



## **ADDITIONAL / TO FOLLOW AGENDA ITEMS**

This is a supplement to the original agenda and includes reports that are additional to the original agenda.

### **NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL** **CITY COUNCIL**

**Date:** Monday, 12 November 2018

**Time:** 2.00 pm

**Place:** Council Chamber - at the Council House

**Governance Officer:** Jane Garrard, Senior Governance Officer **Direct Dial:** 0115 876 4315

### **AGENDA**

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PQ1

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED ON BEHALF OF MH TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HOUSING AND PLANNING AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018**

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In January the Council passed a motion to ensure 'that no family is placed in Bed and Breakfast accommodation by the end of 2018'. What action has been taken to ensure this is achieved, and what still remains to be done? In particular can the Council explain what provisions are in place for the families displaced from Bed and Breakfast accommodation? Does the Council believe it is still on target to eliminate Bed and Breakfast accommodation for families by the end of the year?

PQ2

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED ON BEHALF OF FL TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018**

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What is the Council doing to actively combat climate change, given the recent report by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change? I am aware of some initiatives around the City but what does the Council intend to do to get citizens more involved and indeed more responsible for our carbon footprints?

PQ3

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED ON BEHALF OF AD TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR TRANSPORT AND HR AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018**

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Until September 2018, Nottingham City Council ("the Council") provided a travel concessionary scheme superior to the national concessionary scheme. Disabled people who are Mobility Card holders could travel free 24/7 on both buses and trams. The Council has funded this local benefit with no additional support from central government.

As part of its budget savings (cuts) of £27million, the Council has ended the superior aspects of its scheme to save £100,000. From 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018, Mobility Card holders have to pay bus or tram fares if they travel before 9.30am or after 11pm. The time restriction is having a major impact on disabled people who need to travel to work, hospital appointments, volunteering commitments, day centres and to educational venues. Many disabled people in work are on low/minimum wages.

How can the Council justify its decision?

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED ON BEHALF OF JB TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR TRANSPORT AND HR AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018**

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The Council has established a mitigation scheme to offset the cut to travel for disabled people on benefits. This scheme cannot be found on the web-site. How is the Council publicising the availability of this scheme?

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED ON BEHALF OF RB TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR TRANSPORT AND HR AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018**

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Until September 2018, Nottingham City Council ("the Council") provided a travel concessionary scheme superior to the national concessionary scheme. Disabled people who are Mobility Card holders could travel free 24/7 on both buses and trams. I gather part of the rationale for doing this was to help & encourage & help people with disabilities to access work, educational opportunities and take a fuller part in community activities that require travel before 9.30am or after 11pm. The Council has to its credit funded this local benefit with no additional support from central government.

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Will the Council reconsider its decision?

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED ON BEHALF OF SH TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR TRANSPORT AND HR AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018**

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There is serious concern regarding the Council's consultation process in respect of their changes to funding travel for disabled citizens. The first intimation of this change for most people who use disability passes was a sign on bus stops announcing the change in the middle of August. Why were they not properly consulted? Where, and when, was any means of responding to this announcement given to this affected? What does the Council understand 'consultation' to mean when it comes to their budget proposals? How can the Council have a two-way exchange with citizens?

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED ON BEHALF OF GT TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR TRANSPORT AND HR AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018**

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Regarding the restrictions of the disabled mobility concession pass: the City Council has over £200 million in useable reserves. Why can it not choose to use some of those reserves to fund the £100,000 the Council states it will save as a result of the reductions in use of the mobility card?

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED ON BEHALF OF LS TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR TRANSPORT AND HR AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018**

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The Council's Equality Standards are:-

- Make sure our workforce will reflect the citizens we serve (many of those affected by the cuts to the Disabled Persons Mobility Pass work for the Council)
- Create economic growth for the benefit of all communities
- Provide inclusive and accessible services for our citizens ("we will achieve this by, for example, protecting from cuts services that support Nottingham's most vulnerable citizens")
- Lead the City in tackling discrimination and promoting equality ("Our work to achieve this will include tackling fuel poverty, building lifetime homes and by developing better opportunities for children and young people with additional needs").

How does the Council's decision to restrict free use by disabled people of their mobility pass (before 9.30am and after 11pm from 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 meet the Council's Equality Standards?

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A citizen has been unable to find on the Council web-site any reference to the mitigation scheme to help disabled people in receipt of benefits with the cost of travel before 9.30am. She would like to ask the Portfolio Holder how the Council is publicising its mitigation scheme and how it intends to help disabled people who are currently struggling with the additional costs imposed on them in travelling to work, voluntary work, day centres, hospital appointments, colleges and in taking their children to school.

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**CQ1**

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR STEEL OF THE DEPUTY LEADER AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018**

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Does the Deputy Leader of the Council recall the Leader of the Council writing in The Guardian in 2011 that he was “damn sure that at Nottingham city council there is absolutely no political gesturing in the very tough budget decisions” and that he has himself acknowledged that there is a need for prudence in financial management. Was the Council therefore displaying such prudence when it chose to use its apparent limited resources to fund a politically charged sign, advocating support against perceived education cuts, in Old Market Square?

**CQ2**

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR RULE OF THE LEADER AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018**

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In light of the harrowing statements given at the IICSA Enquiry does the Leader of the Council stand by his statement that “Nottingham will apologise when it has something to apologise for” and does he acknowledge that in retrospect survivors were owed a more empathetic acknowledgment of their ordeals that would have been more in keeping with the Council’s Citizens at Heart corporate message?

**CQ3**

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR RULE OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR EARLY INTERVENTION AND EARLY YEARS AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018**

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Will the Portfolio Holder for Early Intervention and Early Years support the establishment of a sub-committee to properly scrutinise the findings and implementation of any recommendations from the IICSA report and will he extend an invitation to survivors and those who have advocated for them to be part of this process?

**CQ4**

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR RULE OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HOUSING AND PLANNING AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018**

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Will the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning join with me in welcoming the Prime Minister’s announcement last month and the Chancellor’s Budget confirmation that the local authority housing cap is to be scrapped which will provide the City Council with access to additional finance to build new homes within City?

**CQ5**

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS OF THE LEADER AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018**

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Will the Leader join me in thanking council staff and Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service for the way in which they responded to the incidents at the Cattle Market on the 4<sup>th</sup> November?

**CQ6**

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR WOODINGS OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR COMMUNITY PROTECTION AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018**

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Could the Portfolio Holder for Community Protection update council on its commitment to tackling domestic violence and supporting survivors? What progress has been made on the Council's partnership with the White Ribbon campaign?

**CQ7**

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR PEACH OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018**

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Would the Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment share my enthusiasm for the launch of the Refill campaign in Nottingham, which will enable members of the public to fill up water bottles for free across the city? What other ways can is the Council leading on the green agenda?

**CQ8**

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR BATTLEMUCH OF THE DEPUTY LEADER AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018**

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Does the Deputy Leader agree with John Major when he says that Universal Credit could be the equivalent of the Poll Tax, hitting working families the hardest?

**WQ1**

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR JIM ARMSTRONG OF THE LEADER AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018**

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Could the leader confirm how many Delegated Decisions have been taken under Urgency Procedures since 2015 and their cumulative value?

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