

Minutes of the meeting of the City Council

held at the Council Chamber, Council House

on 22 May 2023 from 2.00 pm - 2.57 pm

Attendances:

✓ Wendy Smith (Lord Mayor until Item 3)	
✓ Councillor Carole McCulloch (Lord Mayor from Item 4)	
✓ Councillor Saj Ahmad	✓ Councillor Farzanna Mahmood
✓ Councillor Liaqat Ali	✓ Councillor Sulcan Mahmood
✓ Councillor Leslie Ayoola	✓ Councillor David Mellen
✓ Councillor Cheryl Barnard	✓ Councillor AJ Matsiko
✓ Councillor Steve Battlemuch	✓ Councillor Sajid Mohammed
✓ Councillor Graham Chapman	✓ Councillor Fozia Mubashar
✓ Councillor Kevin Clarke	✓ Councillor Salma Mumtaz
✓ Councillor Audrey Dinnall	✓ Councillor Sana Nasir
✓ Councillor Michael Edwards	✓ Councillor Devontay Okure
✓ Councillor Nadia Farhat	✓ Councillor Nayab Patel
✓ Councillor Faith Gakanje-Ajala	✓ Councillor Georgia Power
✓ Councillor Sam Gardiner	✓ Councillor Shuguftah Quddoos
✓ Councillor Sam Harris	✓ Councillor Ethan Radford
✓ Councillor Jay Hayes	✓ Councillor Nick Raine
✓ Councillor Patience Ifediora	✓ Councillor Eunice Regan
✓ Councillor Imran Jalil	✓ Councillor Sarita-Marie Rehman-Wall
✓ Councillor Corall Jenkins	✓ Councillor Samina Riaz
✓ Councillor Maria Joannou	✓ Councillor Andrew Rule
✓ Councillor Kirsty L Jones	✓ Councillor Naim Salim
✓ Councillor Kirsty M Jones	✓ Councillor Michael Savage
✓ Councillor Helen Kalsi	✓ Councillor Matt Shannon
✓ Councillor Angela Kandola	✓ Councillor Hayley Spain
✓ Councillor Anwar Khan	✓ Councillor Maria Watson
✓ Councillor Gul Khan	✓ Councillor Adele Williams
✓ Councillor Neghat Khan	✓ Councillor Linda Woodings
✓ Councillor Zafran Khan	✓ Councillor Audra Wynter
✓ Councillor Pavlos Kotsonis	
✓ Councillor Sam Lux	

✓ Indicates present at meeting

1 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Sam Lux - leave

2 Declarations of Interests

None.

3 Election of Lord Mayor

Resolved to elect Councillor Carole McCulloch as the Lord Mayor until the next annual meeting of Council, as proposed by Councillor Graham Chapman and seconded by Councillor Patience Ifediora.

4 Appointment of Sheriff

Resolved to appoint Councillor Shuguftah Quddoos as Sheriff until the next annual meeting of Council, as proposed by Councillor Ethan Radford and seconded by Councillor Nayab Patel.

5 Election of Councillors - 4 May 2023

Resolved to note the election of councillors to Nottingham City wards as follows:

Aspley ward – Councillor Graham Chapman, Councillor Patience Ifediora and Councillor Carole McCulloch

Basford ward – Councillor Salma Mumtaz, Councillor Nick Raine and Councillor Linda Woodings

Berridge ward – Councillor Angela Kandola, Councillor Sulcan Mahmood and Councillor Shuguftah Quddoos

Bestwood ward – Councillor Jay Hayes, Councillor Georgia Power and Councillor Audra Wynter

Bilborough ward – Councillor Faith Gakanje-Ajala, Councillor Sam Harris and Councillor Helen Kalsi

Bulwell ward – Councillor Maria Joannou, Councillor Ethan Radford and Councillor Michael Savage

Bulwell Forest ward – Councillor Cheryl Barnard, Councillor Sam Gardiner and Councillor Sarita-Marie Rehman-Wall

Castle ward – Councillor Sam Lux and Councillor Matt Shannon

Clifton East ward – Councillor Kevin Clarke, Councillor Kirsty M Jones and Councillor Maria Watson

Clifton West ward – Councillor Andrew Rule and Councillor Hayley Spain

Dales ward – Councillor Gul Khan, Councillor Neghat Khan and Councillor David Mellen

Hyson Green and Arboretum ward – Councillor Liaqat Ali, Councillor Sana Nasir and Councillor Naim Salim

Leen Valley ward – Councillor Audrey Dinnall and Councillor Nadia Farhat

Lenton and Wollaton East ward – Councillor Imran Jalil, Councillor Pavlos Kotsonis and Councillor Samina Riaz

Mapperley ward – Councillor Leslie Ayoola, Councillor Kirsty L Jones and Councillor Sajid Mohammed

Meadows ward – Councillor Michael Edwards and Councillor Eunice Regan

Radford ward – Councillor Farzanna Mahmood and Councillor FoZIA Mubashar

Sherwood ward – Councillor AJ Matsiko, Councillor Nayab Patel and Councillor Adele Williams

St Anns ward – Councillor Corall Jenkins, Councillor Anwar Khan and Councillor Devontay Okure

Wollaton West ward – Councillor Saj Ahmed, Councillor Steve Battlemuch and Councillor Zafran Khan

6 Election of a Leader of the Council for a Four Year Term

Resolved to elect Councillor David Mellen as Leader of the Council for a four year term, as proposed by Councillor Adele Williams and seconded by Councillor Audra Wynter.

7 To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting of Council held on 6 March 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2023 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

8 To receive Official Communications and Announcements from the Leader of the Council and/or the Chief Executive

The Chief Executive made the following announcements:

I would like to congratulate all councillors who were elected to represent wards in the City in the local elections held on 4 May, and particularly welcome the 22 new councillors to the Council. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank staff from across the Council who worked hard to deliver a successful election process.

