

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

held at the Council House, Nottingham,

on Monday 9 March 2009 at 2.00 pm

ATTENDANCES

✓ Councillor G Khan		Lord Mayor
✓ Councillor Ahmed		Councillor A Khan
✓ Councillor Akhtar	✓	Councillor Klein
✓ Councillor Arnold		Councillor Lee
✓ Councillor Aslam	✓	Councillor Liversidge
✓ Councillor Benson	✓	Councillor Long
Councillor Bryan	✓	Councillor MacLennan
✓ Councillor Bull	✓	Councillor Malcolm
✓ Councillor Campbell	✓	Councillor Marshall
✓ Councillor Chapman	✓	Councillor Mellen
✓ Councillor Clark	✓	Councillor Mir
✓ Councillor Clarke-Smith	✓	Councillor Morley
✓ Councillor Collins	✓	Councillor Munir
✓ Councillor Cresswell	✓	Councillor Newton
✓ Councillor Culley	✓	Councillor Oldham
✓ Councillor Davie	✓	Councillor Packer
✓ Councillor Dewinton	✓	Councillor Parbutt
✓ Councillor Edwards	✓	Councillor Price
✓ Councillor Foster	✓	Councillor Smith
✓ Councillor Gibson	✓	Councillor Spencer
✓ Councillor Griggs	✓	Councillor Sutton
✓ Councillor Grocock	✓	Councillor Trimble
✓ Councillor Hartshorne	✓	Councillor Unczur
✓ Councillor Heppell	✓	Councillor Urquhart
✓ Councillor Ibrahim	✓	Councillor Watson
✓ Councillor James	✓	Councillor Wildgust
✓ Councillor Johnson	✓	Councillor Williams
✓ Councillor Jones	✓	Councillor Wood

77 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

78 QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Councillor Grocock submitted a petition to the Lord Mayor, on behalf of the Nottingham City Centre Street Traders Association who were concerned about the review of street trading. The Association submitted the petition of 8245 signatures in support of the stalls remaining in their present locations.

79 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2009, be confirmed and signed by the Lord Mayor.

80 OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Chief Executive announced that Nottingham City Council, in conjunction with colleagues from the Police, Fire and Rescue Authority won a Beacon Award for 'After Dark, Managing the Night-time Economy'. The awards were given to those authorities and partners who provided an excellent example of working in a wide range of fields and then shared their learning with others.

Nottingham was one of only four councils out of fourteen who received Beacon status. It represented the culmination of much hard work by officers across the Council, as well as many partners, and they were congratulated on once again proving Nottingham to be a national leader.

81 QUESTIONS

School buildings in Nottingham

Councillor Packer asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services:-

Would the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services update Council on the improvement to school buildings in Nottingham?

Councillor Mellen replied as follows:-

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

I am delighted to be able to inform Council today of the improvements that are going on to school buildings in Nottingham.

The Labour Government, in partnership with the labour local council is bringing about a once in a lifetime change in our school buildings. Leaking roofs and draughty buildings are being replaced with buildings fit for the twenty first century, buildings our children and those that teach in them deserve. Across our City there are building sites where new school buildings are being built following extensive design and consultation work, including work with young people on the designs of the buildings that they will learn in.

This building work will assist our drive to improve educational standards in our City. Council has been kept up-to-date with the year on year improvements in children and young people's assessment results at all measures, but much of that achievement has taken place in buildings which are unattractive, unfit and not good enough for Nottingham's young people. New buildings can only assist the drive for better educational standards in our City.

Big Wood School in Bestwood Park and Haddon Park School in Bilborough are currently being rebuilt and I was pleased to visit the site of the new Oak Field School and Specialist Sports College in Bilborough recently. This will replace Aspley Wood and Shepherd schools, consolidating excellent special needs practice on one site for the benefit of children with significant needs. In addition, work has started on the sites of the new Bulwell Academy and the Nottingham University Samworth Academy in Bilborough. This work will bring new school buildings to families in some of the most deprived areas of Nottingham.

