



# **Council Meeting**

**To be held on  
Monday 10 June 2013**





You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL at the Council House, Nottingham, on Monday 10 June 2013 at 2.00 pm to transact the following business:

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Declarations of interests
- 3 To receive:
  - (a) questions from citizens;
  - (b) petitions from Councillors on behalf of citizens.
- 4 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of Council held on 20 May 2013 32
- 5 To receive official communications and announcements from the Leader of the Council and/or the Chief Executive
- 6 To receive:
  - (a) answers from the City Council's lead Councillor on the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority to questions on the discharge of that authority's functions;
  - (b) answers from a Councillor from the Executive Board, the Chair of a Committee and the Chair of any other City Council body to questions on any matter within their remit.
- 7 To consider a report of the Leader on the Crime and Drugs Partnership Plan 2013/14 56
- 8 To consider a report of the Leader on decisions taken under the urgency procedures 59

9 To consider a report of the Chair of the Appointments and Conditions of Service Committee on the appointment of the Deputy Corporate Director for Communities Available at meeting

10 To consider motion in the name of Councillor Piper:

“This Council:

- notes the success of recent welfare advice sessions across the city attended by 1200 people;
- commends the hard work of Welfare Rights advisors, NCH advisors and other Advice services who provided assistance;
- notes the damaging effects of the government’s welfare reforms on the lives of many in Nottingham and its economy;
- recognises that welfare reforms will take £120 million out of Nottingham’s economy;
- notes with regret that a large percentage of those affected by welfare reforms are in work households and their children;
- notes that the government is unprepared for the introduction of Universal Credit.

This Council:

- resolves to continue to provide advice and assistance where possible to citizens affected by changes to welfare payments;
- resolves to lobby the government to postpone the introduction of Universal Credit.”

11 To consider motion in the name of Councillor Arnold:

“This Council believes that pay day loans are detrimental to the health and economic wellbeing of Nottingham’s citizens.

This Council notes:

- that pay day loans companies benefit from the economic misfortune of vulnerable citizen;
- that there is a need for stricter controls on this form of lending;

- that credit checks, which are not carried out by pay day loan companies, are necessary to protect those borrowing money as much as lenders;
- that Credit Unions offer a safer alternative to pay day loans.

This Council resolves:

- to lobby for stricter controls over pay day loan companies;
- to promote Credit Unions and the work they do to provide more suitable loans to vulnerable citizens;
- to investigate the possibility of requiring pay day loans premises to become licensed in the same manner as betting shops and public houses to protect the vulnerable;
- to lobby for stricter regulation of advertising for pay day loans companies.”

Dated 31 May 2013

Deputy Chief Executive/Corporate Director for Resources



**To: All Councillors of Nottingham City Council**



# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

held at the Council House, Nottingham,

on Monday 20 March 2013 at 2.00 pm

## ATTENDANCES

✓ Councillor Unczur	Lord Mayor
✓ Councillor Ali	✓ Councillor Longford
✓ Councillor Arnold	✓ Councillor McDonald
✓ Councillor Aslam	✓ Councillor Malcolm
✓ Councillor Ball	✓ Councillor McCulloch
✓ Councillor Bryan	✓ Councillor Mellen
✓ Councillor Campbell	✓ Councillor Molife
✓ Councillor Chapman	✓ Councillor Morley
✓ Councillor Choudhry	✓ Councillor Morris
✓ Councillor Clark	✓ Councillor Neal
✓ Councillor Collins	✓ Councillor Norris
✓ Councillor Culley	✓ Councillor Ottewell
✓ Councillor Dewinton	✓ Councillor Packer
✓ Councillor Edwards	✓ Councillor Parbutt
✓ Councillor Gibson	✓ Councillor Piper
✓ Councillor Grocock	✓ Councillor Saghir
✓ Councillor Hartshorne	✓ Councillor D Smith
✓ Councillor Healy	✓ Councillor W Smith
✓ Councillor Heaton	Councillor Spencer
✓ Councillor Ibrahim	✓ Councillor Steel
✓ Councillor Jeffery	✓ Councillor Trimble
✓ Councillor Jenkins	✓ Councillor Urquhart
✓ Councillor Johnson	✓ Councillor Watson
✓ Councillor Jones	Councillor Webster
✓ Councillor Khan	✓ Councillor Wildgust
✓ Councillor Klein	Councillor K Williams
✓ Councillor Liversidge	✓ Councillor S Williams
	✓ Councillor Wood

## **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Johnson, Spencer and Webster.

## **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interests were made.

## **3 ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR AND APPOINTMENT OF SHERIFF**

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) that on the motion of Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Klein, Councillor Merlita Bryan be elected Lord Mayor of the City of Nottingham, until the next annual meeting of the City Council;**
- (2) that on the motion of Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Clark, Councillor Ian Malcolm be appointed Sheriff of the City of Nottingham, until the next annual meeting of the City Council.**

## **4 LORD MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN**

The appointment of The Reverend Paul Thomas, Bishop of the Nottingham New Testament Church of God, as the Lord Mayor's Chaplain, was notified to the City Council.

## **5 QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS FROM CITIZENS**

### **Questions from citizens**

The following questions from citizens were received:

#### **Free City Centre WIFI**

The following question was asked by Mr Michael Madden to the Deputy Leader:



London is providing free WIFI band within the city centre. As it has the potential to attract people into the city centre for shopping, business and other services, is Nottingham going to consider this as part of its keeping pace with the increasing use of mobile devices? It can be provided free by Virgin Media and The Cloud (Sky) as in London and it is funded by advertising.

Though some businesses have it, a free service across the city centre would give Nottingham national recognition as a place to do business and shop.

It has the potential to attract people into Nottingham city centre. It would show Nottingham as a technology implementation leader and innovator. It would be something held in high value by Nottingham's citizens and it would be of value to businesses.

There are a host of potential benefits and the costs and implementation are minimal.