I would like to congratulate all those associated with Notts County Football Club on double success this season with the Men's Team securing promotion to the English Football League and the Women's Team securing promotion to the Women's National League.

It is with great sadness that I have three deaths to report to Council today:

- On 27 March, then Councillor Sue Johnson sadly passed away. Sue had represented the St Anns ward since 2007.
- Former Councillor Joyce Donn also sadly passed away in March. Joyce represented the Radford ward between 1995 and 2000 and was elected as Lord Mayor in 1998.
- Leslie McDonald, member of the City's Health and Wellbeing Board, sadly died in April. Leslie had been a member of the Board for many years, representing the views of the voluntary and community sector in the City.

My thoughts are with all of their families, friends and everyone affected by their passing.

Councillor Corall Jenkins spoke in tribute to former Councillor Sue Johnson, Councillor David Mellen spoke in tribute to former Councillor Joyce Donn and Councillor Faith Gakanje-Ajala spoke in tribute to Leslie MacDonald.

A minute's silence was held.

9 Establishment of, and Appointments to Committees and Joint Bodies 2023/24

Councillor Carole McCulloch, Lord Mayor and Chair of Council, proposed the report setting out proposed terms of reference and first meeting dates for Council committees in municipal year 2023/24, along with proposed memberships, substitute and chairing arrangements. The report was seconded by Councillor Shuguftah Quddoos.

Resolved to:

- (1) agree the terms of reference for Council committees and joint bodies for 2023/24, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;**
- (2) agree the first meeting dates for Council committees and joint bodies for 2023/24, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report;**
- (3) agree the membership and substitutes, where applicable, for Council committees and the City Council membership and substitutes, where applicable, for joint bodies for 2023/24, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report;**
- (4) appoint the committee chairs and vice chairs for 2023/24 for committees that Council is responsible for appointing, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report;**
- (5) amend Article 9 – Non Executive Functions and Committees of the Constitution to reflect the agreed terms of reference of Council committees and joint bodies for 2023/24; and**
- (6) amend Article 4 – Councillors and Article 11 – Overview and Scrutiny of the Constitution to reflect changes to the structure for the overview and scrutiny function arising from the approval of terms of reference for the scrutiny committees in 2023/24 under (1).**

10 Executive Appointments, Committees and Delegations

Councillor David Mellen, Leader of the Council, presented the report informing Council of his appointment of Deputy Leader, Portfolio Holders and other executive roles and establishment of Executive Committees for 2023/24. The report was seconded by Councillor Audra Wynter.

Resolved to note:

- (1) the appointment of Councillor Audra Wynter as Deputy Leader of the Council;**
- (2) the appointment of Portfolio Holders and their areas of responsibility, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;**
- (3) the appointment of Executive Assistants as set out in Appendix 2 to the report;**
- (4) the terms of reference and first meeting dates for Executive committees in 2023/24, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report;**
- (5) the appointments, including substitute arrangements where appropriate, to and chairing arrangements for Executive committees, as set out in Appendix 4 to the report;**
- (6) that the Constitution will be amended to reflect these appointments and delegations of responsibility and roles;**
- (7) that all other Executive delegations, as set out in the Executive Scheme of Delegation in the Constitution, are confirmed; and**
- (8) that the Constitution was amended to reflect incorporation of new responsibilities in relation to housing management and maintenance functions to the role of Corporate Director for Growth and City Development from 1 April 2023.**

11 Strategic Council Plan 2023-27 Refresh

Councillor David Mellen, Leader of the Council, proposed the report setting out a process for revising the Strategic Council Plan 2023-2027 in light of the local election held on 4 May 2023. The report was seconded by Councillor Audra Wynter.

Resolved to adopt the process for refreshing the Strategic Council Plan 2023 – 2027 as set out in paragraphs 7.5 and 7.6 of the report.

12 Decisions taken under Urgency Procedures

Councillor David Mellen, Leader of the Council, presented the report detailing urgent decisions that the Council is required to note, which have been taken under provisions within the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules and Access to Information Rules. The report was seconded by Councillor Audra Wynter.

Resolved to note:

(1) the following decisions taken under the Call-in and Urgency provisions of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules:

Decision Reference	Subject	Decision Taker	Reason for Urgency
4898	Household Support Fund 4 Grant	Leader of the Council	To enable distribution of support for the Easter holiday period.
4902	Homelessness Accommodation Grant Funding	Leader of the Council	In order to receive the funding a business case and properties under offer had to be in place by the end of the financial year.
4915	Local Energy Advice	Leader of the Council	The Memorandum of Understanding with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero had to be signed by 14 April 2023 to avoid loss of funding for the Midlands Net Zero Hub.
4922	Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding and Alternative Fuel Payments	Leader of the Council	To enable the Council to alleviate the extreme financial hardship experienced by some citizens due to the cost of energy

(2) the following Key Decisions taken under the Special Urgency provisions of the Access to Information Procedure Rules:

Decision Reference	Subject	Decision Taker	Reason for Special Urgency
4917	Homelessness Prevention Grant 2022/23	Leader of the Council	The Council had to confirm spend to Government and have an authorised final position
4922	Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding and Alternative Fuel Payments	Leader of the Council	To enable the Council to alleviate the extreme financial hardship experienced by some citizens due to the cost of energy

13 Future Meeting Dates

Resolved to meet on the following Mondays at 2pm:

- **10 July 2023**
- **11 September 2023**
- **13 November 2023**
- **15 January 2024**
- **26 February 2024**

The Meeting concluded at 2.57 pm