

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

held at the Council House

on 13 November 2017 from 2.00 pm - 4.20 pm

ATTENDANCES:

✓ Councillor Michael Edwards (Lord Mayor)	
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✓ Councillor Liaqat Ali	✓ Councillor Neghat Nawaz Khan
✓ Councillor Jim Armstrong	✓ Councillor Ginny Klein
✓ Councillor Cat Arnold	✓ Councillor Dave Liversidge
✓ Councillor Leslie Ayoola	✓ Councillor Sally Longford
✓ Councillor Ilyas Aziz	Councillor Carole McCulloch
✓ Councillor Cheryl Barnard	Councillor Nick McDonald
✓ Councillor Steve Battlemuch	✓ Councillor David Mellen
✓ Councillor Merlita Bryan	✓ Councillor Jackie Morris
✓ Councillor Eunice Campbell	✓ Councillor Toby Neal
✓ Councillor Graham Chapman	✓ Councillor Brian Parbutt
✓ Councillor Azad Choudhry	✓ Councillor Anne Peach
✓ Councillor Jon Collins	✓ Councillor Sarah Piper
✓ Councillor Josh Cook	✓ Councillor Nick Raine
✓ Councillor Georgina Culley	✓ Councillor Andrew Rule
✓ Councillor Pat Ferguson	✓ Councillor Mohammed Saghir
✓ Councillor Brian Grocock	✓ Councillor David Smith
✓ Councillor Chris Gibson	✓ Councillor Wendy Smith
Councillor John Hartshorne	✓ Councillor Chris Tansley
✓ Councillor Rosemary Healy	✓ Councillor Dave Trimble
✓ Councillor Nicola Heaton	✓ Councillor Jane Urquhart
✓ Councillor Mohammed Ibrahim	✓ Councillor Marcia Watson
✓ Councillor Patience Uloma Ifediora	✓ Councillor Sam Webster
✓ Councillor Corall Jenkins	✓ Councillor Adele Williams
✓ Councillor Glyn Jenkins	✓ Councillor Malcolm Wood
Councillor Sue Johnson	✓ Councillor Linda Woodings
✓ Councillor Carole-Ann Jones	✓ Councillor Steve Young
✓ Councillor Gul Nawaz Khan	

✓ Indicates present at meeting

44 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor John Hartshorne – leave

Councillor Sue Johnson

Councillor Carole McCulloch – leave

Councillor Nick McDonald – work commitments

45 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

46 QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

The Lord Mayor informed Council that one citizen question was received related to the issue of homelessness, but that the answer required a complex set of data to be collated, some of which is not owned by the Council, so the citizen will be provided with a written answer, and the question will be asked at the next full Council as it is a serious issue.

47 PETITIONS FROM COUNCILLORS ON BEHALF OF CITIZENS

None.

48 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

49 TO RECEIVE OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND/OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chief Executive reported the following:

By-election Results

I would like to welcome the three new Councillors that were elected at the by-elections held on 19 October. They are:

Councillor Cheryl Barnard – representing the Bulwell Forest Ward;
Councillor Georgia Power – representing the Bestwood Ward; and
Councillor Nick Raine – representing the Basford Ward.

Cll'r Achievement Awards

The LGiU Cll'r Achievement Awards took place on Tuesday 7 November in London and former Councillor Alan Clark was posthumously honoured in the category of Place-Shaping and Environment. The LGiU celebrated Alan's creativity, vision and leadership in shaping communities through pioneering projects that improved the lives of residents across Nottingham.

Local Public Ownership Awards

Robin Hood Energy and Nottingham City Transport have both been named as two of the country's top publically owned companies.

The Local Public Ownership Awards showcase some of the best and most inspiring council-run services in the UK. Both Nottingham companies were shortlisted against 10 other local councils. The public then voted for who they thought were the most forward-thinking examples of local public ownership. Both Nottingham City Transport and Robin Hood Energy won the accolade, alongside Bristol Energy.

Public Sector Communications Excellence Awards

The Communications and Marketing Team won the Gold Award at the national Public Sector Communications Excellence Awards for the 'Let's keep it clean' campaign.

The awards are run by LGcommunications, a national body made up of an association of authorities that works to raise the standard of communications in local government.

Michael Hammond

It is with sadness that I inform Council that former Town Clerk and Chief Executive Michael Hammond CBE DL passed away on 21 September 2017. Michael was the Town Clerk/Chief Executive of Nottingham City Council between 1974 and 1990. He leaves behind his three children Sara, Ralph and Richard.

Councillors Chris Gibson and Georgina Culley spoke in tribute to Michael Hammond and a minutes' silence was held.

50 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS - TO THE CITY COUNCIL'S LEAD COUNCILLOR ON THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

None.

51 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS - TO A MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE BOARD, THE CHAIR OF A COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIR OF ANY OTHER CITY COUNCIL BODY

Enviroenergy Shutdown

Councillor Andrew Rule asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Energy and Sustainability:

Could the Portfolio Holder comment on extent to which the extended shut-down of Enviroenergy over the summer months will affect its ability to meet its loan repayments to the City Council?