Councillor Chapman replied as follows:

Nottingham City Council has ambitious plans for a high quality digital infrastructure to encourage innovation and help the next generation of businesses to flourish. Cities across Europe are investing heavily in digital infrastructure and Nottingham is looking at a number of opportunities as part of its Digital Nottingham Programme to ensure the city maintains a competitive advantage.

One of the areas we are actively exploring is the provision of free wireless provision in the city centre around areas of high footfall such as commercial business districts, tourist hot spots, student areas and shopping centres.

This would provide significant economic benefits for the city, making the most of the trend towards flexible office working, the increase in mobile consumer devices and enable digital engagement.

We are currently in discussions with potential partners, all of whom are entering into similar arrangements with other major cities.

### **Council Tax on rented properties**

The following question was asked by Mr Steven Hughes to the Deputy Leader:

I rent out a flat in the Lace Market to a student. When this is empty (and it often is due to the nature of renting), I am now subject to full council tax,

whereas before I could get a temporary gap. Can you answer the following 3 questions?

As a city we are facing a housing shortage. Why would you make a change to the tax rules that make it harder to provide this service? Ultimately, you will drive up rents and the people you are trying to help will suffer more.

Can you explain that when it is empty, it is not even permitted the single occupancy discount? The fact that it costs more tax when empty than occupied is very odd and an affront to natural justice.

Whilst the holes in public finance are clear to all, why continually punish success - those that are able to make a positive financial contribution to the city, and provide a useful service, and invest here instead of elsewhere, are being continually squeezed. Do you envisage, when finances are more stable, that these taxes will be reduced, or is this an opportune moment to permanently raise tax?

Councillor Chapman replied as follows:

Demand for affordable general needs housing in the city does outweigh supply and this is precisely why we want to try and utilise a range of options to increase supply, including bringing empty homes back into use. The changes to council tax will deter property owners from leaving their properties unoccupied and this will help to address the housing shortage.

If Mr Hughes was renting to a general needs household (rather than a student) it would be unlikely that he would experience significant periods where his property is untenanted as there is considerable demand for PRS accommodation and there are schemes operated by the council which can help to ensure private rented properties are let, such as the Bond Scheme

It should be remembered that the policy applies to all housing tenures, so there is a completely level playing field between the private rented sector and social housing providers, including the Council.

In 2012 the current Government made changes to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (sections 11A and 11B) with effect from 1 April 2013. These changes removed the automatic exemption for properties which are "unoccupied and substantially unfurnished" and allowed for changes to the discounts to those types of property.

The decision to make changes to discounts to specific types of property has to be seen in the context of the continuing financial pressures that this Council

faces as a result in significant cuts to Central Government funding at a time of increasing demand for vital services such as adult social care and protecting vulnerable children. These pressures have been compounded by the introduction of the Council Tax Support Scheme with effect from 1 April 2013 as this responsibility transferred to the City Council with a shortfall of funding for the operation of the existing scheme of £6.1m.

It was considered appropriate to use the new powers relating to empty properties, provided for in the legislation, to the full to generate additional income to mitigate the need for further cuts to priority services.

The City Council has utilised the new powers relating to empty properties for the following reasons:

- to minimise the impact of the reduction in Council Tax Support Grant.
- to help reduce the £6.1m budget shortfall for the Council and precepting authorities.
- to support the strategic aim of bringing empty properties, particularly those empty for two years or more, back into occupation.
- to help make the local Council Tax Support Scheme relatively more affordable by reducing the financial burden on some of Nottingham's most vulnerable citizens.

In addition to this it is important to note that properties only occupied by students are fully exempt from Council Tax liability, this also applies to new tenancies taken by students where they have not moved in but intend to use it as term time accommodation. One option for a landlord letting a student property is to arrange uninterrupted tenancies to minimise any tax liability while the property is unoccupied.

Due to changes to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (sections 11A and 11B) introduced by Central Government, exemptions previously granted to unfurnished properties were removed and replaced with a locally defined discount ranging from 0% to 100%.

The 25% discount for properties occupied by one person has remained as it is set out in existing legislation and the changes to the legislation didn't allow for local variation to this part of the scheme. The City Council lobbied Government hard on this issue to allow changes to be made locally to the single occupancy discount to enable greater financial flexibility for the design of the local discount scheme. This amendment was not accepted by Government and therefore we do not have the flexibility to amend this part of the scheme.

The City Council is responding to the severe financial squeeze on local government finances imposed through significant reductions in funding for services received over the last few years. The City Council faced a £25m gap in resources available to fund services in 2013/14, largely as a result of Government grant reductions. By 2014/15 further reductions in Government grant are expected to increase this gap to £45m. This is in addition to Government having already reduced our funding by £75m between 2010/11 and 2012/13.

The Autumn Statement was published on 5 December 2012 and the Chancellor set out an additional cut of 2% for public services, including local government, in 2014/15. The Autumn Statement confirmed that the next spending review will take place during the first half year of 2013, in which departmental spending plans for 2015/16 and 2016/17 will be set. The reductions for Local Government are anticipated to be at a similar level to those in the current spending review. It is difficult to say when a stable financial position will be in place for Local Government.

However, the City Council continually reviews the economic, efficient and effective use of resources through a medium term, policy led financial planning process that connects the vision, values and priorities with practical decisions made when setting the annual budget within the Medium Term Financial Plan. Savings and income generation opportunities are evaluated for impact on citizens and priorities. Options are worked up for consideration and decisions to stop, reduce or reshape services are made in full knowledge of the impact on objectives. Part of this consideration is always to review the impact of policies on the citizens and businesses of Nottingham.

### **Petitions from Councillors on behalf of citizens**

Councillor Steel submitted a petition on behalf of nine signatories requesting that an adequate fence be erected to maintain the privacy of residents on Bradbourne Avenue in light of new two and three story properties being built on the site of the old Beckett School in Wilford. They would request that the fences be at a minimum height of 3.1 metres, as opposed to the previously agreed minimum height of 2.1 metres.

