

Nottingham City Council

Companies Governance Executive Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 19 September 2023 from 3.03 pm - 3.57 pm

Membership

Present

Councillor David Mellen (Chair)
Councillor Audra Wynter (Vice Chair) (Items 36-42 and 44-47)
Councillor Angela Kandola (Items 43-47)
Councillor Pavlos Kotsonis

Absent

Councillor Linda Woodings

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Kevin Barr	- Finance Manager for Companies
Richard Beckett	- Shareholder Representative, Nottingham City Transport Ltd
James Lavender	- Governance Officer
Neil McArthur	- Interim Head of Companies and Commercial Oversight
Jiayue Wang	- Companies Governance Compliance Officer

36 Apologies

Councillor Linda Woodings - on leave

37 Declarations of interests

In the interests of transparency, Councillor David Mellen stated that he is a Director of Blueprint.

38 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

39 Work Programme

Neil McArthur, Interim Head of Companies and Commercial Oversight, noted that the work programme activities will achieve a balance of public and private items by the November meeting.

The Committee noted the Work Programme.

40 Exclusion of the public

The Committee decided to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the remaining agenda 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 outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

41 Exempt Minutes

The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

42 Nottingham City Transport Ltd - Performance Update

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

Richard Beckett, the Shareholder Representative for Nottingham City Transport (NCT) Ltd, delivered a report outlining the company's performance for approximately the first quarter of 2023/23. The details of the report and the subsequent discussion are set out in the exempt minute.

43 Nottingham City Homes Ltd - Progress Report

Kevin Barr, Finance Manager for Companies, delivered a report into the current position of Nottingham City Homes (NCH) Ltd and its subsidiaries, including the impact upon the Council's General Fund and Housing Revenue Accounts (HRA). The details of the report and the subsequent discussion are set out in the exempt minute.

44 Scape Group Ltd - Proposed Governance Changes

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

The Chair of the Committee agreed that this item, although not on the agenda, could be considered as a matter of urgency in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, because if a decision was not made at this meeting, the company's governance arrangements would be adversely affected.

Neil McArthur, Interim Head of Companies and Commercial Oversight, delivered a report into the proposed changes to the governance arrangements of the Scape Group Ltd. The details of the report and subsequent discussion are set out in the exempt minute.

45 Appointment to the Boards of Council-owned Entities - NCH, NCT and NIC

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

Jiayue Wang, Companies Governance Compliance Officer, delivered a verbal update on progress of appointing directors to the Boards of NCH Ltd, NCT Ltd and the Nottingham Ice Centre (NIC) Ltd. The update and subsequent discussion are set out in the exempt minute.

46 Companies Review - Approval of proposals regarding Nottingham Racecourse and Nottingham Schools Trust

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

Jiayue Wang, Companies Governance Compliance Officer, delivered a report outlining the Council's interests regarding Nottingham Racecourse and Nottingham Schools Trust. The report and subsequent discussion are set out in the exempt minute.

47 Council-owned companies - Financial update

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

Kevin Barr, Finance Manager for Companies, delivered a report which updated the Committee on the latest position in respect of each council-owned company. The details of the report and the subsequent discussion are set out in the exempt minute.