

## **COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

**TUESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2022**

### **Present:-**

Cllr. Iain Hewson (Chairman)  
Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore (Vice-Chairman)

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

### **Officers present:-**

Julia Smith	- Chief Executive
John Richardson	- Strategic Director
Sarah Pennelli	- Strategic Director - S.151 Officer
Louisa Horton	- Corporate Services Group Manager & Monitoring Officer
Katie Brooman	- Senior Electoral Services Officer
Sandeep Tiensa	- Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer
Nicole Cramp	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer

### **Also in attendance:-**

Community First Responders – Paul Kirby and Olivia Rootham

### **Apologies:-**

Cllr. David Clements, Cllr. Stuart Coar, Cllr. Sharon Coe, Cllr. Roy Denney,  
Cllr. David Freer, Cllr. Deanne Freer, Cllr. Paul Hartshorn, Cllr. Phil Moitt,  
Cllr. Mat Mortel and Cllr. Michael O'Hare

**1. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS**

No disclosures were received.

**2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2022 as circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman, Cllr. Iain Hewson made announcements in respect of the following:

- Glenfield Scouts Open Evening
- Harborough District Council Civic Service
- Hinckley Civic Ball
- High Sheriff Civic Service
- Blaby Rotary Club
- Royal British Legion Band and Service at De Montfort Hall
- Remembering The Falklands War, featuring the G.U.S. Band
- Leicestershire County Council Civic Service
- Blaby District Council Armistice Day
- Blaby Remembrance Service Procession
- An update on the Chairman's Charity Cycle Ride - Birmingham to Glasgow

**4. LEADER'S STATEMENT**

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

- Rail Freight Visit
- Huncote Leisure Centre reopening
- Cosby Neighbourhood Plan Referendum
- Sycamore Street Planning Appeal
- Empty Homes reduce for a second year
- Be a Councillor Event
- Return of the Community Awards
- Jobs Fair Success
- Parks and Open Spaces Consultation
- Prosecution Successes
- Launch of Active Blaby
- Christmas Fair

- Armed Forces Coffee Mornings
- Update on Blaby Toilet
- Tourism attractions promoted at Fosse Park

*Cllr. Alex DeWinter arrived at the meeting during consideration of this item.*

## 5. **COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS**

The Chairman, Cllr. Iain Hewson welcomed the South Leicester Community First Responders to the meeting.

Members thanked the Community First Responders for their outstanding work and the support they have provided to the community.

## 6. **PUBLIC SPEAKING PROTOCOL**

No requests were received.

## 7. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

## 8. **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET EXECUTIVE: QUARTER 2 CAPITAL PROGRAMME REVIEW 2022/23**

Considered – Report of the Cabinet Executive, presented by Cllr. Maggie Wright, Finance, People and Performance Portfolio Holder.

### **DECISIONS**

1. That the report be accepted.
2. That the latest Capital Programme totalling £8,039,700 be approved.

Reason:

To ensure that the Council has adequate resources in place to meet its capital expenditure commitments.

## 9. **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET EXECUTIVE: TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID YEAR MONITORING REPORT 2022/23**

Considered – Report of the Cabinet Executive, presented by Cllr. Maggie Wright, Finance, People & Performance Portfolio Holder.

## **DECISIONS**

1. That the latest position in respect of treasury activities, and the prudential indicators be accepted.
2. That the increase in the Capital Financing Requirement from £14.446m to £18.037m be approved.

### **Reasons:**

1. The regulatory framework governing treasury management activities includes a requirement that the Council should, as a minimum, receive a mid-year treasury monitoring report in addition to the forward-looking annual treasury strategy and the backward-looking annual treasury report.
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 2022/23 were contained in the report approved by Council on 24th February 2022.

## **10. POLLING DISTRICTS, PLACES AND STATIONS REVIEW**

Considered – Report of the Corporate Services Group Manager and Monitoring Officer, presented by Cllr. Terry Richardson, Leader of the Council.

An amendment to page 31 of the report was noted where the date should read as July 2022, not 2023.

## **DECISION**

That the Returning Officers Recommendations in Appendix A of the report, subject to the Electoral Changes Order being made, be approved.

### **Reason:**

The local authority has a duty to review their polling districts, places and polling stations to ensure that electors have accessible facilities for voting. This interim review was necessitated by the changes to electoral boundaries as a result of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's Review.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6.17 P.M.**