The total amount of money for schemes committed and on site in secondary and special schools in the City including academies is £86.2 million.

Our Building Schools for the Future team, who have won a number of national awards for their excellent work are a credit to this Council and have a deserved reputation for excellent project management, bringing schemes in on time and within budget. Their work with our commercial partners and Partnership for Schools is changing the landscape of schools in Nottingham.

But that's not all Lord Mayor. As well as the schemes currently taking place, we have plans and approval for work to replace or significantly refurbish every secondary school in the City. Whereas some authorities have not even started the Building Schools for the Future programme, the Nottingham Schedule should see work on secondary schools completed within the next five years. In addition to the £86 million allocated to schools already on site an additional £185.8 million is in the pipeline bringing a total amount of £272 million to be spent on Nottingham Schools, truly a once in a generation investment in our young people.

Primary Schools will also receive investment. Three new schools have already opened in Nottingham, Ambleside and Rosslyn Park primaries in Aspley and the new Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre in Radford. I have been delighted to attend the opening of brand new nurseries at Dunkirk Primary School and Edna G Olds Primary School in Lenton and I look forward to attending the opening of the new nursery at the school where I used to be head teacher, Mellers Primary School in Radford, at the start of May.

£13.5 million has been allocated to the new Southwark Primary School in Basford, one of just over 20 exemplar schemes in the country building primary schools fit for the 21st century. This building scheme has now started and will result in Southwark Primary, currently on two sites, a third of a mile apart, being consolidated onto one site.

Replacement of school buildings also reduces the ongoing repair and maintenance work and makes the buildings more environmentally efficient. It goes alongside other capital work to

schools, which has replaced roofs, provided new boilers and improved the outdoor space around our schools for children to play in.

So, Lord Mayor, I am delighted to be able to report on this excellent programme for improving school buildings in Nottingham. Work which will give the young people of Nottingham the best educational opportunities they so richly deserve.

Teenage pregnancy in Nottingham

Councillor Watson asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services:-

Would the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services comment on the latest figures for teenage pregnancy in Nottingham?

Councillor Mellen replied as follows:-

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

Provisional figures released by the Government show teenage pregnancy rates in Nottingham have fallen by 7.2% since the baseline year of 1998. They also show a decrease from 73.8 conceptions per 1,000 girls under 18 in 2006 to 69.3 conceptions per 1,000 in 2007, bucking the national trend which saw the teenage pregnancy rate increase from the previous year.

Nottingham now has the ninth highest teenage pregnancy rate nationally, an improvement from third highest in the previous year. Improvements are also noted when comparing against statistical neighbours and other core cities. This is an encouraging and positive picture on which the city needs to build to continue the decrease whilst recognising that there are significant present and future challenges facing us.

I am grateful for the opportunity to talk about teenage pregnancy at Council today. I want to underline that this is not about middle aged and middle class people telling teenagers what they should do with their lives. This is not about making a judgment about lifestyle, it's about the life chances of children and young people in our City.

Because we know that babies born to teenage mothers are more likely to be born of low birth weight; we know that teenage mums are more likely to be smoking during their pregnancy than other mums; we know that these mums are 3 times more likely to suffer significant post natal depression and other mental health issues, particularly if there is no continued contact with the father of the child and we know that children born to teenage mothers are far more likely to become teenage mothers themselves.

We want young people to have choices about when they have a baby, choices supported by higher aspirations and better educational qualifications; choices based on accurate information and learning about contraceptive choices available and the dangers of sexually transmitted diseases and choices based on relationships and the ability to delay sexual activity until young people are ready rather than regarding sex as the only way to maintain a relationship.

Tackling our teenage conception issue is not easy and the National Strategy tells us that this is not about getting one thing right, it's about having the strategy in place to address the ten reasons acknowledged nationally as to why teenage pregnancy takes place.

