



**Nottingham City Council
Companies Governance Executive Committee**

Date: Tuesday, 24 May 2022

Time: 3.00 pm

Place: Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham,
NG2 3NG

Councillors are requested to attend the above meeting to transact the following business

Director for Legal and Governance

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7 Council owned company discussion - Blue Print

8 Exclusion of the public

To consider excluding the public from the meeting during consideration of the remaining 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 outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

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All items listed 'under exclusion of the public' will be heard in private. They have been included on the agenda as no representations against hearing the items in private were received

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Companies Governance Executive Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 19 April 2022 from 3.00 pm - 4.19 pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Sally Longford (Vice Chair)
Councillor David Mellen (Chair)
Councillor Linda Woodings

Absent

Councillor Neghat Khan
Councillor Sam Webster

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Nancy Barnard	- Governance and Electoral Services Manager
Ian Edward	- Strategic Advisor for Companies
Paul Price-Hazelhurst	- Chief Executive Officer, Futures Group
Jennie Willcock	- Chief Finance Officer, Futures Group

Call-in

Unless stated otherwise, all decisions are subject to call-in. The last date for call-in is 29 April 2022. Decisions cannot be implemented until the working day after this date.

77 Apologies for absence

Councillor Neghat Khan – Other Council Business
Councillor Sam Webster – Leave
Clive Heaphy

78 Declarations of interest

None

79 Minutes

The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2022 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

80 Work Programme

The Committee noted the work plan

81 Council owned company discussion - Futures Advice, Skills and Employment

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

The Committee received a presentation by Paul Price-Hazelhurst Chief Executive Officer, and Jennie Willcock, Chief Finance Officer, Futures Group, which highlighted the following:

- (a) For the financial year 2021/22, income was £18.8m, which represents growth of £2.4m over the previous year. £0.9m profit was made and the company has a healthy cash reserve of £4.7m. Over the next year investment opportunities in digital evolution to facilitate growth will be explored and the Business Plan will be aligned to that.
- (b) Costs are heavily weighted towards staffing which comprises approximately 75% of the budget. The headcount is growing and stands at 425 full time equivalents. Provision has been made for some redundancy costs but it is hoped any redundancies will largely be managed through natural wastage and redeployment. Overall the budget is balanced and includes £0.5m contingency.
- (c) The development of the company's three year business plan involved D2N2, the Chamber of Commerce, Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County Councils and other partners. It is aligned with the Council's values and covers matter such as digital evolution and reducing the company's carbon footprint.
- (d) Priorities include:
 - Levelling Up and Devolution
 - The UK Shared Prosperity Fund
 - The National Careers Service Re-Tender
 - A Governance Review
 - Premises Strategy
 - The Integration of the Careers, Skills and Employment Strategies.
- (e) Achievements include:
 - 96.9% of year 11 students moving on to positive destinations and 4.8% of year 12 and 13 students being NEET against a target of 5.5%
 - 300 unemployed customers securing employment
 - A 100% pass rate at end point assessment for Nottingham City Apprentices.

During discussion and in response to questions from the Committee, the following points were raised:

- (f) Futures' income comes from a range of sources including the National Careers Service, local Councils' NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) provision and European Social Fund. The latter will be ending soon and will be replaced with the Shared Prosperity Fund. The company has a strategy of diversifying funding sources.
- (g) There are currently high levels of vacancies and Futures is looking to support people who want to change career as well as those starting out. Particular focus is made on areas where there are high levels of worklessness. Work is done with community organisations in these areas. Cases are becoming more complex resulting in an increase in appointment times.

- (h) Devolution presents an exciting opportunity to have control of the adult education budget. Work can be done to understand the level of budget that might be available.
- (i) Opportunities are being looked at to support adults to develop their foundation level skills to then enable them to progress to higher levels of skills.

Resolved to record the thanks of the Committee to Mr Price-Hazlehurst and Ms Willcock for their attendance and informative presentation.

82 Exclusion of the public

The Committee agreed to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the remaining items in accordance with Section 100(A) 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 to the Act, as the sensitive nature of the business affairs under consideration could, if made public, prejudice the ability of the companies concerned to operate effectively in a competitive market.

83 Council owned company discussion - Futures Advice, Skills and Employment

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84 Council owned companies - financial update

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

Ian Edward, Strategic Advisor for Companies, presented the report, updating the Committee on the latest position in respect of Council owned companies.

85 Exempt minutes

The Committee agreed the exempt minutes of the last meeting held on 22 March 2022 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

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2022

	24 May	21 June	19 July	20 September
P U B L I C	Company presentation – Blue Print Ltd	No Public discussion	Company presentation Nottingham City Homes	Company presentation - Nottingham Ice Centre Ltd
E X E M P T	Company presentation – Blue Print Ltd	Companies’ progress update	Company presentation – Nottingham City Homes	Company presentation – Nottingham Ice Centre Ltd
	Companies’ financial update	Companies’ financial update	Companies’ financial update	Companies’ financial update
	As required:			
	Significant change in existing company plans			
Approval of new company business case / formation/ Governance Proposals				

2022

	18 October	22 November	20 December
P U B L I C	No Public discussion	Company presentation – Scape	No Public discussion
E X E M P T	Companies Annual review 2021/22	Company presentation – Scape	Companies’ progress update
	Companies’ Annual financial update 2021/22	Companies’ financial update	Companies’ financial update
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