Councillor Dave Liversidge replied as follows:

Thank you Lord Mayor, and thanks to Councillor Andrew Rule for his question. Enviroenergy is a separate legal entity. The Council is aware of the extended shutdown of the district heating station as a result of complex engineering works on the system. The turbine is now fully operational and was brought back into service on 18 October. It is likely that this extended shutdown will impact upon the company's profit and loss account. Any potential impact upon the Council's 2017/8 budget is not yet known.

Station Street Regeneration

Councillor Andrew Rule asked the following question of the Leader:

Could the Leader confirm the total cost to the City Council of the following:

- the initial slabbing works on Station Street;
- the cost of the recent tarmacking work;
- any supplementary work to be completed once the Broadmarsh Car Park is completed?

Councillor Jon Collins replied as follows:

Thank you Lord Mayor. The total cost of pedestrianising and improving Station Street was £1,640,000. This cost was not met from Council Tax, but from a variety of external sources including LTP, European and LEP funding.

Recent tarmac work to replace paving slabs on Trent Street cost £35,000 and was made necessary by the decision to temporarily accommodate National Express coaches displaced from Broadmarsh bus station.

It is likely that granite paving in keeping with the rest of the Station Street scheme will be reinstated once the Broadmarsh car park is complete. The cost of this and the temporary tarmac will be met from the current budget for public realm improvements associated with the wider Broadmarsh scheme.

Parking Permit Policy

Councillor Andrew Rule asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services and Local Transport:

Could the Portfolio Holder explain the apparent inconsistency in the City Council's chargeable parking permit policy whereby residents included in the proposed parking permit scheme in St Leonards Drive and surrounding streets in Wollaton will not be charged for parking permits, despite more than 50% of the properties in those areas having private driveways, and residents of Clifton Grove are being advised should a parking permit scheme come into operation in that area residents will have to pay for each permit issued because more than 50% of the properties in the scheme have private driveways?

Councillor Sally Longford replied as follows:

Thank you Lord Mayor. The area close to Wollaton Park is affected by parking for a number of Council events on Wollaton Park, attended by thousands of people. The Council is sympathetic to residents' parking needs, and has to implement temporary event parking schemes which come at a cost to the Council. This scheme will cut expenditure in managing events, and if residents are in favour of the schemes implementation, it will be a free scheme.

Broadmarsh Car Parking Provision

Councillor Georgina Culley asked the following question of the Leader:

Could the Leader tell us, apart from the auxiliary car parks that do not represent a like for like replacement of the number of car parking spaces lost to the demolition of

Broadmarsh car park, what provision have been made to accommodate shoppers who will be driving into Nottingham to do their Christmas shopping?

Councillor Jon Collins replied as follows:

Councillor Culley's question is based on 2 false assumptions. The first is that Broadmarsh car park was predominantly used by shoppers and the second is that we need a similar sized car park to accommodate them. Before demolition, analysis showed that of the 1170 places in the Broadmarsh, most were used by commuters, with just 280 of the spaces used by shoppers, leisure or retail customers.

With INTU's agreement, those 280 spaces have been provided at temporary car parks on the Broadmarsh East and Sheriff's Lodge sites, with a charging regime designed to encourage shoppers and discourage commuters. So far that capacity has proved more than sufficient for shoppers wishing to park close to the Broadmarsh shopping centre.

Further capacity will be provided by a new 700 space temporary car park on the Island site, which should be open by the end of the month. This car park will be serviced by the free Ecolink bus, offering a quick and easy way for people to access shopping, leisure and office destinations around the city centre.

Public Sector Pay Cap

Councillor Steve Battlemuch asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Community and Customer Services:

Given that since 2010, council workers basic pay has fallen by 21% as a result of government cuts, does the Portfolio Holder for Community and Customer Services agree that the public sector pay cap should be lifted and government should provide the funding to give a decent pay rise for Nottingham's public sector employees?

Councillor Toby Neal replied as follows:

Thank you Lord Mayor, and thank you Councillor Steve Battlemuch for your question. Local government employs over 2,300,000 people in the UK, that's more than twice the size of the NHS and substantially larger than the civil service. In Nottingham, it's nearly 6,500 people that work for the City Council. Local government provides services that most people have daily contact with, from ensuring the streets are clean, that bins are emptied, keeping the public safe, educating their children, and working to help and protect the vulnerable and disadvantaged. So let's think about what the pay cap means in practice for Nottingham City Council employees. Let's look at refuse, street scene and adult care workers, who make up the majority in the bands that are currently most affected by this. In 2010 the hourly rate was £7.80, or £8.72. In 2017, that increased to £8.64 or £9.21. As an increase, that sounds great. Except if you work out the CPI inflation index those figures should now be £9.15 and £10.23. So you can see where the differential starts to come in.