The recently formed Nottingham Teenage Pregnancy Taskforce was set-up to take direct action on the high number of unplanned teenage pregnancies in the City through a programme of early intervention. With membership from the PCT, Nottingham City Council and Chaired by Nottingham North MP Graham Allen, the current Chair of One Nottingham, the Taskforce aims to boost the support provided to young people, their parents and carers, and professionals working to deliver the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy.

The Taskforce is determined to lead the campaign to build on this reduction by increasing the support they offer to young people to resist the pressure to have sex, delivering life skills education in schools and other formal and informal education settings and ensuring that sexual health services in the City gain the young person friendly status in line with the national 'Your Welcome' criteria.

On behalf of the taskforce I would like to thank the contribution of all partners who have been so committed to reducing teenage

conception rates to date and hope that they will take satisfaction from the figures announced last week whilst retaining a clear focus that this is just the start and that we cannot afford to be complacent.

The taskforce plan to reduce the rate of teenage pregnancy in Nottingham includes supporting carers and parents to hold conversations with their children and young people about relationships and sexual health, providing tailored sexual health education and life skills programmes to young people who are at risk of becoming teenage parents to raise self-esteem and aspirations and delivering a more accessible, available and acceptable sexual health service that meets the needs of young people.

That is why the City Council and the PCT have commissioned services to help teenagers avoid becoming parents before they are ready, such as our contraceptive and sexual health services, as well as the new Family Nurse Partnership, which supports teenage mums, their partners and families, working with teenage parents throughout their pregnancy and the first two years of the child's life to support parenting at this vital stage.

The renewed focus the taskforce has given to tackling teenage conception rates will help to improve the life outcomes for all our children and young people. There is much more work to do, but this is vital if we are to give children and young people in Nottingham the best possible start in life.

Reduction in poverty in the City

Councillor Munir asked the following question of the Deputy Leader of the Council:-

Would the Deputy Leader comment on the reduction in poverty in the City over the last three years?

Councillor Chapman replied as follows:-

Can I thank Councillor Munir for his question.

There have been some major achievements for this City recently. Crime is down, educational levels are going up and I think the

standard of cleanliness of the City is improving, but there is still a lot to do.

The thing I am proudest of, however, is what's happened to poverty in this City. We are the most bounded City in the UK which means that most of the higher social economic groups live outside the City and the less well off social and economic groups live inside the City. This distorts all our figures and it is in this context that I am delighted to announce that we have moved from the seventh poorest area in the country to thirteenth. Now this might seem small, it might seem marginal, but given how endemic poverty is and given our boundaries, I believe it's a major achievement for this City.

Moreover, we are the fourth most improved area over the last four years within the UK. I think there are only three other areas where poverty has dropped further than in Nottingham and I think we should take some credit for this as a City Council. The economy in the City is mixed and because of it that helps with employment and the employment deprivation statistics are gradually improving. We have also put an enormous amount of energy into our outer areas and you compare some of our outer areas, with places like Birmingham or Newcastle or even Manchester, then you will find that although they are not perfect we have not got acres of dereliction as in some other major cities.

Then you look at the number of children that are now beginning to go onto college and indeed to University, and I can remember when I first came here there was hardly anybody in my ward that went on to college, never mind University and there are now children going on and indeed adults, going on to University. So it's easy to be cynical particularly at a time when the economy is not doing well. I also think it's important to be optimistic and to remind ourselves of our achievements because if we are not optimistic then the recession actually continues because the recession and economic downturns are to do with psychology, optimism and feel good. They are not to do with god created factors that are out of our control; they are in our control and it is very appropriate to remind ourselves of what we can do within this chamber and I think we should take some small credit for the reduction in poverty in this City.

Nottingham Express Transit

Councillor Edwards asked the following question of the Portfolio for Transport and Area Working:-

Can the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Area Working please report on the progress of Nottingham Express Transit now it has been operational for 5 years?

Councillor Urquhart replied as follows:-

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

It is of course, very appropriate that I have the chance to respond today on the fifth birthday of the tram and I will be pleased to let members know about some of the successes of the first five years of line one of our tram network. I'll do this on a day when, later in this meeting, we will be facing difficult decisions and challenging circumstances. So its right that in a way that we look back at a phase during which we made difficult decisions in previous challenging circumstances and as a result of those difficult decisions, taken up to twenty years ago some of them, we have now had a tram for five years.

