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Nottingham City Council City Council

Date: Monday, 9 November 2020

Time: 2.00 pm

Place: To be held remotely via Zoom - meeting participants will be given access details. The meeting will be livestreamed on the Council's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/user/NottCityCouncil>

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Questions from Councillors

CQ1

Question to be asked by Councillor Kevin Clarke of the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Schools and Communications at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 9 November 2020

As we watch with some concern the rapidly growing pandemic numbers and the implementation of a second lockdown we also note that, unlike with the first lockdown, schools are to remain open at least for the immediate future. While we do not underestimate the risks associated with Covid-19, we believe it is imperative that schools remain open, with a September report by the National Foundation for Educational Research stating that disadvantaged pupils were disproportionately negatively affected by not being in school. With the National Education Union now vocally calling for schools to be included in the lockdown plans, can the Portfolio Holder outline where Nottingham City Council currently falls on the debate?

CQ2

Question to be asked by Councillor Kevin Clarke of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 9 November 2020

No one here, or indeed likely anywhere in the country, will be unaware of the scale or severity of the challenge this country is currently facing. It is therefore with some sadness that we viewed the large numbers of young people partying long passed the 10pm pub closing time and failing to social distance, before the Tier 3 restrictions came into place. Since then, we've also seen frankly disgraceful house parties forcing the police to waste their time and resources in breaking them up. I will stress that I believe the vast majority of young people are adhering to the rules and contributing to helping the rest of our community to remain safe. However, will the Leader of the Council join us in condemning such irresponsible behaviour, and appeal to the people of Nottingham to put others first and stick to the rules when it comes to protecting the lives of our citizens?

CQ3

Question to be asked by Councillor Angharad Roberts of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 9 November 2020

Given reports SAGE recommended a circuit breaker as early as September, how concerned is the Leader that the Government is dithering on important decisions and failing to properly listen to scientific advice? How does he think the delays in decision making by Government have affected people in Nottingham?

CQ4

Question to be asked by Councillor Dinnall of the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Schools and Communications at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 9 November 2020

What reassurances can the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Schools and Communications give Nottingham parents, teachers and pupils who may feel anxious about schools remaining open during the second lockdown?

CQ5

Question to be asked by Councillor Angela Kandola of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Growth and the City Centre at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 9 November 2020

Does the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Growth and the City Centre feel Nottingham businesses have been let down by the Government's inconsistent and last minute approach to Covid?

CQ6

Question to be asked by Councillor Leslie Ayoola of the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Heritage at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 9 November 2020

What winter measures has the Council got in place for rough sleepers over the coming winter months?

CQ7

Question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Growth and the City Centre at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 9 November 2020

Given that the Draft Annual Governance Statement, presented at the last Audit Committee meeting, describes the 'deteriorating district heating infrastructure' that includes Enviroenergy as requiring 'significant investment' indicated at £300million within the next 10 years, how is it anticipated that this investment will be financed and will it be provided on the same interest free basis as the Company's existing borrowing?

CQ8

Question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Heritage at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 9 November 2020

Does the Portfolio Holder believe that it is fair that Nottingham City Homes' Housing Allocation Policy differentiates between court sanctioned custody agreements and informal custody agreements amicably agreed between separated parents for their children and, as far as housing allocation is concerned, favouring the former and completely disregarding the latter?

CQ9

Question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Deputy Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 9 November 2020

The Portfolio Holder will appreciate that following the return of students to university, in light of the pandemic, that the proximity of the campuses of the City's universities to local communities in the City, particularly in Clifton, has caused concern and anxiety for residents in light of prevalence of Covid amongst the 18-23 age bracket. Could the Portfolio Holder, in her position as Chair of the Outbreak Control Engagement Board, confirm whether she is satisfied with the level of engagement from universities with local communities to alleviate these concerns?

CQ10

Question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Communities the meeting of the City Council to be held on 9 November 2020

The Portfolio Holder will be aware that many of the City's community centres have remained closed from the start of the first lockdown in March to date. Will she outline what support is being provided to community centres to ensure that they are able to re-open as soon as local Covid restrictions permit?

Questions from Councillors requiring a written response

WQ1

Written question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Growth and the City Centre at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 9 November 2020

Following my last Council question regarding a breakdown by service line of how the Council's COVID overspend is budgeted, could the Portfolio Holder now provide a breakdown of how actual spend by service line compares against the budgetary information provided previously?