## **6 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2013, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Lord Mayor.

## **7 OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chief Executive reported the following communications:

### **St Ann's Valley Centre**

St Ann's Valley Centre has won "Highly Commended" in both the Community Benefit and Regeneration categories in the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors 2013 Awards for the East Midlands. The awards recognise outstanding achievement in providing facilities which directly benefit the local community and schemes that have conserved or improved the built or natural environment in a way that has contributed to the viability of the area.

The centre was developed and built through a partnership between Nottingham City Council, NHS Nottingham City, Nottingham City Homes and the local community. Everyone involved has worked hard to make sure that citizens have been able to put forward their ideas about the look of the Centre and how it should operate.

We can be proud of our joint service centres which offer Council, NHS and Nottingham City Homes services to our citizens, under one roof.

### **Nottingham City Homes**

Nottingham City Homes won the 'Sustainable Landlord of the Year' award at the recent UK Housing Awards. The award recognizes the fantastic work NCH is doing across Nottingham to make tenants' homes energy efficient, reduce carbon emissions and help residents save hundreds of pounds on their fuel bills. I would like to congratulate Nottingham City Homes for their continued hard work and the recognition it has brought.

### **Chief Constable's Commendation**

Chief Inspector Andy Rooke, the Deputy Director of Community Protection, and Richard Antcliff, Head of Neighbourhood Enforcement and Operational Support in Community Protection have both been awarded the Chief Constable's Commendation for their work related to the disturbances that took place in August 2011. An Awards Ceremony was held at the Albert Hall on 10 May 2013.

### **Honorary Alderman Barbara Ricks**

Honorary Alderman Barbara Ricks passed away on 8 March 2013 having served as a member of this Council from 6 May 1976 until her retirement from

office in 1991. She was made an Honorary Alderman in 2012 in recognition of her service to the Council.

From 1976 until May 1991 she represented Portland Ward until her retirement. During this time she was elected to the City Council as a Conservative councillor for Portland ward. As a City Councillor, Barbara Ricks was a member of the Leisure Services, Planning and Equal Opportunities Committees.

Barbara Ricks was aged 89.

Councillor Culley paid tribute to Honorary Alderman Barbara Ricks.

### **Ms Doreen Drury**

Doreen Drury had passed away recently. She was a councillor from 1967 to 1971 having been elected for Robin Hood Ward on 11 May 1967. She retired in 1971 when she became a magistrate.

### **Councillor Steve Parton**

Finally, it is with regret that I inform Council that Councillor Steve Parton sadly passed away on 3 April 2013.

He was elected to represent Wollaton West Ward on 5 May 2011 and had lived in the area for 60 years.

Having been appointed to a number of Committees in 2011 including Audit, Licensing and Overview and Scrutiny Committees, he later became Chair of a Scrutiny Review Panel in 2011 and in 2012 became Vice-Chair of Wollaton and Lenton Abbey Area Committee.

Outside of his Council work, he was a keen fly fisherman. He was aged 64.

Councillors Culley and Parbutt paid tribute to Councillor Parton.

The Council stood in silent tribute to their memory.

## **8 QUESTIONS**

### **Right to buy scheme**

Councillor Trimble asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Commissioning and Voluntary Sector:

I recently received a letter addressed to the Council Tenant at my house, which is not a Council House and never has been, asking if I would like to buy my house through the right to buy scheme. Could the Portfolio Holder attempt to justify this unnecessary expenditure of public money?

Councillor Liversidge replied as follows:

Thank you Lord Mayor, and can I thank Councillor Trimble for his question. The letter was sent by the Department for Communities and Local Government as part of a scheme to promote the Right to Buy. It would seem that the DCLG did not specifically target Council owned properties as part of its mailshot with the result that the letter was received by non-Council tenants. The Council was not involved in the sending out of the letters.

We are in a situation where there are people who are actually going to food banks every week, and the government aren't interested in that, all they're interested in is trying to divest Local Authorities of having Council housing. We believe in Council housing because Council housing is housing of choice, it's not housing of last resort which the Tories think it is. We should be championing Council housing, and of course we are building Council housing in Nottingham so we do champion it, and if people do want to buy their house they can buy their house. But if you look at it, some people have bought their house and been very successful and remained in the community and been very good in that community. Some people have bought their house and tried to move, they can't sell their house and we get derelict houses in our communities. There's all sorts of pros and cons with it, there's a hell of a lot of cons because the nice houses all got sold first, we're now down to the houses that people didn't think they were worth buying at the time, and now they're trying to bribe them with extra money to buy them. But they won't actually be able to afford them in the end, because they don't realise what you get from a Council, what Nottingham City Homes provides to Council tenants, all the repairs, all the advantages of having proper management in the area. The reality is, those sorts of things are being paid for by Council tenants for the benefit of themselves and other Council tenants, and we ought to champion that and be proud that we've still got Council housing in Nottingham.

### **European Membership**

Councillor Ibrahim asked the following question of the Leader:

What impact does membership of the European Union have on the Nottingham Economy?

Councillor Collins replied as follows:

Thank you Lord Mayor, and can I thank Councillor Ibrahim for his question. Lord Howe has said the Prime Minister is running scared of UKIP and his back benchers on Europe. Leading business people have said that the benefits of membership overwhelmingly outweigh the costs and to suggest otherwise is putting politics before economics. I don't often agree with Peter Mandelson, but I agree with his description of UKIP as the "UK isolationist Party" and "the provisional wing of the Conservatives".

The benefits of EU Membership include financial gains of between £31 billion and £92 billion, which equates to a gain of between £1,200 and £3,500 per household. Around 3.5 million out of 25 million jobs in the UK are dependent on trade with the EU. We have access to a single market of 500 million people, with a GDP of around £11 trillion. Companies wanting access to that market such as Toyota and Honda will locate in the UK. EU Competition laws open up previously closed markets and help to keep individual and business costs such as telecoms and energy down. We also only have to deal with one set of trade rules, rather than 27 different sets of rules for 27 separate countries.