It's now difficult to imagine Nottingham without its tram, it's very much a part of our City. It reminds us of the ambition we have as a City to create excellent public transport and a vibrant 21st century city. It may not have always have looked like that if you were one of those people involved with the tram and some people in this Chamber were, over twenty years ago, when it took great skill and great courage to then look forward and say what Nottingham could achieve in terms of public transport and to work with the business community to say what would be the best way of developing Nottingham, of regenerating and making it an attractive place for businesses. The tram project managed to survive changes in government, transport secretaries and local government re-organisation to get to the stage where it was constructed and then became operational five years ago today. By the end of 2008 the tram had carried 46 million people, its current passenger numbers are over 10 million per year.

In the north west of our City the tram has contributed to a 20% increase in peak period public transport usage and has also contributed to an overall rise in the use of public transport across the City where our bus network continues to carry its same level of passengers as it did before the tram started so we have all of those bus passengers plus those passengers carried now by the tram.

The tram has won awards and has been acclaimed by parliamentary select committees as best practice in both financial and transport terms. Recently the Transport Minister, Paul Clarke said that Nottingham should be rightly proud of its achievements which have received both national and international recognition. Line one has brought millions of pounds worth of investment to our City and to our region. It's also contributed to our aim of local jobs for local people. The vast majority of those who work on the tram have been recruited locally.

There are, therefore, many quite high flown accolades for our tram system and they are well deserved, but for me it was something more down to earth that recently brought home to me the achievement of our tram and its importance to us. You will all recall the recent bad weather during which I think London's public transport system came to somewhat of a standstill. Throughout this period though, our tram ran a normal service enabling people to get right into the heart of the City despite the difficult conditions. Thanks to a co-ordinated effort by our gritting staff and tremendous effort by our bus companies, most of our buses ran as well, though they were subject to some delay and some disruption. The tram continued throughout.

For me it gave a clear reminder of the benefits of a tram system and the difference that such a permanent public transport link can bring to a city. So now is not only the time to recognise the first five years of the tram, it's also a time to look forward and I'm sure Councillor Edwards and other members certainly of two parties here, would want to join with me not only in congratulating Net Line One on its successful first five years but also in looking forward to the considerable regeneration, transport and economic benefits that could arise from Net Line 2.

Use of bailiffs by City Council

Councillor Foster asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Human Resources, Customer Services and Consultation:-

Since the Labour Government has given bailiffs wide ranging powers to enter homes without permission and to use violence, will the Portfolio Holder review the rules surrounding the use of bailiffs by the City Council and their standing instructions?

Councillor Campbell replied as follows:-

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

A comprehensive review of the effectiveness of our debt recovery activity has been undertaken in the Council Tax area for some time.

Whilst we do possess powers and enforcement tools, including Bailiffs, to assist us in the recovery of debt, it is not and never has been our policy to use force or threatening behaviour in order to induce payments.

We are aiming to ensure that we work to assist people in managing their Council Tax payments, and try to prevent the accumulation of arrears, according to their individual circumstances. This may include special payment arrangements where people are struggling to keep up; offering weekly, fortnightly or monthly direct debits and signposting those in need to the city's free monthly direct debit system. We do offer home visits or telephone advice about benefits, discounts and exemption entitlements.

Bailiffs have been seen as the sole route for pursuance of arrears in Council Tax, but it is now clear that emphasis can also be placed on making other forms of contact with customers in order to create a dialogue and reach solutions, for example we have introduced a text messaging system. We are contacting customers through a telephone system, to regularly update them on what they should do in times of need.