WQ2

Written question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Growth and the City Centre at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 9 November 2020

Could the Portfolio Holder define what is meant by non-essential spend and provide examples, in his view of the top 10 (by value), of non-essential spend incurred by the Council in the financial year 2019/20?

Nottingham City Council Improvement Board

Terms of Reference

Draft

Description

The Improvement Board is a politically balanced committee of Council, established to oversee the delivery of the Action Plan responding to the Report in the Public Interest concerning the Council's Governance Arrangements for Robin Hood Energy Ltd (the PIR) and to review wider governance issues at Nottingham City Council. The committee is accountable to Council and will provide progress reports to Council every six months.

Purpose

The purpose of the Improvement Board is to:

- deliver and drive progress against the PIR Action Plan
- support improvement in the Council's wider governance arrangements
- ensure that a range of voices, including those independent of the Council, contribute to the development of governance at Nottingham City Council.

Objectives

The Board's objectives are to:

- steer the implementation of the PIR Action Plan and wider governance improvements
- monitor progress on the implementation of the PIR Action Plan
- assess Nottingham City Council's current governance arrangements and identify and make recommendations to Council on areas for improvement
- review the Constitution in relation to governance improvement and recommend amendments to the Leader in relation to executive matters and to Council for non-executive matters
- identify best practice and gather views on matters within the Board's remit from relevant internal and external sources, including the appointed co-opted members and members of the Executive, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the Audit Committee
- make decisions, including spending decisions relating to non-executive areas of the governance improvement programme
- make recommendations to the Executive on executive areas of the governance improvement programme.

Membership and Chairing

The Board will consist of ten members, including two co-opted independent members who have full voting rights. The membership will consist of:

- The Leader of the Council
- Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Chair of Audit Committee

Revised Terms of Reference for Nottingham City Council Improvement Board

- Representative of minority political groups (nominated by the leader of the largest minority political group)
- Four other Councillors
- Two independent members

The Board will be chaired by one of the Councillor members but cannot be chaired by the Leader, or by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee or the Chair of the Audit Committee.

The Vice-Chair will be taken by one of the two independent members.

Substitutes

Substitute members can be appointed to this Board. Up to three named substitutes can be appointed for each of the following members:

- The Leader: to be substituted by the Deputy Leader or in his or her absence, another member of the Executive.
- Chair of Overview and Scrutiny: to be substituted by one of the two Vice Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny or, if not available, another member of the Overview and Scrutiny committee.
- Chair of Audit: to be substituted by the vice chair of the Audit Committee or, if not available, another member of the Audit Committee.

For all other Councillor members up to six named substitutes may be appointed.

No substitutes may be appointed for independent members.

Quorum

The quorum for this Board is five, which must include at least one independent member.

Frequency of Meetings

The Board will meet as required for the period covered by the PIR Action Plan.

Duration

The Board will initially meet for the duration of the Action Plan. After that period, every six months, it will review its need to meet.

Nottingham City Council Improvement Board: Membership

- Leader of the Council: Councillor David Mellen
Substitutes:
 1. Deputy Leader – Councillor Sally Longford
 2. Councillor Neghat Khan
 3. Councillor Cheryl Barnard
- Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Councillor Anne Peach
Substitutes:
 1. Vice Chair - Councillor Georgia Power
 2. Vice Chair - Councillor Carole McCulloch
 3. Councillor Ethan Radford
- Chair of Audit Committee: Councillor Audra Wynter
Substitutes:
 1. Vice Chair - Councillor Leslie Ayoola
 2. Councillor Mike Edwards
 3. Councillor Sajid Mohammed
- Representative of minority political groups: Councillor Andrew Rule
Substitutes:
 1. Councillor Kevin Clarke
 2. Vacant
 3. Vacant
 4. Vacant

Four other Councillors:

- Councillor Nicola Heaton
- Councillor Rebecca Langton
- Councillor Sally Longford (Chair)
- Councillor Sam Webster
Substitutes:
 1. Vacant
 2. Vacant
 3. Vacant
 4. Vacant
 5. Vacant
 6. Vacant

Two independent members:

- Mark Edgell
- Peter Murphy

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