The government issues many justifications for the pay cap – controlling public spending, bringing down debt, sorting out the difference between public and private sector pay. However, the government's arguments on this are pretty much in shreds.

The IFS has pointed out that the government cap is creating greater differentials between the public and private sector, the ONS figures for April 2017 when inflation was 2.7% showed that average weekly earnings were rising by 1.2% for the private sector, and just 0.8% in the public sector, and in fact the Resolution Foundation showed that whilst wage growth was up in 2016, it was up by 1.6% for the private sector and had fallen by 0.3% for the public sector.

And probably the less said about the government's debt management schemes, is probably the best route really, with them more than doubling the national debt and seeming to be unable to get to grips with that. I know, as do some of our other Councillors here, that we're facing the pretty shameful position of Council workers going to food banks, and increased reliance on debt to manage their day to day finances. The effects it has on the Council itself are pretty profound, it makes recruiting, retention and even the motivation of staff significantly problematic. There is no doubt that with the cuts themselves, although we've managed to maintain a reasonable level for frontline services, workloads are expanding to capacity, and the workforce is really stretched.

And the argument that this is necessary is pretty fallacious as well. 10 years on from the 2008 banking crisis, all of the countries that instituted public pay freezes and public cuts have stopped doing it. This includes America, Germany, and France. On the pay freeze front, the UK government is the only one that continues doing this. And the OECD recent compound wage growth charts show that of the Western economies that have shown any economic growth, however small that might be, we are the only Western country that has seen wage contraction in that period as well. So this is clearly an unsustainable position, and must be addressed, and the first step in this is for the government to fully fund a decent pay rise for all Council workers.

Funding Formula for Transitional Grant

Councillor Wendy Smith asked the following question of the Deputy Leader:

Could the Deputy Leader give a summary of the response he received from the Department for Communities and Local Government following his latest Freedom of Information request on the funding formula for the Transition Grant?

Councillor Graham Chapman replied as follows:

I very much welcome this question, thank you Lord Mayor. In April 2016 the government handed out an extra £300,000,000 over 2 years in funding through their Transitional Grant scheme. The money went to affluent councils, mainly in the south, which over the years of austerity have escaped serious funding cuts. 80% of the money went to Conservative councils, many of which contained constituencies of Cabinet members. Nottingham, Derby, Leicester, and northern cities, got nothing, zilch. The odd thing was that, although the government regularly provides detailed spreadsheets for calculation of our normal grant, the Revenue Support Grant, no such information accompanied the Transition Grant. So I asked, via a Freedom of Information request, for the spreadsheet, on the naïve grounds that perhaps the Department for Communities and Local Government had forgotten to include them. After all, we're not living in a banana republic, are we? It is the UK, with one of the

most professional civil services in the world, and they should provide consistency, shouldn't they?

My first round of requests and appeals to the Department for Communities and Local Government were blocked. First, on the vague grounds of public interest - they did not consider it in the public interest to know what the basis was. Then they changed their grounds, and the reason they gave me was that the Transition Grant was still an active policy, and as such the requested information could not be released. In short – the goalposts moved. But the implication was that when the policy, which was a 2 year allocation, was finally concluded, I could have the spreadsheets and calculations. So I waited. And on 23 February 2017 I once again submitted a Freedom of Information enquiry asking for details of calculations for the Transition Grant. After all, it was no longer policy, all was finished. Between then and this month, the DCLG has delayed, it has prevaricated, it has broken several deadlines, all to tell me on 1 November that the information would not be made available, on the grounds that I was being vexatious. It had taken 6 months of to-ing and fro-ing, requests for extensions, of hassling, of cajoling, for them to class my request as vexatious. If it was vexatious in November, why was it not vexatious in February when I first asked? It's taken them 6 months to decide that it was vexatious.

So I've had 3 justifications from the DCLG, it has taken 7 months to scroll down their list of excuses to land on vexatious as a reason, and it has become really obvious that they have decided not to provide the spreadsheet, and are then scrabbling around to find reasons to justify it. It's all back to front, which makes me smell a rat. And if you think I'm being flippant about lists of excuses, I'll quote from Private Eye the reason they were not given information about land ownership in tax havens: "the Land Registry has refused our request for information about properties bought by offshore companies since 2014, claiming that the request is vexatious". So when you run out of excuses, when it all gets embarrassing, then it seems what you do in government in 2017 is cite vexatiousness.

But I'm not letting this one go. I believe there will be a further request from the county councils for an extension of this bung, and I will be appealing to the Freedom of Information Commission, and I will also be contacting my MP, in fact I've done it already, one of our MPs Mr Norris – you may know him, and he will be meeting the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee this Wednesday to raise the matter. But more important still is the substance of all of this. I repeat – 80% of this money went to Conservative councils. The real litmus test was that it also went to London councils, but the only London councils that got it were the outer boroughs, none of the inner boroughs got it. So Richmond got it, but Hackney did not get it. And if you're telling me that isn't political, then I don't know what is.