Since September last year we have contacted our customers through texting and I wanted to share with you the results of using

the texting services. We have used texting services also to contact people before the issue of Council Tax reminders and summons. The early results have shown that 18% of customers that have received a reminder and text have paid in comparison to 12% where just a reminder was issued. It has also increased the number of customers contacting the services to notify a change of circumstances by 25%. More importantly 12% of summons were issued when a text had been sent because a customer had either paid or confirmed a change of circumstances. As Portfolio Holder in this part of the service, I am confident we are moving forward and changing the way we collect our Council Tax. I can only reiterate to Councillor Foster that I am mindful that as we approach a credit crunch we will make every approach to help our customers.

Council operating systems report

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

Does the Leader of the Council believe that it is conducive to open and transparent governance for members to be denied access to information about initiatives to improve the operation of the Council and to have to eventually learn of these through the media? Would he ask officers to ensure that in future members of all parties are kept fully informed of all such initiatives?

Councillor Collins replied as follows:-

Thank you, Lord Mayor.

No, members shouldn't have to learn about such issues through the media and usually don't. When this is the case, it's generally because somebody feels that leaking to the media is a reasonable means of circumventing due legal process, something that I and I'm sure all responsible councillors should condemn.

Finally, we all have a responsibility to help make this a high performing council and to support that, we need to be able to share sometimes sensitive and at times confidential information.

It is however one thing to share information with councillors so that they can understand the steps being taken to improve the way

council works, but regrettably another to share information with Councillor Sutton so he can share it with the local media.

Clifton gym - contracts

Councillor Price asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Leisure and Culture:-

With reference to the outdoor gym at Clifton, does the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Leisure and Culture agree with me that something has gone wrong when a junior officer can put a project out to tender and agree a contract on behalf of the Council before any consultation has taken place with local people, the Area Committee or any of the elected councillors in that area?

Councillor Trimble replied as follows:-

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

The department acknowledges that due to the tight timeframe of the external funding, consultation was not as extensive as it might have been. Tenders were sought with a view to save time while consultation was planned to take place with Members and residents as the scheme progressed.

Concerns about the process were raised at a meeting of the Neighbourhood Management and the Clifton Open and Green Spaces Group on 11 February 2009. As a result of this, the order for the equipment has been placed, no contract for carrying out the work has been signed and there is no agreement yet on the exact location. This is on hold until after an Area Committee meeting which, I believe, I think, is on Wednesday.

Lord Mayor, members will be aware of the extensive consultation carried out by the Department on a wide range of playground areas throughout the City. We are, therefore, committed to good consultation. We accept that the process could have been better but I hope Councillor Price accepts that the timeframe attached to the external funding was difficult and we will endeavour to do better in the future.

Lord Mayor, I'll make Councillor Price an offer he can't refuse. When the location is decided and an outdoor gym is completed I will join him on the outdoor gym for a little workout on site.

Management report

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

Does the Leader agree with me that the secret management report makes some telling points about the way Nottingham City Council is run:

- (i) that we are information rich and intelligence poor;
- (ii) that at the time, SMT was not working effectively;
- (iii) the relationship between councillors and officers lacked trust and understanding.

However, would he also agree that the report makes many statements that are challengeable?

- (i) that criticisms of councillors are at odds with the vision for local champions as outlined in the recent Joseph Rowntree report;
- (ii) that councillors meddling in projects could be described as our *raison d'être*;
- (iii) that councillors becoming frustrated by the slow pace of change, or being passionate about our policies, is what is expected of us by our electorate.

Furthermore, would he agree that the word secret adds great potency to this report on organisational structure and culture, and that this report, along with others, should be published immediately so that we can work together cross party on the roles and limits of councillors and senior officers and create a more productive culture for the City of Nottingham. Otherwise, people will conclude that he spent £30,000 of public money on a report that his vanity will not let him publish.

Councillor Collins replied as follows:-

Thank you, Lord Mayor and I will assume for the purposes of answering Councillor Price's question that he is referring to the

incomplete draft report that recently featured in the Nottingham Evening Post.

First, can I say it was not a secret report and had the draft been any good the report would have been finished, shared and in any event then subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. No, I don't think a three year old draft that simply records unevidenced opinions, prejudices and tittle tattle says anything telling about the way Nottingham City Council is run.

