

COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2024

Present:-

Cllr. Nick Chapman (Chairman)
Cllr. Janet Forey (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr. Shabbir Aslam	Cllr. Nigel Grundy	Cllr. Dillan Shikotra
Cllr. Royston Bayliss	Cllr. Paul Hartshorn	Cllr. Mike Shirley
Cllr. Lee Breckon JP	Cllr. Richard Holdridge	Cllr. Roger Stead
Cllr. Nick Brown	Cllr. Mark Jackson	Cllr. Ben Taylor
Cllr. Adrian Clifford	Cllr. Becca Lunn	Cllr. Matt Tomeo
Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore	Cllr. Antony Moseley	Cllr. Bob Waterton
Cllr. Luke Cousin	Cllr. Les Phillimore	Cllr. Jane Wolfe
Cllr. Roy Denney	Cllr. Terry Richardson	Cllr. Maggie Wright
Cllr. Helen Gambardella	Cllr. Ande Savage	Cllr. Neil Wright
Cllr. Hannah Gill	Cllr. Tracey Shepherd	

Officers present:-

Julia Smith	- Chief Executive
Louisa Horton	- Executive Director - Communities
Marc Greenwood	- Executive Director - Place
Gemma Dennis	- Corporate Services Group Manager
Paul Coates	- Neighbourhood Services Group Manager
Katie Hollis	- Finance Group Manager
Katie Brooman	- Elections and Governance Manager
Sandeep Tiensa	- Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer
Nicole Cramp	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer

Apologies:-

Cllr. Stuart Coar, Cllr. Tony Deakin, Cllr. Susan Findlay and Cllr. Bev Welsh

134. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS

Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore - Item 11 – Transfer of Public Open Space

Nature of Interest - Non Registerable Interest.

Extent of Interest - Member of Enderby Parish Council and have been involved in recent discussions and retains an open mind.

Cllr. Maggie Wright - Item 11 – Transfer of Public Open Space

Nature of Interest - Non Registerable Interest.

Extent of Interest - Member of Thurlaston Parish Council and have been involved in recent discussions and retains an open mind.

135. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 September 2024 as circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

136. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair, Cllr. Nick Chapman made announcements in respect of the following:

- Attended the Lord Mayor of Leicester's Civic Service on 28 September 2024.
- Attended the RCC Awards where the Blaby Drop-in Centre was recognised as the Community Building of the Year on 3 October 2024.
- Attended Leicestershire County Council's Civic Service on 6 October 2024.
- Attended the Leicestershire Justice Service on 13 October 2024.
- Joined three Leicestershire MPs and other local Civic Leaders at the Royal British Legions Festival of Remembrance on 19 October 2024.
- Hosted my Chairman's at Home Event on 8 November 2024. This event was held at Dom's Restaurant in Thurlaston where we raised significant funds for the East Midlands Air Ambulance Charity.
- Attended the Glenfield Remembrance Memorial where on behalf of Blaby District Council I laid a wreath in remembrance.
- Attended a Multi faith Remembrance Service on 10 November 2024.
- Attended the Blaby District Council Remembrance Ceremony on 11 November 2024.

137. LEADER'S STATEMENT

Cllr. Lee Breckon arrived at the meeting during this item.

The Leader, Cllr. Terry Richardson thanked Officers and Members on behalf of the Honorary Alderman Iain Hewson for attending his late wife Sandra Hewson's funeral.

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

- Armistice Day
- Community Awards
- Cork Lane Update
- Braunstone Conservation Area adopted
- Tourism Growth
- Transformation
- Member Development Update
- Local Government Association Conference
- Afghan Resettlement Property
- Blaby District Carbon by 2050

138. PUBLIC SPEAKING PROTOCOL

No requests were received.

139. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

No questions were received.

140. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET EXECUTIVE: TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID YEAR MONITORING REPORT 2024/25

Considered – Report of the Finance Group Manager, presented by Cllr. Maggie Wright – Finance, People & Performance Portfolio Holder and Deputy Leader.

DECISION

That the latest position in respect of treasury activities, and the prudential indicators, be accepted.

Reasons:

1. The regulatory framework governing treasury management activities includes a requirement that the Council should, as a minimum, receive quarterly treasury monitoring reports in addition to the forward-looking annual treasury strategy and the backward-looking annual treasury report. Whilst quarters 1 and 3 do not need to be formally reported to full Council, there is an implicit understanding that they should be adequately scrutinised by Cabinet Executive.
2. This report fulfils the requirement above and incorporates the needs of the Prudential Code to ensure adequate monitoring of capital expenditure plans and the Council's prudential indicators. The treasury strategy and prudential indicators for 2024/25 were contained in the report approved by Council on 27th February 2024.

141. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET EXECUTIVE: QUARTER 2 CAPITAL PROGRAMME REVIEW 2024/25

Considered – Report of the Finance Group Manager, presented by Cllr. Maggie Wright – Finance, People & Performance Portfolio Holder and Deputy Leader.

DECISIONS

1. That the report be accepted.
2. That the latest Capital Programme for 2024/25, totalling £8,582,759, be accepted.

Reasons:

1. To ensure that the Council has adequate resources in place to meet its Capital expenditure commitments.
2. To reflect additions or other changes to the Capital Programme that have occurred in the 2nd quarter of the year.

142. FOOD WASTE NEW BURDENS CAPITAL ALLOCATION - CAPITAL PROGRAMME ADDITION TO 2024/25

Considered – Report of the Neighbourhood Services Group Manager, presented by Cllr. Nigel Grundy – Neighbourhood Services & Assets Portfolio Holder.

DECISION

That an additional £970,000 be added to the capital programme to allow 7 vehicles and food waste receptacles to be procured.

Reasons:

1. To ensure that the Council has adequate capital resources in place to meet its new legal obligations to implement separate weekly food waste collections from March 2026.
2. To reflect additions or other changes to the Capital Programme that have occurred in the 2nd quarter of the year.

143. TRANSFER OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

Considered – Report of the Neighbourhood Services Group Manager, presented by Cllr. Nigel Grundy – Neighbourhood Services & Assets Portfolio Holder.

DECISIONS

1. That the disposal of land at Southey Close recreation ground, Jubilee Park to Enderby Parish Council and disposal of Holt Crescent allotments to Thurlaston Parish Council be approved.
2. That delegated authority is given to the Executive Director (S151) in consultation with the Neighbourhood Services and Assets Portfolio holder and Finance, People and Performance Portfolio holder to agree terms and finalise the disposals of the listed land assets.

Reasons:

1. Transfer of land listed is a recommendation within the Parks & Open Spaces Strategy 2024-2034.
2. The recommendations seek to transfer open space to Parishes where there is no potential for development of the land and in so doing reduce maintenance costs and liability to the Council.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7.40 P.M.