As I said, the county councils are on the move again, they are looking for an extension of the scheme. And I know this, because I know county council leaders, and I knew in the first place that they were asking for a bung, because I remember talking to the leader of Suffolk who was going down there to lobby, and was full of expectation. I wish we could go down there lobbying, full of expectation. And so my view is that the government will accede, there will be another round. Moreover, they won't tell me where the money is coming from either. And I am fairly sure, because I have asked, I am fairly sure it is unallocated business rate retention, which should be

spent fairly and equitably across all councils, not just Tory southern councils where ministers have their seats.

So this is not just a technical issue, it is a matter of fairness, it is a matter of probity, this is a political bung. This is verging on the corrupt, and it is dragging the civil service into areas it should not be going. And our citizens, the citizens we represent, are losing out, and that's why I am going to continue to be vexatious, and probably quite proud of it. Thank you very much.

Properties Owned by Those Registered in Tax Havens

Councillor Nick Raine asked the following question of the Deputy Leader:

Would the Deputy Leader comment about the number of private lets in the City owned by individuals and multinationals registered in tax havens?

Councillor Graham Chapman replied as follows:

In a week's time, Philip Hammond will be delivering yet another austerity budget, and expecting further sacrifice from public services. All of this at a time when the NHS is struggling as it has not done since the 1990s, when the Police and prison services in Nottingham and elsewhere are under resourced, when there are increasing levels of child poverty in this city, when adult care funding is in crisis, at a time when homelessness is rising to levels not seen since the era of John Major, and when public sector staff are increasingly finding their wages eroded below inflation increases.

And we will be told by Mr Hammond that there is no alternative. But there are indeed alternatives. This week the Paradise papers were released, showing billions of pounds of tax evasion by thousands of UK offshore companies. And now today we have a manifestation of that in Nottingham. In these papers, and I have them here, in these papers there are records of over 700 cases up to 2014 of properties in Nottingham registered to companies abroad, mainly in tax havens. And I'll give you a few of them – not all of them, there's 700 odd and I think I'd run out of time!

But let's just talk about National Car Parks in St James' Street, which is registered in Jersey, owned by BNP Paribas. I can talk about Pictureworks, we all know where Pictureworks is don't we? We overlook it from Loxley House. There are a large number of flats in there that are owned abroad in the Virgin Islands and Panama. The Ford building in Lower Parliament Street is owned abroad, I think it's in Guernsey - I don't want to be quoted on that, I'm doing that from memory. The Horse and Groom where some of us go now and again, registered in the Isle of Man. 10-12 Lister Gate – Virgin Islands. The car park on Bromley Place – owned by Kathmandu Ltd, I bet they're a decent firm that I'd put my pension into, Virgin islands. And it goes on and on, the Litmus building, we all know where that is, I think it's on Huntingdon Street – owned by a Guernsey registered company. And then we talk about the Lenton triangle, where loads and loads of students live. Street after street after street you have houses owned by Ship2SAR, based in Luxembourg. And then you get another lot by Luxury Student Properties of Jersey. Huge chunks of this city are owned by people registered abroad.

Not only is this money lost to the city, it is lost to the UK. And one of the reasons why many people in this city are being hit by reductions in public services, because these people are not paying their taxes. Whilst the worst off in this city, many of whom are paying their taxes, some more than the individuals owning these millions of pounds worth of property, are paying for the austerity. These people are exploiting that austerity. Income tax, Corporation tax, Inheritance tax via artificial trusts, Capital Gains tax, is all being avoided.

Meanwhile, not only are frontline public services deteriorating, the worst off punished, but the rest of us are having to pay for the NHS, the roads, the education system, policing, all of which helps these owners maintain the infrastructure to both lease and sell their property, and to make profits. Whilst they benefit from the gains, we have to pay for the services which support their gains. Indeed, some of these properties, over 100 or so, are student houses, where not only is there no national tax being collected because of offshore ownership, no local taxes are being collected. Yet they are costing the public sector in this city, this Council in particular, hundreds of thousands of pounds. They are parasitic. They are taking money out of the city and contributing absolutely nothing back.

I will finish on 2 points. That the Tory party is up to its neck in collusion, and many of its donors have their profits made in this way, not least Lord Ashcroft. Governments of both parties have let this go on. Last month there was an opportunity to close one of the loopholes. The Tory party blocked an opportunity last month in a Labour private members' bill to extend Capital Gains tax to commercial property sales by non doms. It blocked that motion. At the same time the Inland Revenue are going to lose 5,000 staff, and often these are people with a great deal of expertise, particularly about tracking down companies in tax havens. And this is in the latest reorganisation. So they are blocking legislation in parliament to close the loopholes, they are cutting back on the Inland Revenue to chase the money. So despite all the rhetoric from the Chancellor, there seems to be no will to collect this money. Indeed, with the Inland Revenue cuts we are moving in the opposite direction.