There are also clear benefits for Nottingham. By value, 45% of our exports go to EU countries. In the East Midlands, £5.77 billion of £13.5 billion worth of exports are to the EU. 78 companies in Nottingham have parents companies with headquarters based in the EU. Growth of exports to the EU in Nottingham stands at around 9% per year over the last three years.

The European Regional Development Fund has provided £88 million of funding to support Nottingham projects since 2000. The European Social Fund has provided £19 million of funding to Nottingham projects since 2000. A further £80 million of funding was provided by the European Social Fund for FP7 Research and Development projects, mainly accessed by the two Universities. So in total, over £187 million of EU funding has been accessed for Nottingham projects since 2000.

In conclusion, the EU is good for the UK, it is good for jobs, it is good for growth, it is good for income and it is good for Nottingham.



## **Robin Hood Marathon**

Councillor Khan asked the following of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture:

Could the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture update Council members on progress for the return of the Full Marathon to Nottingham?

Councillor Trimble replied as follows:

May I start by thanking Councillor Khan for his question.

Councillors will be aware that this Council started the Robin Hood marathon back in 1981 and helped run it for 20 years.

In 2001 the event was taken over by Sweatshop and run on a commercial basis.

Last year the event did not include a full marathon race and whilst we respect the reasons it didn't, council officers commenced immediate discussions with the organisers to see if the full distance event could be re-introduced this year.

I'm delighted to confirm that the Ikano Robin Hood Marathon will be taking place in the City on Sunday 29th September alongside the Half Marathon and Mini Marathon.

Ikano the race sponsors and Sweatshop held this year's race launch in the Old Market Square on Monday 29th April and as the Sheriff of Nottingham will confirm as she was there to support, it was a great event with over 100 local runners dressed as 'Robin Hoods' doing a mad dash sprint to beat the clock.

The negotiations with the race organisers to enable this re-introduction were conducted in private and were not without their difficulties. However, we hope that the new route being planned this year will be attractive and quick and provide a great base for the long term sustainability of the event for the future.

The role the council has played in this is perhaps best highlighted in the quote from the Managing Director of Sweatshop who said in the launch press release:

“We would like to express our thanks to our headline sponsors Ikano whose support makes this event happen. I would also like to make a point of thanking Nottingham City Council, they have worked incredibly hard to facilitate this event, we couldn't have resurrected the Marathon without their total support and it demonstrates their absolute commitment to bringing top class and community sporting events to the City of Nottingham. The return of the Marathon to the City further helps us create an iconic event that brings together the local community and visitors to the city. We are indebted to the City Council for their support”

We understand so far that over 3000 people have entered the half marathon and over 300 for the full marathon.

### **Welfare changes**

Councillor McCulloch asked the following question of the Deputy Leader:

Could the Deputy Leader shed some light on Ian Duncan-Smith's questionable use of statistics to justify changes to the welfare system?

The Deputy Leader replied as follows:

Thank you Lord Mayor, and can I thank Councillor McCulloch for her question. The week before last, Ian Duncan Smith claimed that 8,000 people had moved from benefit dependency into work as a result of the cap on household benefit. There was no justification for this claim. As a result, Andrew Dilnot, chair of the UK Statistics Authority, has written to the Ministry and is thinking of sending inspectors into Mr Duncan Smith's ministry, the Department of Work and Pensions. If this were an isolated incident you could dismiss it as a piece of misjudgement, after all we all make mistakes, some more frequently than others. But it is not. It is one of a series of statistical misdemeanours by the same government minister.

There was a claim only recently that a third of claimants on incapacity benefit had dropped their claims rather than go through the medical assessment. This was demonstrated to be untrue. Then there were manipulations about the success of the government's work programme, which is demonstrably not succeeding, in fact it is failing far beyond any expectation, even on this side.

Nor, to compound the felony, is he the only serial abuser. Michael Gove used dubious sources to try and illustrate that English children were ignorant about history – surveys by those great historical institutions; Premier Inns and UK Gold. Then we had George Osborne implying that substantial numbers of claimant families were receiving over £2,000 per month Housing Benefit, when there are apparently fewer than 14 nationally, and it may be even as low as 9.

Misuse of statistics is all pervasive in the Government. All you have to do is Google “misuse of statistics” and then add a senior Tory cabinet minister’s name, and then you’ll get a list of misdemeanours. I tried it last night, it was good fun. I was asking my wife to give me a cabinet minister, and I put it in with “misuses of statistics” next to it, and lo and behold something popped up for every one of them, even Teresa May. I didn’t expect Teresa May to have a “misuses of statistics” Google identification, but she did. So it is all pervasive. If you Googled me, you won’t get “misuse of statistics”. You might get many other felonies, but it won’t be “misuse of statistics”!

But this is more than an illustration of personal integrity of individual ministers, or lack of it. For me it is about two other things.

First, it is about the integrity of Government. If the Civil Service is corrupted by having to issue or support a distortion of statistics then it undermines a system which is still one of the most respected and valued in the world. Ministers are pushing the Civil Service down a slippery slope which means you cannot trust not only what ministers are saying, but what the Civil Service is saying. That is unacceptable, and that is depressing.

Second, the Conservatives are specialising in big untruths, I won’t call them lies, that would be wrong, they’re big untruths. They divide and rule the nation they are supposed to be bringing together and governing. The first big untruth which we have exposed in this chamber is that large numbers of people on benefits are scroungers and are consuming huge amounts of money at the expense of “hard working families”. Whenever have you heard a minister not use the words “hard working” in front of families? Because I’ve never heard it.

The truth is that most of the welfare bill is consumed by benefits to elderly people, not working age people, and that the majority of working age recipients are either in low paid jobs already, genuinely disabled, or

genuinely looking for jobs, having lost jobs and paid into the system in the past. Yet all we hear about is the extreme cases who are then turned into the norm in a way of branding all other cases. Everybody is swept up in this tsunami of denigration which the Conservatives and chunks of the media have managed to persuade large chunks of the nation that is the case.

