

## **COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

**TUESDAY, 20 JUNE 2023**

### **Present:-**

Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore (Chairman)  
Cllr. Nick Chapman (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr. Royston Bayliss	Cllr. Helen Gambardella	Cllr. Mike Shirley
Cllr. Lee Breckon JP	Cllr. Hannah Gill	Cllr. Roger Stead
Cllr. Nick Brown	Cllr. Nigel Grundy	Cllr. Ben Taylor
Cllr. Adrian Clifford	Cllr. Paul Hartshorn	Cllr. Matt Tomeo
Cllr. Stuart Coar	Cllr. Richard Holdridge	Cllr. Bob Waterton
Cllr. Luke Cousin	Cllr. Becca Lunn	Cllr. Bev Welsh
Cllr. Tony Deakin	Cllr. Antony Moseley	Cllr. Geoff Welsh
Cllr. Roy Denney	Cllr. Les Phillimore	Cllr. Jane Wolfe
Cllr. Alex DeWinter	Cllr. Terry Richardson	Cllr. Maggie Wright
Cllr. Susan Findlay	Cllr. Tracey Shepherd	Cllr. Neil Wright
Cllr. Janet Forey	Cllr. Dillan Shikotra	

### **Officers present:-**

Julia Smith	- Chief Executive
John Richardson	- Executive Director
Sarah Pennelli	- Executive Director - S.151 Officer
Louisa Horton	- Corporate Services Group Manager & Monitoring Officer
Lisa Boland	- Service Transformation Group Manager
Sally Dorans	- Customer Insight, Experience and Engagement Service Manager
Katie Brooman	- Elections and Governance Manager
Sandeep Tiensa	- Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer
Isaac Thomas	- Democracy Support Officer
Nicole Cramp	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer

### **Apologies:-**

Cllr. Shabbir Aslam and Cllr. Mark Jackson

**31. MINUTES SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE**

A minutes silence was held in memory of Barnaby Webber, Grace O'Malley-Kumar and Ian Coates who tragically died in an incident in Nottingham on 13 June 2023.

**32. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS**

No disclosures were received.

**33. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 23 May 2023, as circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

**34. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair, Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore made announcements in respect of the following:

- 11 June 2023 – attended Bardi Wind Orchestra at De Montfort Hall hosted by Oadby and Wigston Lions, raising funds for RNLI.
- 24 June 2023 - A Place to Grow Open Day – the Chair invited all Members to attend and learn more about it.
- The Chair requested that Councillors forward any future community events invitations to herself or the PA, to enable her or the Vice-Chairman to attend and support events in the District.

**35. LEADER'S STATEMENT**

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

- Industrial Strike Action planned by the GMB Trade Union
- Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange latest
- Fosse Foxes competition
- Meridian Way connections
- Blaby Planning Team shortlisted for award
- Saving our residents money on bills
- New Lubbethorpe latest news
- Wellbeing Hubs
- Community Fridge now open
- Annual accounts published
- 5G phone mast to be installed despite our concerns.

- Repeat planning breach offender fined
- Clean Air Day

The Chair Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm due to technical difficulties with the livestream.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:50pm when the Chair announced that due to ongoing technical difficulties, the meeting would proceed without the livestream.

### **36. PRESENTATION: YOUTH COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

Members received a presentation from Reuben, Teagan and Nathan who were representing the Youth Council, supported by Cllr. Adrian Clifford – Youth Champion.

The presentation covered the following points:

- Letter received from Alberto Costa MP in response to letters sent from the Youth Council on vaping and the sale of vaping products to young people.
- Action plan created for the Youth Council Priorities.
- Priorities are: Vaping, Night Safety and Hate Crime.
- Update on Conferences 2023.

### **37. PUBLIC SPEAKING PROTOCOL**

No requests were received.

### **38. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

No questions were received.

### **39. CORPORATE ACTION PLAN 2022-23**

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

#### **DECISION**

That Council notes the progress made against the Corporate Action Plan 2022-23.

Reason:

It is important that Elected Members, and staff are familiar with how the Council is delivering against its agreed actions and priorities.

**40. MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT 2023/24**

Considered – Report of the Customer Insight, Experience and Engagement Service Manager, presented by Cllr. Terry Richardson, Leader of the Council.

**DECISION**

That the Modern Slavery Statement be adopted.

Reasons:

1. It is a requirement of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 that organisations with a turnover of £36m or more publish a statement on their approach to ensuring that there is no modern slavery in their own business and their supply chains. Although Blaby District Council is under no legal obligation to publish a statement, the Local Government Association is encouraging all local authorities to produce an annual statement ensuring transparency in their approach to modern slavery and human trafficking.
2. The Modern Slavery Act also includes a number of provisions for local authorities. Section 52 of the Act places a duty to identify and report potential victims through the National Referral Mechanism (NRM). Depending on the age and needs of victims of modern slavery, councils may also have statutory responsibilities to provide support to them.
3. Relevant policies should reflect the councils agreed approach to tackling modern slavery and human trafficking to ensure that this statement is successfully delivered.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7.16 P.M.**