I have come to the conclusion that the Tory party, despite all its rhetoric, is constitutionally incapable of dealing with this matter, and the only way we're going to get justice for the people in this city is to change the government to one that is determined to crack down on what in the end is immoral behaviour. Thank you.

Prospects for Care Leavers

Councillor Peach asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Early Intervention and Early Years:

Can the Portfolio Holder for Early Years and Early Intervention give an update on the employment and training prospects of care leavers?

Councillor Mellen responded as follows:

Thank you Lord Mayor, and can I thank Councillor Peach for her question. I am pleased to report to Council today that 67% of Nottingham City Council care leavers aged 19-21 are in employment, education or training. This current performance in the city is an improvement on last year's results of 58.7% of care leavers, and at that

point performance in authorities who are similar to ours was 47.7%. The figure of 67% this year is only bettered by 6 other local authorities across the country, so only 6 out of 150. We're not complacent, but we're pleased with the progress that has been made in carrying out our responsibility towards those young people who have previously been in our care, and I am grateful to those in the council and at Nottingham Futures who have worked hard to support these young people.

We're very very proud too of the 16 care leavers who are currently at university, and the many others who continue in their education in some way. But we're also dedicated to ensure that as many care leavers as possible secure employment. The priority that we have given to this area of our work is reflected in the fact that it forms a council plan target, where we have pledged to offer apprenticeships or permanent jobs to 10% of care leavers within the council, setting an example to other employers with their own practice. To deliver this the Leaving Care Service is working closely with the Nottingham Apprenticeship Scheme.

Prior to each vacancy release, workshops are delivered to encourage applications from care leavers, including support with writing applications, interviews, employability skills and the recruitment process. A working protocol has been agreed that promotes strong communication between the Nottingham Apprenticeship Scheme, Apprentice Managers and Personal Advisors for the Leaving Care team. This ensures that any issues which might impact on someone completing the scheme are identified early and effective support can be provided

Where needs are identified, care leavers on Nottingham City Council apprenticeships are released during working hours to access counselling, coaching and skill development support.

The Leaving Care Service has an in-house employability programme that supports care leavers who are the furthest away from entering the labour market. The scheme supports young people in making positive, preparatory steps towards training and employment. The programme is formally recognised by the Department for Work and Pensions as a progressive job seeking provision for care leavers. This status has enabled opportunities to access DWP funding to enhance the impact and reach of the programme.

Bespoke programmes are created around the individual young person that aim to build their confidence and develop the habits and skills that are essential in sustaining mainstream training or employment. Opportunities to gain meaningful and supportive experience are facilitated through an ever-increasing network of community partners and internal service areas. Tailored support packages are developed and those who are facing the biggest challenges are linked with intensive mentoring support. Further barriers to engagement that young people may experience such as the cost of travel and work clothing are also resolved.

Opportunities such as those offered last week in the youth takeover week, where some of our care leavers and children got a chance to shadow officers and councillors, as well as to prepare lunch in the Loxley canteen on Thursday, all helped to provide the experience and boost the confidence of our young people.

Detailed transition planning takes place with each young person to ensure they continue their progress towards entering further training or employment. This is delivered by working closely with Nottingham Futures and other providers of Not in Education Employment or Training focused provision e.g. Princes Trust.

Work to ensure that care leavers have appropriate and additional pastoral support from FE providers is taking place through identifying designated contacts and improving communication between partners and Personal Advisors. The impact of this is starting to be seen, with examples of more collaborative and early support being implemented when issues arise, resulting in college places being sustained.

So Lord Mayor, we're not complacent, and our aim is for every young person to be carrying on in education or to get a job when they leave care. But we are encouraged by the progress that we've made, and we'll continue our efforts in the future to do our best for the young people for whom we have a particular responsibility as their corporate parent.

52 CREATION OF A FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN NOTTINGHAM AND ROVANIEMI, FINLAND

The Leader submitted a report on the creation of a Friendship Agreement between Nottingham and Rovaniemi, Finland, as set out on pages 23 to 24 of the agenda.

RESOLVED to establish a Friendship Agreement between Nottingham and Rovaniemi.

53 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Leader submitted a report on amendments to the Constitution, as set out on pages 25 to 34 of the agenda, and the revised Appendix 1 circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note the following membership changes approved by the Corporate Director for Strategy and Resources:**

MEETING	MEMBERSHIP CHANGES
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel	Removal of Councillor Nicola Heaton, due to a reduction in the number of seats
Basford and Bestwood Area Committee	Appointment of Councillors Nick Raine and Georgia Power to the vacant seats
Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Area Committee	Appointment of Councillor Cheryl Barnard to the vacant seat
Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee	Appointment of Councillors Cheryl Barnard and Georgia Power as substitutes
Greater Nottingham Light Rapid Transit Advisory Committee	Appointment of Councillor Nick Raine as a substitute

