

Nottingham City Council

Companies Governance Executive Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 20 June 2023 from 3.00 pm - 4.15 pm

Membership

Present

Councillor David Mellen (Chair)
Councillor Audra Wynter (Vice Chair)
Councillor Angela Kandola
Councillor Pavlos Kotsonis
Councillor Linda Woodings

Absent

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Kevin Barr	- Finance Manager, Companies
Michael Hainge	- Director for Procurement and Contract Management
James Lavender	- Governance Officer
Neil McArthur	- Interim Head of Companies and Commercial Oversight
Rachel Mottram	- Business liaison between Nottingham City Council and Blueprint
Paul Seddon	- Shareholder Representative, Blueprint
Samantha Veal	- CEO, Blueprint
Jiayue Wang	- Companies Governance Compliance Officer

12 Minute's silence

A minute's silence was held in remembrance of Barnaby Webber, Grace O'Malley Kumar and Ian Coates who tragically died in Nottingham on 13 June 2023.

13 Apologies for absence

None

14 Declarations of Interest

In the interests of transparency in relation to Agenda Item 7, Councillor David Mellen declared that he is a Director of Blueprint and therefore stepped down as Chair for the meeting and did not participate in this item. As Vice Chair, Councillor Audra Wynter chaired the meeting.

15 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chair.

16 Work Programme

The Committee noted the Work Programme.

17 Exclusion of the public

The Committee decided to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the remaining agenda items in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the basis that, having regard to all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

18 Exempt Minutes

The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chair.

19 Blueprint 2023/24 Business Plan

This item does not contain any decisions that are eligible for call-in.

The Committee received a presentation from Samantha Veal, CEO of Blueprint, Paul Seddon, Shareholder Representative, and Rachel Mottram, who provides business liaison support between Nottingham City Council (NCC) and Blueprint. Details of the presentation and subsequent discussion are set out in the exempt minute.

20 Tramlink Update

There was no further update to present to the Committee, the reasons for which are outlined in the exempt minute.

21 Overview of companies' position 2022/23

This item does not contain any decisions that are eligible for call-in.

Kevin Barr, Finance Manager for Companies, and Michael Hainge, Director for Procurement and Contract Management, presented the report, updating the Committee with the financial positions of each council-owned company for the 2022/23 financial year and up to the present date. The details of the subsequent discussion are set out in the exempt minute.

22 Council-owned companies - financial updates

This item does not contain any decisions that are eligible for call-in.

Kevin Barr, Finance Manager for Companies, and Michael Hainge, Director for Procurement and Contract Management, presented the appendices which gave further details of the latest position of council-owned companies and supports the information given in Minute 21 of the exempt minutes.