

## Minutes of the meeting of the City Council (Extraordinary)

held remotely via Zoom and livestreamed on the Council's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/user/NottCityCouncil>

on 25 January 2021 from 2.00 pm - 3.10 pm

### Attendances:

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✓ Councillor Rosemary Healy (Lord Mayor)	
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✓ Councillor Hassan Ahmed	✓ Councillor Chantal Lee
✓ Councillor Leslie Ayoola	✓ Councillor Dave Liversidge
✓ Councillor Cheryl Barnard	✓ Councillor Sally Longford
✓ Councillor Steve Battlemuch	✓ Councillor AJ Matsiko
✓ Councillor Merlita Bryan	✓ Councillor Carole McCulloch
✓ Councillor Eunice Campbell-Clarke	✓ Councillor David Mellen
✓ Councillor Graham Chapman	✓ Councillor Sajid Mohammed
✓ Councillor Azad Choudhry	✓ Councillor Salma Mumtaz
✓ Councillor Kevin Clarke	✓ Councillor Toby Neal
✓ Councillor Audrey Dinnall	✓ Councillor Lauren O'Grady
✓ Councillor Michael Edwards	✓ Councillor Anne Peach
✓ Councillor Samuel Gardiner	✓ Councillor Georgia Power
✓ Councillor Jay Hayes	✓ Councillor Shuguftah Quddoos
✓ Councillor Nicola Heaton	✓ Councillor Ethan Radford
✓ Councillor Patience Uloma Ifediora	✓ Councillor Nick Raine
✓ Councillor Phil Jackson	✓ Councillor Angharad Roberts
✓ Councillor Maria Joannou	✓ Councillor Andrew Rule
✓ Councillor Sue Johnson	✓ Councillor Mohammed Saghir
✓ Councillor Kirsty Jones	✓ Councillor Wendy Smith
✓ Councillor Angela Kandola	✓ Councillor Roger Steel
✓ Councillor Jawaid Khalil	✓ Councillor Dave Trimble
✓ Councillor Gul Nawaz Khan	✓ Councillor Maria Watson
✓ Councillor Neghat Khan	✓ Councillor Sam Webster
✓ Councillor Zafran Nawaz Khan	✓ Councillor Adele Williams
✓ Councillor Pavlos Kotsonis	✓ Councillor Linda Woodings
✓ Councillor Rebecca Langton	✓ Councillor Cate Woodward
✓ Councillor Jane Lakey	✓ Councillor Audra Wynter

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✓ Indicates present at meeting

### 4 Apologies for absence

Councillor AJ Matsiko – personal  
Councillor Toby Neal - personal

## **5 Declarations of Interests**

None

## **6 Nottingham City Recovery and Improvement Plan**

Councillor David Mellen, Leader of the Council, presented the report proposing the approval of the Nottingham City Council Recovery and Improvement Plan, in response to the findings of the Non Statutory Review of the Council that had recently been undertaken by a team appointed by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. He highlighted that the Plan demonstrated a commitment by the Council to address the issues raised in the Non Statutory Review and give confidence to stakeholders, including the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, that the Council has a robust plan of action for dealing with them. The report was seconded by Councillor Sally Longford.

Councillor Andrew Rule, seconded by Councillor Roger Steel, proposed an amendment to the Recovery and Improvement Plan, as set out below.

Page 14 – Section title: ‘Risk Monitoring’

Insert new paragraph after paragraph 3: *“In order to increase members’ oversight of any risks identified by the Programme Management Office all risks identified will be incorporated into the Council’s Risk Register and reported to the Audit Committee.”*

Insert new paragraph after final paragraph: *“By incorporating all risks identified by the Programme Management Office into the Council’s Risk Register an additional level of oversight by the Audit Committee will be added to provide assurance to elected members that risks are not being considered in isolation to the wider risks to which the Council is already subject to and have been identified in the Risk Register.”*

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Page 35 – Subheading Key Objectives

Insert new paragraph after “To create revised capital strategy.” *“To ensure effective ongoing monitoring of approved capital schemes to highlight and manage unforeseen circumstances in relation to them.”*

Page 35 – Subheading Key Deliverables

Insert new paragraph after “Strengthened Governance and Control Framework.” *“Establishment of Capital Board to approve all new capital schemes and monitor ongoing schemes.”*

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Amend action in ‘Work Stream’ subheading section “Review and refine existing policy framework and Council Plan” and amend existing action “A public consultation on the draft plan could be conducted to allow Nottingham people....” to *“A public consultation on the draft plan must be conducted to allow Nottingham people, businesses and other key stakeholders to set out their view on what Nottingham City Council should prioritise from the intentions in the previous Council Plan.”*

Councillors voted on the proposed amendment.

**Resolved to reject the amendment proposed by Councillor Rule.**

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Page 30 – Subheading Council Owned Company Review

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Councillors voted on the proposed amendment.

**Resolved to approve the amendment proposed by Councillor Mellen.**

After a debate, Councillors then voted on the amended report.

**Resolved to**

- (1) approve the Nottingham City Council Recovery and Improvement Plan, attached as an appendix to the report, as amended;**
- (2) note that work remains ongoing to identify the requirement of the Resource Plan to support the delivery of the Plan at pace and that the financial impact of resourcing the Plan will be considered at the Council's meeting on 8 March 2021 as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy; and**
- (3) note that a £300,000 provisional budget is being set aside to fund the work of the Improvement Board in its first year.**

The Meeting concluded at 3.10 pm