Health and Wellbeing Board	Appointment of Councillor Leslie Ayoola as a substitute
Health Scrutiny Committee	Appointment of Councillor Georgia Power to the vacant seat, and the appointment of Councillor Cheryl Barnard as a substitute
Licensing Committee	Appointment of Councillor Cheryl Barnard to the vacant seat
Planning Committee	Appointment of Councillor Cheryl Barnard to the vacant seat, and the appointment of Councillor Georgia Power as a substitute to replace Councillor Jane Urquhart
Standards Committee	Appointment of Councillors Nick Raine and Georgia Power as substitutes in addition to Councillors David Mellen, Mohammed Saghir, Linda Woodings and Nicola Heaton
Regulatory and Appeals Committee	Appointment of Councillor Cheryl Barnard to replace Councillor Rosemary Healy, the appointment of Councillor Nick Raine and Georgia Power to the vacant seats, and the removal of Councillor Nick McDonald as a substitute

(2) note the following revised Portfolio Holder appointments and remits approved by the Leader:

PORTFOLIO	REMIT
Strategic Infrastructure and Communications Councillor Jon Collins Executive Assistant (Communications) Councillor Linda Woodings	Strategic Regeneration and Development Overview of all regeneration activity across the City City Centre, major regeneration projects Local Economic Partnership and European Funding Strategic and Operational Property Strategic Transport HS2 NET phase 1, 2 and 3 NCT board member Communications and Marketing Crime and Drugs Partnership International and European Links
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration Councillor Graham Chapman Executive Assistant (Neighbourhoods) Councillor Rosemary	Resources: Finance Legal and Democratic Services, Monitoring Health and Safety Risk Management and Emergency Planning Collection of Council Tax and NNDR Housing and Council Tax Benefits Welfare Rights Income Generation and Commercialisation Facility and Building Services

PORTFOLIO	REMIT
<p align="center">Healy</p>	<p>Corporate Council Transport Fleet Commissioning and Procurement: Corporate Strategic Commissioning Neighbourhood Regeneration Neighbourhood Retail Management Neighbourhood Management and Engagement Area Working Community Development Shareholder – Nottingham City Transport</p>
<p align="center">Early Intervention and Early Years Councillor David Mellen</p>	<p>Children’s Services Performing the Lead Role for Children’s Services in accordance with statutory requirements and guidance. Children’s Safeguarding, children’s social care Children in Care and Care Leavers Leading on early-intervention Children’s Partnership and Young People’s Plan Youth and Play teams, Youth Offending team Early Years including Children’s Centres Children’s Disability and Children’s Mental Health Lead on commissioning of Children’s Services Lead of refugees and asylum seekers</p>
<p align="center">Adults and Health Councillor Nick McDonald</p> <p align="center">Executive Assistant (Social Care) Councillor Marcia Watson</p>	<p>Health and Social Care Integration Adults: Corporate Strategies for Older People and Vulnerable Adults Championing Independent Living - telecare - catering Adult Safeguarding Health: Public Health and Wellbeing - health inequalities - smoking and avoidable injuries Chair of the Health and Well Being Board Mental Health and Well-being Teenage Conception Wider Health Links Lead on commissioning of Adults Services Passenger Transport Creative Quarter</p>
<p align="center">Energy and Sustainability Councillor Dave Liversidge</p>	<p>Sustainability Robin Hood Energy Climate change and Carbon Reduction. Nature Conservation - Strategy Energy and energy bills Energy from Waste inc Enviroenergy (WRG) Nottingham Energy Partnership Waste collection and waste disposal</p>

PORTFOLIO	REMIT
<p data-bbox="240 226 632 338">Planning, Housing and Heritage Councillor Jane Urquhart</p> <p data-bbox="240 376 632 488">Executive Assistant (Housing and Flooding) Councillor Neghat Khan</p>	<p data-bbox="671 192 1353 264">Planning Planning Policy and Development Management</p> <p data-bbox="671 264 1422 703">Housing: Physical neighbourhood transformation and regeneration. Estate Management – Council and private Estates Private Housing and Private Rented Sector Performance of NCH and Housing Associations Student Housing Support to vulnerable people - homelessness - housing with care and support. Strategic and Retained Housing functions Regeneration Land and Property (tied in with above) HiMOs</p> <p data-bbox="671 741 1342 882">Flooding Responsibilities as a Lead Local Flood Risk Authority Heritage</p>
<p data-bbox="240 925 632 1037">Business, Education and Skills Councillor Sam Webster</p> <p data-bbox="240 1075 632 1216">Executive Assistant (Business and Employment) Councillor Leslie Ayoola</p>	<p data-bbox="671 891 1430 1216">Business & Growth Growth Plan Delivery City Centre Retail Management Business Support, Development and Liaison Inward Investment Place Marketing Organisation Sector Development Social Enterprise and Enterprise Development Smart Cities</p> <p data-bbox="671 1216 1401 1585">Schools Education Improvement Board Educational provision 3 – 16 including school re-organisation and governance, Academies and Free Schools Attendance Special Educational Needs – Special Education Schools Pupil Referral Units Employability in Schools</p> <p data-bbox="671 1585 1430 1912">Jobs and Skills: Lead on skills and employment - Post 16 Training, FE and HE - Develop opportunities for young people and adults - Local Jobs for Local People and Making the Connections - Investment initiatives - Nottingham and Notts Futures Advice, Skills and Employment</p>
<p data-bbox="240 1951 632 2018">Leisure and Culture Councillor Dave Trimble</p>	<p data-bbox="671 1917 1422 2018">Leisure and Culture: Parks, allotments and open spaces and playgrounds Street Parks (Play Zones)</p>