And now we have reached the second stage of the big untruth, that all the measures the government are taking are having the desired result of flushing out the scroungers and these feckless people and getting them into work and off benefits. And they are distorting the statistics to try and give this impression. The fact is that the policy is not working; unemployment is on the rise, the welfare bill is actually on the rise, the debt and the misery and the use of bailiffs and on-costs are on the rise. Until the Government boosts the economy and has a serious jobs programme this will continue.

And a further effect in this whole sorry tale is having; if at any stage people were worried about the effect of welfare reform but thought that at least Ian Duncan Smith and the Government were sincere, and there was one stage, especially when I was talking to Lord Freud, that I genuinely believed they were sincere about what they were trying to achieve. I am now completely disabused. In my view it is deliberate, it is planned, and it is malicious. And I have now nothing but contempt for the Government which combines harshness, incompetence, and to cap it all, compounds it with lies.

## **Wollaton Park**

Councillor Culley asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture:

Would the portfolio holder consider lowering the price of parking at Wollaton Park, not only to benefit our citizens and those who visit this the crown jewel of Nottingham's Parks, but to alleviate the often crippling issues on the surrounding streets caused by people avoiding parking charges?

Councillor Trimble replied as follows:

Thank you Lord Mayor, and can I thank Councillor Culley for her question. I believe that a £2.00 fee for three hours parking in what

Councillor Culley states to be the “crown jewel of Nottingham’s Parks” to be reasonable. Two years ago the £4.00 fee for a full day was introduced, and for local people we have introduced a season ticket. An annual season ticket costs just £30.00, which works out at under 58p per week, or 8p per day, which I think represents excellent value for money. If you add free entrance to Wollaton Hall, a car full of four or five people can enjoy the grounds, formal garden, excellent coach house, lovely lake, beautiful deer, stunning mansion house, and a soon to be created fantastic new playground. All for between 8p and £4.00 including parking. I don’t know of any other attraction that offers such value for money. Of course if you arrive using public transport, or by bicycle, or walk, you can do it all for free, time and time again. Any income raised will go straight back into the park’s budget, helping to keep Wollaton Park the “jewel in the crown” that Councillor Culley believes it to be, for both local residents and visitors. I notice that Councillor Culley has not mentioned Newstead Abbey, where parking charges apply. Nor do I remember her including this as part of her budget proposals when she had the opportunity to do so at the budget meeting on 4 March. I have the Tories’ amendment here, with no mention. The only thing they think the budget is for is taking money off. No mention of putting something on and taking something else off; no mention of Wollaton Park less than two months ago, and they had the opportunity to do that, and didn’t. This has arisen as a result of a bit of casework that Councillor Culley has had. I’ve seen a copy of the letter and that’s why it has arisen. Lord Mayor, with two large industrial estates, a large teaching hospital, a large diagnostic and treatment centre, large numbers of houses in multiple occupation, and a very large university on the doorstep, parking is the biggest issue in the Dunkirk and Lenton ward. Councillor Piper and I use Area Capital, Section 106, and come up with schemes working with local residents and we just get on with it. I suggest Councillor Culley and her colleagues do the same. That is, after all, their job.

## **Wind turbines**

The following question was asked by Councillor Steel of the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation:

Would the portfolio holder agree with me that wind turbines are totally inappropriate in close proximity to residential property, and commit to introducing minimum separation distances of one kilometre and above between wind turbines of particular heights and residential property in planning policy at the soonest possible opportunity?

Councillor Urquhart replied as follows:

Thank you Lord Mayor and thank you Councillor Steel for your question. Back to the script, I wonder whose script it is? I see that rather than the Nottingham Post this month, it's Nigel Farage who seems to be influencing your questions. Or is some national Tory instruction about stealing UKIP's ideas, whatever their actual merit? So on Europe, if UKIP say no, the Tories say "oh well maybe we'll have a referendum, but maybe not yet", and if UKIP say they're against wind turbines the Tories say "well we don't really like them, but we're not sure how we're going to the greenest government ever anymore, but we'll just make a bit of a fuss".

So I'm pleased to say that the City Council is committed to meeting the challenge of climate change by actually reducing greenhouse gas emissions. An important part of this is supporting development proposals that provide renewable and low carbon energy and the associated infrastructure. I'm sure we'll be discussing all of this at some point later in today's agenda, and I shall be interested to hear how the Tories contribute to the question of energy and power, and how we can develop our own city in a positive way that maximises the benefits both to our environment and our economy through renewable energy. Existing planning policies are actually in place both at a local and a national level that both encourage the delivery of renewable energy proposals but also protect local residents from associated impacts.

But of course it is easy to see how the Tories could be unclear about planning policy, because their government does seem to take a rather haphazard view of these things. Recent policy announcements on planning could lead to such a relaxation of the planning rules that residents would be able to build almost anything in their gardens no matter what the impact. So a free-for-all is enabled locally on local planning issues. But when it's renewable energy, are we perhaps back to Eric Pickles' favourite form of localism; the one where we can do what we want to do, as long as we do what Eric tells us?

The Council's planning policies are in the process of being reviewed through the Land and Planning Policies Development Document. Our emerging policy DM2 advises that planning permission will be granted to develop renewable energy resources unless there will be significant harm to amenity, wildlife or habitat, visual impact or air safety. This draft policy also states that wind turbines should be located a distance away

from domestic properties that is consistent with the size and type of the turbine. So there is already a policy in place to deal effectively with turbines, and one which would achieve the right balance between local impact, while recognising that renewable energy is becoming more and more important for all our futures.

And of course, as with all planning applications, each proposal must be considered on its own merits. And this seems to be a better approach than seeking to impose a specific separation distance between turbines and houses.

