

Nottingham City Council

Companies Governance Executive Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at Loxley House, Nottingham on 22 November 2022 from 3.00 pm - 4.39 pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Neghat Khan
Councillor David Mellen (Chair)
Councillor Linda Woodings

Absent

Councillor Adele Williams
Councillor Audra Wynter

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Ian Edward	- Strategic Advisor on Companies
Alistair Gamage	- Chief Finance Officer, SCAPE (items 44-50)
Michael Hainge	- Director of Commercial Procurement
Mark Robonson	- Chief Executive, SCAPE (items 44-50)
Phil Wye	- Governance Officer

44 Apologies for absence

Councillor Audra Wynter – unwell
Councillor Adele Williams – other Council business
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45 Declarations of interest

In the interests of transparency, Councillor Neghat Khan declared that she sits on the Board of Futures, and Councillor David Mellen stated that he is a director of Blueprint.

46 Minutes

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2022 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

47 Work Programme

The Work Programme was noted.

48 Council owned company discussion - SCAPE

The Committee received a presentation by Mark Robinson and Alistair Gamage, of SCAPE, which highlighted the following:

- (a) SCAPE is wholly owned by six local authority shareholders, including Nottingham City Council, each of which are motivated by improving socioeconomic outcomes

for the local community. All surpluses are returned to the public purse;

- (b) SCAPE offers a diverse range of services such as asset management, design, and sustainability;
- (c) SCAPE employs people across the UK and has a high social value, supporting local businesses, sustainability and ethical supply chains. It has frameworks in place in order to achieve economies of scale and the best delivery partners, and these are the most widely used in the UK;
- (d) SCAPE's procurement process is fully compliant with all regulations, and goes beyond them in terms of carbon reduction and social value;
- (e) SCAPE has supported 30 local authorities with levelling up strategies and bids.

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

- (f) the risk to Nottingham City Council as a shareholder is minimal as the business is very established and shared by 6 different authorities across the UK so any risk would be shared. Although there are financial risks to all businesses in the current financial climate, there is a strong pipeline of business in place and a strong balance sheet in place;
- (g) SCAPE is supporting the bid for devolution in the East Midlands, which should make an opportunity for closer working.

49 Exclusion of the public

The Committee resolved to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the remaining items in accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, under Schedule 12A, Part 1, Paragraph 3, on the basis that, having regard to all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining an exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

50 Council owned company discussion - SCAPE

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

The Committee received a presentation by Mark Robinson and Alistair Gamage, of SCAPE.

51 Exempt minutes

The Committee confirmed the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2022 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair,

52 Council owned companies - financial update

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

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