

Minutes of the meeting of the City Council (Extraordinary)

held at the Council Chamber, the Council House

on 30 September 2024 from 6.00 pm - 6.18 pm

Attendances:

✓ Councillor Carole McCulloch (Lord Mayor)	
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✓ Councillor Saj Ahmad	Councillor Sam Lux
✓ Councillor Liaqat Ali	✓ Councillor Sulcan Mahmood
Councillor Leslie Ayoola	Councillor Farzana Mahmood
✓ Councillor Cheryl Barnard	Councillor AJ Matsiko
✓ Councillor Steve Battlemuch	✓ Councillor David Mellen
✓ Councillor Graham Chapman	✓ Councillor Sajid Mohammed
✓ Councillor Kevin Clarke	✓ Councillor Fozia Mubashar
✓ Councillor Audrey Dinnall	✓ Councillor Salma Mumtaz
✓ Councillor Michael Edwards	✓ Councillor Sana Nasir
Councillor Nadia Farhat	✓ Councillor Devontay Okure
✓ Councillor Faith Gakanje-Ajala	✓ Councillor Nayab Patel
Councillor Samuel Gardiner	Councillor Georgia Power
Councillor Sam Harris	Councillor Shuguftah Quddoos
✓ Councillor Jay Hayes	✓ Councillor Ethan Radford
✓ Councillor Patience Uloma Ifediora	✓ Councillor Nick Raine
✓ Councillor Imran Jalil	✓ Councillor Eunice Regan
✓ Councillor Corall Jenkins	Councillor Sarita-Marie Rehman-Wall
✓ Councillor Maria Joannou	✓ Councillor Samina Riaz
✓ Councillor Kirsty L Jones	✓ Councillor Andrew Rule
✓ Councillor Kirsty M Jones	Councillor Naim Salim
Councillor Helen Kalsi	✓ Councillor Michael Savage
✓ Councillor Angela Kandola	Councillor Matt Shannon
Councillor Anwar Khan	✓ Councillor Hayley Spain
✓ Councillor Gul Nawaz Khan	✓ Councillor Maria Watson
✓ Councillor Neghat Khan	Councillor Adele Williams
✓ Councillor Zafran Kan	Councillor Linda Woodings
✓ Councillor Pavlos Kotsonis	✓ Councillor Audra Wynter

✓ Indicates present at meeting

6 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Leslie Ayoola – unwell

Councillor Nadia Farhat – unwell

Councillor Sam Gardiner – leave

Councillor Helen Kalsi – personal

Councillor AJ Matsiko – unwell

Councillor Georgia Power – personal

Councillor Sarita-Marie Rehman-Wall - personal

Councillor Matt Shannon – leave
Councillor Adele Williams – personal
Councillor Linda Woodings - leave

7 Declarations of Interests

None

8 East Midlands Combined Authority (EMCCA) - Approval of Draft Borrowing and Amendment Regulations

Councillor Neghat Khan proposed the report seeking Council's consent to the making of the Combined Authorities (Borrowing) and East Midlands Combined County Authority (Borrowing Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 that will confer certain additional powers, including the general power of competence for economic development and regeneration, and the power to borrow, on the East Midlands County Combined Authority (EMCCA). She highlighted the following information:

- a) The Regulations will bring the powers and functions of the EMCCA in line with the expectations of the original proposal, which Council approved and enable the EMCCA to operate to its optimal potential, which will be of benefit to Nottingham.
- b) It is important that the Council works collaboratively with the other Constituent Councils and the Mayor on matters of economic development and regeneration.
- c) Conferring the general power of competence for economic development and regeneration does not remove it from the Constituent Councils, and each Constituent Council will continue to hold the full general power of competence as outlined in the Localism Act 2011.
- d) The power to borrow will operate in a way that is consistent with other Combined Authorities and local authorities, including the controls placed on local authorities. The EMCCA will be required to have regard to the Prudential Code in the same way as other authorities and a maximum annual borrowing limit will be subject to the agreement of the specific debt cap with His Majesty's Treasury, which cannot be exceeded.
- e) Decisions to utilise the powers will be made by the EMCCA Board, of which the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council are members.
- f) The delegation to the Chief Executive to make the final approval requires this to be done in consultation with the Leader of the Council and in light of further legal advice.

The report was seconded by Councillor Ethan Radford.

During the subsequent debate the following points were made:

- g) There is a need to be mindful that different areas will have different and distinct visions and priorities for economic development. These could be a risk to Nottingham and it is important to ensure that Nottingham's vision and priorities are clearly articulated and incorporated so that Nottingham gets what it needs.
- h) The East Midlands region has historically been left behind on economic development and regeneration and it is important that this work now moves at pace.

- i) There should be a communications strategy both at an EMCCA level and at a local authority level so that Nottingham citizens understand who makes decisions, what decisions they are making and what those decisions mean for the City.
- j) While transport provision within the City is good, there are challenges for people travelling into the City and also for City residents travelling to other areas for work. Improved transport links to other areas of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire will help boost economic development.

Resolved to:

- (1) consent to the proposed content of the Combined Authorities (Borrowing) and East Midlands Combined County Authority (Borrowing Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 as described in the report, including the conferral of a general power of competence in respect of economic development and regeneration functions, as required by relevant enabling legislation, including the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023; and**
- (1) delegate to the Chief Executive authority to consent on behalf of Nottingham City Council to the making of the Combined Authorities (Borrowing) and East Midlands Combined County Authority (Borrowing Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 including the approval of any additional technical amendments, which the Chief Executives of the other three Constituent Councils and the Mayor of the East Midlands Combined County Authority also agree to. This delegation is to be exercised in consultation with Leader of the Council and in light of further legal advice from the Director of Legal and Governance.**

The Meeting concluded at 6.18 pm