As for his comments on the sharing of information of the kind in this draft I believe I answered that in response to Councillor Sutton's question.

What I find interesting, however, is that Councillor Price seems implicitly to share the view that this is a poor and partial report by the way he picks and chooses which bits to believe and which to challenge. Because it was only an unevidenced draft I am not going to get into that, but I do know that Councillor Price hasn't mentioned the charge it makes that opposition groups are neither constructive nor effective. Is this a comment he believes or wishes to challenge I wonder.

He and I, perhaps, share a perspective on the legitimate role of councillors and what makes local government distinctive from local administration. Indeed, if the response to the bit about me in the Evening Post article is anything to go by it's a view widely shared by my constituents and the public in general. However, in that he knows that the decision not to release the draft was taken by officers with the legal advice of the Section 151 officer, may I suggest that the comments he makes in the final sentence are unworthy of him.

82 MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2008/09 – REVIEW BY INDEPENDENT RUMUNERATION PANEL

The report of Councillor Collins (as set out on page 294 of the agenda) was submitted and its recommendations were moved by Councillor Collins and seconded by Councillor Chapman.

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

- (1) the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel, excepting recommendation 6, be adopted in full, and they be thanked for their work on the Scheme;**
- (2) indexation of allowances be continued, with indexation linked to the level of annual increase in local government employees pay;**
- (3) the current scheme be amended in accordance with the above recommendations and the revised Members Allowances Scheme, set out in Appendix B to the report, be adopted;**
- (4) a recruitment exercise be undertaken for fresh membership of the Panel.**

83 BUDGET 2009/10

The report of Councillor Chapman (as set out on page 301 of the agenda) was submitted.

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

In recommendation 2.1 (2) add after “the Capital Programme for 2009/10 – 2011/12”

“subject to the following:-

that the Victoria Leisure Centre rebuilding scheme be deleted (£589,000 in 2009/10 and £7,472,000 in 2010/2011) and add Victoria Leisure Centre refurbishment scheme (£1,300,000 for condition survey work in 2009/10 and £700,000 for additional refurbishment in 2009/10)

that new schemes are added in 2009/10 for Purchase Equipment for Street Cleaning (£500,000) and Carriageway/Footway Resurfacing (£5,561,000)

In recommendation 2.1 (3) add after “the revenue estimates for 2009/10”

“subject to the following:-

that proposed budget for Environment and Regeneration is reduced by £600,000; this to be achieved by reversing proposed increase for Cleanest Major City in Street Scene

that the proposed budget for Chief Executive is reduced by £500,000; this to be achieved by reducing Arrow costs (£245,000), reduction in the Corporate Marketing budget (£130,000); reduction in the Corporate Communications budget (£75,000) and reducing the Proud of Nottingham campaign budget (£50,000)

that the proposed budget for Community and Culture is reduced by £90,000; this to be achieved by reducing the Nottingham in Bloom budget

that the proposed budget for Community and Culture is increased by £160,000 in respect of ‘one stop’ sustainability advice provided by a Green Living Centre (£75,000), improved debt collection processes (£45,000) and better notification of licensing applications (£40,000)

that the proposed budget for Environment and Regeneration is increased by £200,000 in respect of highways tree trimming (£100,000) and other council land tree trimming (£100,000)

that the proposed budget for Adult Support and Health is increased by £220,000 in respect of Occupational Therapists (£75,000), Community Care Officers (£75,000), contribution to Integrating Community Equipment Services (£35,000) and minor adaptations (£35,000)

that the proposed budget for Corporate Management is increased by £26,000 in respect of additional prudential borrowing costs related to proposed Victoria Leisure Centre refurbishment scheme

that the following proposed savings for Adult Support and Health be rejected:

- £30,000 in respect of no longer providing transport to luncheon clubs for non-FACS service users
- £12,000 in respect of restructuring training co-ordination for home care, day care and residential care
- £33,000 in respect of Older People Mental Health Team