PORTFOLIO	REMIT
	Leisure Transformation Programme Museums and Heritage Sites Libraries, Arts and Events, Museums, Theatres and Sport Lead on arms length venues – Ice Arena, Playhouse, Theatre Royal, Royal Centre Nature Conservation – operational Tourism Markets, Fairs and Toilets Cemeteries and Crematoriums
Neighbourhood Services and Local Transport Councillor Sally Longford	Cleansing Street Scene Street Lighting Clean air/ Air quality Woodfield Industries Catering Meals at Home Neighbourhood Transport Traffic Management and Parking Highways Design and Maintenance Public Transport Area committee highways work Corporate Transport Fleet
Community and Customer Services Councillor Toby Neal Executive Assistant (Community Safety) Councillor Linda Woodings	Customer Services and customer care HR & Transformation Information Management and Assurance Equalities Partnerships - voluntary sector and faith Digital Inclusion and IT Community Sector: Lead role with the Community Sector and Volunteering Community Centres Community Cohesion Community Safety Overview of the Council's Section 17 responsibilities. Public and Consumer Protection Community Safety and Respect for Nottingham Domestic Violence Licensing and Environmental health Trading Standards Taxi Strategy One Nottingham

(3) note the following Nottinghamshire County Council appointments to joint bodies:

Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority

Councillor Parry Tsimbiridis

Councillor Andrew Brown
Councillor John Clarke
Councillor Sybil Fielding
Councillor Jonathan Wheeler
Councillor Vaughan Hopewell
Councillor John Longdon
Councillor Michael Payne
Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan
Councillor Mike Quigley MBE
Councillor Phil Rostance
Councillor Jason Zadrozny;

East Midlands Shared Services Committee

Councillor Byron Rhodes
Councillor Richard Shepherd

Joint Committee for Strategic Planning and Transport

Councillor Gordon Wheeler
Councillor Andy Brown
Councillor Jim Creamer
Councillor Eric Kerry

Greater Nottingham Light Rapid Transit Advisory Committee

Councillor Jim Creamer
Councillor Dr John Doddy
Councillor John Longdon
Councillor Kevin Rostance
Councillor Parry Tsimbiridis

- (4) note the following amendment to the Scheme of Delegation approved by the Leader:

Number	Description	Legislation	Executive or Non-Executive	Officer(s) to whom function delegated
7.	<p><u>Authorisation to invite and accept tender(s) and bid(s)</u></p> <p>Up to contract value of £25,000</p> <p>1. To have the power to invite tender(s) or bid(s) and to accept tender(s) or bid(s) for the carrying out of works for the Council, the purchase, leasing or hiring of goods, materials and equipment by the council, or the supply of services to the council where the</p>	--	Executive	General function to all Corporate Directors and the Director for Public Health for all matters within their remit

estimated contract value is below £25,000, subject to compliance with Contract Procedure Rules which require three quotations to be sought where the contract values are between £10,000 and £50,000;

For contract values above £25,000

2. To have the power to invite tender(s) or bid(s) and to accept tender(s) or bid(s) for the carrying out of works for the Council, the purchase, leasing or hiring of goods, materials and equipment by the council, or the supply of services to the council where the estimated contract value is above £25,000, subject to the **appropriate level of approval** level ~~of executive Councillor or Board approval~~ being sought and in compliance with Contract Procedure Rules which require:
- (i) three quotations to be sought where the contract values are between £10,000 and £50,000;
 - (ii) a full tender process being undertaken for a contract estimated to exceed £50,000.

~~For any schemes let in accordance with 2 above, a quarterly report must be forwarded to the Chief Finance Officer setting out the details of schemes let under this authority in the preceding quarter.~~

- 3 Provided that authority to a let a contract has been obtained, acceptance of the most economically advantageous tender or bid for the award of concession/sponsorship contracts and the acceptance of other than the highest tender or bid with the agreement of the Chief Executive

Executive Board, Portfolio Holder or **Corporate Directors and the Director for Public Health**, depending on value of tender(s) or bid(s)

	and the Corporate Director for Strategy and Resources and Chief Finance Officer.			
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(5) note the following addition to the Scheme of Delegation approved by the Leader:

Number	Description	Legislation	Executive or Non-Executive	Officer(s) to whom function delegated
7(a)	<p><u>Framework Agreements</u> Authority to enter in to Framework Agreements:</p> <p>(a) with an indicative contract value between £50,000 to £999,999</p> <p>(b) with an indicative contract value of £1m or over (key decision)</p> <p>(NB – approval to enter in to a Framework Agreement does not constitute approval to spend against the framework which must be sought by appropriate Scheme of Delegation or other appropriate approval)</p>	--	Executive	<p>Relevant Portfolio Holder (in consultation with the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for commissioning)</p> <p>Commissioning and Procurement Sub Committee</p>

(6) approve the amendments to the Constitution required by the above changes.