Of course our local plan has already been the subject of consultation and of events for Councillors of all parties to come and make their views known, either at some specific workshops that were held or at drop-in sessions that have also been held. Many Councillors did attend these events and have had an impact into the developing policies at that early stage. But perhaps it's more important to be seen to be raising the issues in the Council chamber, than to have engaged in that discussion and debate when it was offered. And of course planning policy for us in Nottingham, if not for the Tory party, is something to be done with thought and with care, taking on board views from a range of sources and evaluating them. It is not something to be rushed through during an answer in a Council meeting.

So having conducted a high level of informal consultation with Councillors, with Colleagues, and with a range of partners already, a statutory consultation process will be carried out later in 2013 to seek people's views further on the emerging Local Plan Policies, and I shall look forward to Councillor Steel's submission to this process.

### **Reduced business rates**

Councillor Steel asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation:

While we are pleased that the Valuation Office Agency has seen fit to reduce business rate valuations in light of the loss of business caused by tram works and related road closures in Clifton, could the portfolio holder tell us why the package of relief arranged by this Council was only agreed upon last week, and why businesses in Clifton were not assured of this help earlier, and have as a result suffered considerable hardship

and worry? In light of similar circumstances at Hyson Green and Chilwell surely this was not difficult to anticipate?

Councillor Urquhart replied as follows:

Thank you Lord Mayor and thank you once again to Councillor Steel for your question. Councillor Steel will of course be well aware because he along with all the Clifton Councillors and the local MP have been regularly briefed on construction and related issues, that we've been working on assistance for traders in that local area for some time. Now there comes a point during that kind of consideration when a formal decision through the Council's procedures has to be taken. That said, for some months now I've been saying and the Officers have been working, and the traders have been aware that we were working on what the different ways to assist them might be.

The detailed construction programme and site construction methods for tram works in Clifton were finalised earlier this year, after the tram contractor had completed detailed designs and negotiated implementation arrangements with a number of third parties, such as the utility companies. And it was not until this point that the extent of the potential impact became clear, unlike in Chilwell for example where due to the narrowness of Chilwell High Road it has been known for some time that the impact might be significant, because we had a very narrow highway there and we could see from a long time ago that there was going to be significant disruption. The geography in Clifton is not the same as that, and it was only when we started undertaking the detailed designs to do the work that we came to the traffic management arrangements that we had and therefore realised that the impacts were going to be quite significant.

So at that point we immediately provided some assistance for Clifton retailers, including the market traders, by putting up extra signage to promote the local shops, providing extra free parking facilities and launching a rewards competition, called Clifton Cash, to encourage local residents and visitors to shop locally. All these measures are designed to help minimise any negative impacts of tram construction on the Clifton traders.

In addition, having monitored the initial weeks of construction activity and having talked with local retailers, we have now introduced a scheme to also provide financial support in the form of a discretionary financial



assistance scheme for local traders. This will be in place for the next 12 months or so and be backdated where appropriate during the time where the most intrusive tram works are taking place

This is similar to the scheme being used in Chilwell where in recent weeks some traders have in fact reported an upturn in trade since the road was closed the through traffic, and some of those traders now think that they would prefer the road to be closed permanently, indicating that sometimes changes brought on in difficult circumstances can have a positive outcome.

Overall of course I am confident that the tram will be good for Clifton, both for its traders and for its residents. Earlier in today's meeting we heard Councillor Gibson speak of Councillor Ian Malcolm's encyclopaedic knowledge of the Clifton area and his level of awareness of local issues. It's thanks to Councillor Ian Malcolm that I'm also able to tell you positive news about the expansion of the local Morrison's in Clifton, a decision taken to take on more staff and expand that store, and lets on previously derelict sites being possible now. These things are happening during the construction phase of the tram and demonstrating confidence in the Clifton area.

Additionally, as part of the drive to ensure the tram brings economic benefits to our city, we've recently held a jobs fair for tram jobs in Clifton, enabling local residents to get into work building the tram that will serve their local community. And of course if those residents get into jobs then they will have more money to spend in those local shops.

As works progress we will continue to work with traders to try to minimise any negative impacts of construction. Once completed and the tramway is operational at the end of 2014, Clifton will of course have a state of the art tram system integrated with the wider transport network which will make Clifton more attractive for investment and also make it much easier for Clifton residents to access jobs, education, leisure and retail facilities in Nottingham and beyond, and of course make Clifton's facilities easily accessible to people from other parts of the city and beyond.

The assistance package that is in place is a clear sign of our commitment to Clifton, to its economy, and to its future, and I'm glad that Councillor Steel recognises this positive support that we're able to give. Given the interest that he's shown today, I look forward to further positive engagement from Councillor Steel as the project progresses.

## **Public speaking at Planning Committee**

Councillor Morley asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation:

Could the portfolio holder inform the Council if any progress has been made in allowing members of the public the opportunity to speak at Planning Committee meetings as suggested by Conservative councillors?

Councillor Urquhart replied as follows:

Thank you Lord Mayor, I'm sure people will get sick and tired of hearing my voice in a minute, and thank you Councillor Morley for your question. Of course the issue of public speaking was raised as part of the consideration of amendments to the Development Control Committee's (as it was then known) Terms of Reference and the Scheme of Delegation in late 2012. The report that was presented to Full Council in December 2012 did not seek to introduce public speaking, and of course Conservative Councillors took the opportunity on that occasion to amend the report, but the amendment was not carried. So we did not agree to consult on the introduction of speaking rights for members of the public at Planning Committee meetings at the earliest possible opportunity. So given that this amendment was not passed, it should not be a surprise that this work has not been completed. The Leader during that debate, I know, did give a commitment that this issue would be looked into further and so of course some work has been done; and at a time when there is clear briefing information this will, of course, come to Planning Committee for their views, and any paper on this issue will, of course, look at the potential benefits and the potential negatives of bringing in such a right. The officers are currently working on a schedule of meetings with the Planning Committee members, and later today we will know who those Planning Committee members are for the forthcoming year. So that schedule is being set up to inform our planning view on this and to ensure that we listen to views of all members of Planning Committee. We need to ensure that we address both Nottingham's particular issues: we need to ensure that our Planning Policies and our Planning Committee demonstrates that Nottingham is open for business for developers, as well as understanding best practice from elsewhere before we make decisions such as this. So there is work ongoing and Councillor Morley, if she continues to be a member of the Planning Committee, can look forward to an invitation to meet with the Officers to

help shape any briefing paper on this. And of course in the meantime, the existing rights for members of the public to put forward their views in written form, and for a Ward Councillor to address the Committee, remain completely unaltered and still available.