- £43,000 in respect of withdrawing local authority funding for Intermediate Care Social Care from NHS led Joint Care Services
- £8,000 in respect of through the night home care
- £37,000 in respect of management of Community Health Teams

that the following proposed savings for Community and Culture be rejected:

- £96,000 in respect of restructuring of Consumer Protection
- £55,000 in respect of restructuring of Customer Services advice
- £20,000 in respect of Park Ranger service review

that the following proposed savings for Children's Services be rejected:

- £95,000 in respect of Youth Service
- £114,000 in respect of Denominational School Transport provision

that the following proposed savings for Environment and Regeneration be rejected:

- £41,000 in respect of Environmental Health Service

And amend the following recommendations as indicated:

- In recommendation 2.1 (4) (a) substitute £1,002,698,123 for £1,002,813,123;
- In recommendation 2.1 (4) (b) substitute £738,075,148 for £738,190,148

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

MOVED by Councillor Price by way of amendment and seconded by Councillor Clarke Smith:-

In recommendation 2.1 (3) add after "the revenue estimates for 2009/10"

"subject to the following:-

that the proposed saving of £0.120m in 2009/10 relating to the closure of 3 Day Centres (Silver Birches/St Anns and Fairham Day Centres) be rejected;

that the proposed savings of £0.082m in relation to front line Dementia Services be rejected;

that the proposed investment of £35k relating to the review of the number of street trading pitches in the city be rejected;

that the proposed budget for Resources be reduced by (£0.321m) through a review of the communication team (0.146m in 2009/10 and £0.429m in subsequent years) and a reduction in the number of Arrow publications by 50% (£0.175m)

that the proposed budget for Environment and Climate Change (Environment and regeneration) be reduced by £0.240m through the introduction of charging for bulky waste.

and that the following increases in proposed budgets are applied:

that a one off sum £1.00m be created to facilitate supporting the City through the recession and this fund be utilised to provide:

- Additional welfare advisors for all areas of the council for 2009/10
- To reduce market trading charges by 25% in 2009/10

that a sum of £0.606m of the General Fund Balance be released to support revenue spending in 2009/10 to be repaid in 2010/11 – 2012/13”

And amend the following recommendations as indicated:

- In recommendation 2.1 (4) (a) substitute £1,003,694,123 for £1,002,813,123;
- In recommendation 2.1 (4) (b) substitute £739,071,148 for £738,190,148.

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

RESOLVED in the motion of Councillor Chapman, seconded by Councillor Collins:

- (1) that the following be approved:**
- (i) the Prudential Indicators;**
 - (ii) the Capital Programme for 2009/10 – 2011/12;**
 - (iii) the revenue estimates for 2009/10;**
 - (iv) a net budget requirement of £264,622,975, including the calculations required by Section 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (“the Act”), as set out below**
 - (a) £1,002,813,123 being the aggregate amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2) (a) to (e) of the Act;**
 - (b) £738,190,148 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3) (a) to (c) of the Act;**
 - (c) £264,622,975 being the amount by which the aggregate at (2.1 (4) (a)) above exceeds the aggregate at (2.1(4) (b)) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year;**
 - (d) £167,154,634 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of the estimated formula grant, reduced by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year to or from its Collection Fund.**
 - (v) a City Council Band D basic amount of council tax for 2009/10 of £1,294.73 being the amount at (2.1(4)(c)) above less the amount at (2.1(4)(d)) above, all divided by the amount at (2.2(3)) below, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year (as set out in section 5 of the report);**
 - (vi) the setting of the amounts of council tax for 2009/10 at the levels described in section 5 of the report;**

(vii) the adoption of the Members Allowances Scheme for 2009/10;

(2) that the following be noted:

- (i) a Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority precept at Band D for 2009/10 of £67.73;**
- (ii) a Nottinghamshire Police Authority precept at Band D for 2009/10 of £152.82;**
- (iii) in January 2009, the City Council calculated the amount of 75,281 as its council tax base for the year 2009/10 in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.**

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.