

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Nottinghamcitycouncil.com	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES			
plan4nottingham.com	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES			
nottinghamcitycouncil.org	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES			
choosenottingham.com	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Communication s and Marketing		
enjoynottingham.com	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Communication s and Marketing		
goaheadnottingham.com	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Communication s and Marketing		
noticenottingham.com	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Communication s and Marketing		
nottinghamcity.info	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Communication s and Marketing		
nottinghamcity.net	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Communication s and Marketing		
nottinghamstandstogether.com	Nottingham City Council	EBIZSERVICES	Communication s and Marketing		

Fairham Community College merger with Farnborough School Technology College

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

Can the Portfolio Holder outline the measures that are being taken by the Local Education Authority to ensure that children attending Fairham Community College do not receive an impaired education in the run up to the merger with Farnborough School Technology College?

The following response was circulated to all members on 20 November 2006:-

I would like to thank Councillor Price for his question.

The Local Authority takes seriously its responsibility to ensure that the education of children in city schools subject to closure or reorganisation is not impaired. In 2005 the 'Building Schools for the Future' Executive Steering Group, chaired by Edwina Grant, was established to oversee the proposed closure programme for Fairham and Haywood schools. A guiding principle of this group was to obtain the 'best possible outcomes for all children and young people involved without favour' and to achieve this through regular monitoring of progress and the identification and resolution of emerging issues, including any negative impact on the quality of educational provision in the closing schools.

The development of collaborative partnerships or 'federations' with the partner schools Big Wood and Farnborough is seen to be a key factor for successful transition and this has been actively promoted through the steering group. The Local Authority established a working group for Fairham and Farnborough schools in

October 2005 to further joint working and collaboration and the principle of a 'soft federation' was agreed.

As a consequence of this, the last year has seen the emergence of a range of actions and proposals to mitigate against the negative impact of closure. A programme of meetings between the senior leadership teams of both schools is in place. Curriculum leaders have met to plan joint curriculum delivery and joint timetabling is planned for 2007/8 to allow shared teaching across schools. A joint collaborative committee of the governing bodies of both schools has been approved to act with delegated powers and report regularly to the two sets of governors. Its stated aim is to 'secure the best possible education for the current and future pupils of Farnborough and Fairham.'

However, the proposed closure of a school presents a significant potential threat to maintaining the quality of provision through loss of confidence, resulting in staff leaving, difficulties in staff recruitment and parents removing their children. This can lead to shortages in specialist subjects and financial difficulties for the school due to pupil reduction. The local authority has taken steps to reduce the financial burden arising through the proposed closure for Fairham and is also providing support to the school to ensure that interim budget planning reflects the need to protect staffing in key areas and to ensure an appropriate curriculum for all. The Human Resources team has also established open sessions at the school to provide advice and support to staff who wish to discuss their future career options and this service will continue over the period until closure.

Recently the local authority has also facilitated the recruitment of Advanced Skills Teachers (AST) in English, Maths and Science to work across three closing schools in the city. At present one English AST has been appointed from January 2007 to work in Fairham and

steps are in place to accelerate recruitment of additional specialist teachers. Curriculum and teaching support is also provided for the school by the south e-learning centre in the areas of modern foreign languages, maths and english and regular meetings are held to review and monitor changes in staffing.

Finally, in October this year, agreement was reached between the two schools and the Local Authority that, in principle, Farnborough would support Fairham during the closure period through the active recruitment of staff who could be deployed across both schools or could release existing staff to do so. This collaboration between the two schools, and between other schools in the city in similar circumstances, is actively promoted and supported by the Local Authority as the most effective way of securing the quality of educational provision for the children and young people in closing schools.

In July this year, the Local Authority decided to place Fairham School in its highest category of intervention and support. The purpose of this was to ensure that additional resources were made available to the school and that the authority were fully monitoring and responding to the changing situation and needs of the school over the coming year.