## **9 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The report of the Leader, as set out on pages 20 to 22 of the agenda, and the appendix which had been circulated separately, were submitted.

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

- (1) the constitutional changes, as set out in appendix 1 including those involving the transfer of public health functions from the National Health Service to the Council, be agreed.**
- (2) delegated authority to the Director of Public Health be agreed.**

## **10 EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS, REMITS AND FIRST MEETINGS – 2013-2014**

The report of the Leader, as circulated round the Chamber, was submitted.

**RESOLVED that, on the motion of Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Chapman, the following be noted:**

- (1) the appointments of Councillors as Portfolio Holders and Executive Assistants, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;**
- (2) the remits of Portfolio Holders and Executive Assistants, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report;**
- (3) the membership, terms of reference and first meeting dates of the Executive Board and Executive Board Commissioning Sub Committee, the Executive Board City Centre Committee and the East Mdlans Shared Services Joint Committee as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report.**

## **11 APPOINTMENTS AND FIRST MEETINGS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND JOINT BODIES, ETC 2013-2014**

The report of the Leader, as set out on pages 23 to 25 of the agenda, the appendices which had been circulated separately, and the addendum which was circulated at the meeting, were submitted.

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

- (1) the membership, terms of reference and first meeting dates of other Council bodies, as set out in Appendix 1 and the addendum to the report, be agreed;**
- (2) the City Council membership of joint bodies, dates of first meeting and terms of reference, as set out in Appendix 2 and the addendum to the report, be agreed;**
- (3) substitutes, where applicable, as set out in the addendum to the report, be agreed.**

## **12 DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER THE URGENCY PROCEDURES**

The report of the Leader, as set out on pages 26 to 31 of the agenda, was submitted.

**RESOLVED that, on the motion of Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Chapman, the urgent decisions taken, as detailed in the appendices to the report, be noted.**

## **13 MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR CLARK**

**Moved by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Edwards:**

“This Council acknowledges the importance of energy for both the residents and businesses of this City.

It pays tribute to:

the far-sighted implementation of district heating by local politicians of the 1960s the energy efficiency standards now being achieved for both

new-build Council Houses and for existing stock through the Secure, Warm, Modern programme

the engagement of Public Health with practical measures to reduce excess winter deaths

the work of the all-party scrutiny panel into Fuel Poverty

the 10 year track record of our award-winning partners Nottingham Energy Partnership

the efforts in the last decade to increase recycling and reduce the use of landfill.

It also acknowledges however that further initiatives are needed because:

whilst being the most energy self-sufficient city in the UK, we are well behind our European equivalents

energy production needs to be more decentralised with the aim of reducing costs and increasing energy security

more efficient energy distribution should benefit the consumer

this Council should play a lead role in reducing energy demand and ensuring all are on the best tariffs they can be

national criteria for home improvements aimed at the fuel poor need to be widened

This Council was pleased to welcome Secretary of State Ed Davey on his visit to the City and shall invite his Shadow Caroline Flint to do the same.

#### **14 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED** that meetings of the Council be held at 2.00 pm on the following dates, unless the City Council should at any time otherwise order:

**2013**

**10 June**

**8 July**

**21 September**

**21 October**

**9 December**

**2014**

**10 February**

**3 March**

**14 April**

**13 May**

**15 EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL IN JULY 2013**

**RESOLVED that an Extraordinary meeting of Council be held on 8 July 2013 to consider the installation of Sir Peter Mansfield and Dr Stewart Adams as an Honorary Freeman of the City.**

The meeting concluded at 6.30 pm

## **CITY COUNCIL – 10 JUNE 2013**

### **REPORT OF THE LEADER**

#### **THE CRIME AND DRUGS PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2013/14**

##### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 To present the Year 3 Crime and Drugs Partnership Plan for approval by Full Council. The plan sets out the Partnership's approach to reducing crime, substance misuse, re-offending and anti-social behaviour (ASB).

##### **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the attached Partnership Plan be approved.

##### **3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

- 3.1 It is a statutory responsibility that the 'Responsible Authorities'<sup>1</sup> listed in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 work together to reduce crime, ASB and re-offending. It is also a statutory requirement that the 'Responsible Authorities' of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) have an agreed plan setting out its priorities and how they will be addressed.
- 3.2 The plan was agreed by the Crime and Drugs Partnership Board in February 2013<sup>2</sup> and, in line with the Constitution of Nottingham City Council, the Plan is being presented to Full Council for approval.

##### **4 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 None.

##### **5 BACKGROUND**

- 5.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 specifies that key public sector bodies (referred to as 'Responsible Authorities' in the Act) must work

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<sup>1</sup> The Responsible Authorities listed in the Crime and Disorder Act includes the Local Authority, the Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Clinical Commissioning Group and the Probation Service.

<sup>2</sup> The Partnership Plan 2013/14 (CDP Board Paper, 18 Feb 2013)

together to reduce crime, ASB and reoffending within the local authority area. The Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership is the City's statutory CSP.