54 DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURES

The Leader submitted a report on decisions taken under Urgency Procedures, as set out on pages 35 to 38 of the agenda.

RESOLVED to

(1) note the urgent decisions (exempt from call-in):

<u>Ref no</u>	<u>Date of decision</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Value of decision</u>	<u>Reasons for urgency</u>
2936	09/09/17	Funding bids for	£900,000	Bid requirements/

		Warm Homes Fund		guidance and submission portal opened on 7 August 2017 with a submission deadline of 8 September 2017. The call-in period would mean that the submission deadline would not be met
2963	05/10/17	Refurbishment of lighting and control equipment at the Council House	£49,957	The current equipment is not fit for purpose and any further delay to the installation of new equipment will cause further reputational damage
2972	18/10/17	Property Investment Acquisition – Project Castle	Exempt	To allow call-in would affect the completion date of the project

- (2) note that no key decisions have been taken under special urgency procedures since the last meeting of Council.

55 ADOPTION OF MODEL BYLAWS TO REGULATE THE HYGIENE AND PRACTICE STANDARDS IN PREMISES CONDUCTING COSMETIC PIERCING, SEMI-PERMANENT SKIN COLOURING, ACUPUNCTURE, TATTOOING AND ELECTROLYSIS

The Portfolio Holder for Community and Customer Services submitted a report on the adoption of model bylaws to regulate the hygiene and practice standards in premises conducting cosmetic piercing, semi-permanent skin colouring, acupuncture, tattooing and electrolysis, as set out on pages 39 to 72 of the agenda.

RESOLVED to

- (1) approve the adoption of the bylaws outline in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) authorise the Director of Legal and Governance and/or Head of Legal and Governance to take all such steps as may be necessary to make, seal, advertise and obtain confirmation of the bylaws so as to bring them into effect;

- (3) revoke the existing bylaws relating to ear piercing, acupuncture, tattooing and electrolysis in the City of Nottingham, made by the Council on 1 April 1988 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for Health on 1 March 1989.**

56 MOTION

Moved by Councillor Jane Urquhart, seconded by Councillor Georgia Power:

This Council welcomes the Government's commitment to provide £2 billion for the building of affordable homes. However, this Council believes that the Government's commitment falls well short of what is required to meet the level of need. The funding will mean only 13 more council houses per local authority or 5000 nationally, when 1.2 million households are currently on a housing waiting list.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- call upon the Government to be more ambitious in its commitment to help local authorities build council homes;
- call upon the Government to ensure that new funding is used for council homes and not private housing schemes;
- bid as a local authority for additional funding in order to continue to build more homes that Nottingham people can afford to rent or buy;
- call upon the government to remove the Housing Revenue Account borrowing cap.

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Brian Parbutt, seconded by Councillor Linda Woodings:

After.....meet the level of need add:

This Council is concerned that even this limited promise of funding may not be kept, as the government has previously promised to fund fire safety measures in the wake of the Grenfell tragedy but then refused to actually make funding available.

Add an additional bullet point at the end of the motion:

Call upon the Chancellor to provide funding to local authorities for the retrofitting of sprinkler systems in all social housing high rise blocks.

Amended motion to read:

This Council welcomes the Government's commitment to provide £2 billion for the building of affordable homes. However, this Council believes that the Government's commitment falls well short of what is required to meet the level of need. This Council is concerned that even this limited promise of funding may not be kept, as the Government has previously promised to fund fire safety measures in the wake of the Grenfell tragedy but then refused to actually make funding available. The funding will mean only 13 more council houses per local authority or 5000 nationally, when 1.2 million households are currently on a housing waiting list.

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- bid as a local authority for additional funding in order to continue to build more homes that Nottingham people can afford to rent or buy;
- call upon the government to remove the Housing Revenue Account borrowing cap;
- call upon the Chancellor to provide funding to local authorities for the retrofitting of sprinkler systems in all social housing high rise blocks.

Councillors voted on the proposed amendment.

RESOLVED to carry the amended motion.

57 MOTION

Moved by Councillor Graham Chapman, seconded by Councillor Adele Williams:

Given the failures identified by pilot schemes and concerns raised by the Work and Pensions Committee, this Council urges the Government to pause the roll-out of Universal Credit full service before it is imposed on the citizens of Nottingham.

RESOLVED to carry the motion.