

## **COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

**TUESDAY, 18 APRIL 2023**

### **Present:-**

Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr. Shabbir Aslam	Cllr. Paul Hartshorn	Cllr. Terry Richardson
Cllr. Shane Blackwell	Cllr. Mark Jackson	Cllr. Tracey Shepherd
Cllr. Lee Breckon JP	Cllr. Trevor Matthews	Cllr. Mike Shirley
Cllr. Nick Brown	Cllr. Sam Maxwell	Cllr. Ben Taylor
Cllr. Nick Chapman	Cllr. Christine Merrill	Cllr. Bev Welsh
Cllr. Adrian Clifford	Cllr. Phil Moitt	Cllr. Geoff Welsh
Cllr. David Findlay	Cllr. Antony Moseley	Cllr. Jane Wolfe
Cllr. Janet Forey	Cllr. Michael O'Hare	Cllr. Maggie Wright
Cllr. Chris Frost	Cllr. Les Phillimore	
Cllr. Nigel Grundy	Cllr. Louise Richardson	

### **Officers present:-**

Julia Smith	- Chief Executive
John Richardson	- Executive Director
Nick Brown	- Finance Group Manager
Teresa Neal	- Business, Partnerships and Health Improvement Group Manager
Louisa Horton	- Corporate Services Group Manager & Monitoring Officer
Lisa Boland	- Service Transformation Group Manager
Taranjeet Bhaur	- Lightbulb Service Manager
Sandeep Tiensa	- Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer
Nicole Cramp	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer
Isaac Thomas	- Democracy Support Officer

### **Apologies:-**

Iain Hewson, Cllr. Stuart Coar, Cllr. Roy Denney, Cllr. Alex DeWinter, Cllr. Mat Mortel and Cllr. Kirsteen Thomson

## **255. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS**

No disclosures were received.

**256. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2023, as circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

**257. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr. Iain Hewson, the Vice-Chairman Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore made announcements in respect of the following:

- Mayor of Charnwood's lunch on a steam train.

**258. LEADER'S STATEMENT**

The Leader thanked the 4 Members, Cllrs. Sam Maxwell, Iain Hewson, Chris Merrill and Phil Moitt, who had chosen not to stand for re-election for their public service.

The Leader of the Council, Cllr. Terry Richardson, presented his statement in respect of the following:

- Blaby village toilets approved
- Youth Conference success
- Secretary of State visits New Lubbethorpe
- The Villers tree planting
- Inspiration Campaign
- Nature parks improvements
- Stray dogs prosecution
- Community grants update
- New walking and cycling routes
- Funding for Housing Enablement Service
- JUST programme
- Debate not Hate campaign
- EV Charging
- Climate Change and Nature Pact
- Air Quality Grant

Cllr. Sam Maxwell thanked the Vice-Chair and Leader for their kind words and thanked the Members of her group for their support.

Cllr. Maggie Wright sent best wishes to those Members stepping down at the end of this term and thanked them all for their service.

**259. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION - MEMBERSHIP OF PLANNING COMMITTEE AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION**

Considered – Report of the Corporate Governance Group Manager & Monitoring Officer.

**DECISIONS**

1. That the number of seats on the Planning Committee be reduced to 9 effective from the Annual Council Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.
2. That the number of seats on the Scrutiny Commission be reduced to 11 effective from the Annual Council Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.
3. That the number of Scrutiny Commissioners be reduced to 2 whereby a Chair of Scrutiny Commission and a Vice Chair of Scrutiny Commission will be appointed to the Council from the Scrutiny Commission membership effective from the Annual Council Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.
4. That the Constitution be updated to reflect the changes in recommendations 2.1 to 2.3.

Reason:

These changes are considered prudent following the reduction in the number of Councillors appointed to Blaby District Council following the Boundary Review and the requirement that those appointed to the Audit & Corporate Governance Committee do not also sit on the Scrutiny Commission.

**260. TO RECEIVE A PETITION AGAINST THE LEAD SMELTING OPERATION ON WHARF WAY**

The Vice-Chairman, Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore, welcomed Jan Martin to present a Petition against the Lead Smelting operation on Wharf Way.

The petition was referred to the Environmental Services Manager for consideration.

**261. PRESENTATION: LIGHTBULB AND HET SERVICE**

The Vice-Chairman, Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore, welcomed the Lightbulb Service Manager and the Business, Partnerships & Health Improvement Group Manager to the meeting.

Members thanked the officers for the outstanding service they have delivered to the community.

**262. PUBLIC SPEAKING PROTOCOL**

No requests were received.

**263. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

No questions were received.

**264. LEICESTERSHIRE ICT PARTNERSHIP - FUTURE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

Considered – Report of the Executive Director, presented by Cllr. Ben Taylor, Planning Delivery and Enforcement & Corporate Transformation Portfolio Holder.

**DECISIONS**

1. To end the existing delegation of Blaby District Councils ICT service to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council and simultaneously enter a new service delivery arrangement.
2. Give delegated authority to the Executive Director (S151) in consultation with the appropriate Portfolio Holder to finalise and conclude the necessary contractual arrangements and enter a service delivery agreement with Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council for the provision of ICT services.

Reason:

A new agreement for the provision of ICT services is considered the most appropriate way forward to provide an increased level of influence and Member oversight to meet Blaby District Councils ambition for its ongoing transformation of services.

**265. CORPORATE ACTION PLAN 2023/24**

Considered – Report of the Performance & Information Service Manager, presented by Cllr. Terry Richardson, Leader of the Council.

**DECISION**

That the Council approve the annual priorities for the Blaby District Plan.

Reason:

The Blaby District Plan, approved by Council in January 2021, sets out the priorities for the Council for the period 2021-24. An annual plan sets out the aspirations and intent of the Council for the year ahead.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6.43 P.M.**