- 5.2 Crime continues to fall, showing a 16% reduction over baseline (2010/11) and a 45% reduction in ASB (as measured by calls to the Police) over baseline (2006/07).
- 5.3 In order to build on this success the Partnership Board and Executive Group recently held a joint development day (30 November 2012) to discuss long-term performance, strategic risks and opportunities for change. The Development Day reinforced the Partnership's joint commitment to its overriding key aims while suggesting areas for more detailed focus such as violent offending, the role of alcohol in driving offending and the risk posed to the city by reoffending. The Partnership Plan for 2013/14 (attached) has been developed based on the outcomes of the development day and the results of the 2012/13 Strategic Assessment<sup>3</sup>.
- 5.4 The plan is a high level document outlining the priorities of the Partnership and an agreed way of working. In order to deliver the Plan it was recently agreed by the Partnership that the CDP Executive group be reconfigured in order to provide a specialist focus on the four priorities<sup>4</sup>:
- Violence
  - Re-Offending
  - ASB and Emerging Performance Issues
  - Substance Misuse
- 5.5 Thus the monthly Executive meetings will follow a rolling programme focused on the priorities and led by a nominated partner. The specialist meetings will be responsible for developing a work programme in order to tackle the issues. This may include a process of quality assurance in regards to current procedures and processes in order to ascertain that they are working efficiently and as envisaged.

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<sup>3</sup> A copy of the Strategic Assessment is available on the CDP website:  
[http://www.nottinghamcdp.com/perf\\_pol\\_gov/jsna\\_10\\_11.aspx](http://www.nottinghamcdp.com/perf_pol_gov/jsna_10_11.aspx)

<sup>4</sup> Reconfiguration of the Executive Group to Deliver the Partnership Plan 2013/14 (CDP Board Paper, 2 April 2013)



## **6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)**

6.1 No direct implications.

## **7 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)**

7.1 The Plan will be delivered through a refocused Executive Group that will focus on the four priorities on a rolling monthly cycle.

7.2 Risk Management is an integral part of the work programme of these refocused Executive Meetings.

## **8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)**

8.1 Not required as the report does not contain proposals or financial decisions. Equality and diversity are considered as part of the annual strategic assessment - which forms the evidence base for the plan – in order to identify any communities or groups who are disproportionately affected by crime, ASB, substance misuse and re-offending. The Plan outlines an approach based on addressing vulnerability and those areas disproportionately affected by crime.

## **9 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

9.1 The Partnership Plan 2013/14 (CDP Board Paper, 18 Feb 2013)

9.2 Reconfiguration of the Executive Group to Deliver the Partnership Plan 2013/14 (CDP Board Paper, 2 April 2013)

## **10 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

10.1 CDP Strategic Assessment 2012/13

**COUNCILLOR COLLINS<sup>5</sup>  
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

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<sup>5</sup> Developed by Councillor Norris whilst portfolio holder. Responsibilities for this portfolio were transferred to Councillor Collins at Full Council on 20 May 2013.



# **CITY COUNCIL – 10 JUNE 2013**

## **REPORT OF THE LEADER**

### **DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURES**

#### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 As required by the Council's Constitution, this report informs Council of urgent decisions taken under provisions within both the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules and Access to Information Procedure Rules.

#### **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Council notes the urgent decisions taken, as detailed in Appendix 1.

#### **3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

- 3.1 To ensure compliance with the procedures detailed in the Council's Constitution.

#### **4 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 None.

#### **5 BACKGROUND**

##### **5.1 Call-in Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules**

- 5.1 Part 4, paragraph 15, of the Constitution requires that where a decision is taken under the urgency procedure, those decisions need to be reported to the next available meeting of Council, together with the reasons for urgency. Council will be aware that the call-in procedure does not apply where the decision taken is urgent. A decision is urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests. The urgency procedure requires that the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee must agree both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and that it

should be treated as a matter of urgency. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair's consent is required. In the absence of both, the Chief Executive or his/her nominee's consent is required. Details of the decisions made where the call-in procedure has not applied due to urgency are set out in the Appendix.

## 5.2 **Special Urgency – Access to Information Procedure Rules**

5.3 The Local Authorities Executive Arrangements (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 introduced a requirement for 28 clear days public notice to be given of all proposed key decisions. Where it is not possible to give the full 28 days notice, but there is time to give at least 5 clear days notice, then the General Exception procedure (as set out in paragraph 13 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules) applies. However, where 5 clear days notice is also not possible the above regulations provide for a Special Urgency Procedure (paragraph 14).

5.4 An urgent key decision may only be taken under the Special Urgency procedure where the decision taker has obtained agreement that the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred from:

- (i) the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or
- (ii) if there is no such person, or if the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is unable to act, the Lord Mayor (as Chair of the Council) or
- (iii) where there is no Chair of either the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Lord Mayor, the Sheriff (as Vice Chair of Council).

As soon as reasonably practicable after the decision maker has obtained agreement, the decision maker must make available for public inspection at the Council's offices and publish on the Council's website a notice that the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

In addition the procedure requires that the Leader submits quarterly reports to Council containing details of each executive decision taken during the period since the last report where the making of the decision was agreed as a case of special urgency (paragraph 16.2).

5.5 Details of key decisions taken under the special urgency procedures are set out in the appendix.

**6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)**

6.1 None.

**7 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS)**

7.1 None.

**8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)**

8.1 An EIA is not required as the report does not relate to new or changing services or policies.

**9 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

9.1 None

**10 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

10.1 The Council's Constitution

10.2 The delegated decisions and committee reports detailed in the appendix to this report.

**COUNCILLOR JON COLLINS  
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

**APPENDIX 1**

**URGENT DECISIONS (EXEMPT FROM CALL-IN)**

<b><u>Decision reference number</u></b>	<b><u>Date of decision</u></b>	<b><u>Subject</u></b>	<b><u>Value of decision</u></b>	<b><u>Decision Taker</u></b>	<b><u>Consultee on urgency</u></b>	<b><u>Reasons for urgency</u></b>
0790	17/05/2013	Pricing of Residential Care 2013/14 - Consultation	Nil	Leader	Chair of Overview and Scrutiny	To allow for timely implementation of the decision.

**KEY DECISIONS – SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE**

None.