

## **COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY, 18 JULY 2018**

Present: Councillor D A Burnett BEM, Chair

Councillors: E H Atherton  
D Bagshaw  
L A Ball BEM  
J S Briggs  
M Brown  
B C Carr  
S J Carr  
M J Crow  
E Cubley  
T A Cullen  
R H Darby  
J A Doddy  
S Easom  
D A Elliott  
L Fletcher  
J C Goold  
A Harper  
G Harvey  
R I Jackson  
E Kerry  
S Kerry  
H G Khaled MBE  
L A Lally  
P Lally  
W J Longdon  
R D MacRae  
G Marshall  
J K Marsters  
J W McGrath  
P J Owen  
J M Owen  
J C Patrick  
M E Plackett  
M Radulovic MBE  
C H Rice  
K E Rigby  
R S Robinson  
P D Simpson  
A W G A Stockwell

Also in attendance: A Russell, Youth Mayor and W Mee, Deputy Youth Mayor.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S A Bagshaw, T P Brindley, M Handley and J W Handley.

13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Councillors declared pecuniary interests in agenda item 14.2 due to their involvement with organisations which intended to apply for inclusion in the Broxtowe Lotto: E H Atherton, D Bagshaw, D A Elliott, A Harper, E Kerry, H G Khaled, L A Lally, P Lally, G Marshall, J K Marsters, R D MacRae, J W McGrath, J C Patrick, M E Plackett and P D Simpson, minute number 26.b refers.

14 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2018 were confirmed and signed as a correct record. It was noted that the Broxtowe Action Fund had closed down and no further appointments through Outside Bodies were necessary.

15 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor gave a résumé of his engagements since the last Council meeting, which included his attendance at numerous engagements and a variety of fundraising events.

The Mayor referred to the recent death of former Broxtowe Borough Councillor Peter Tysome. Members and officers held a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

16 VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks to the Mayor was proposed by Councillor M Radulovic MBE and seconded by Councillor R I Jackson for the lifesaving work he voluntarily undertakes through the organisation District Community First Responders. On being put to the vote the motion was carried.

17 YOUTH MAYOR'S REPORT ON BROXTOWE YOUTH VOICE ACTIVITIES

The Youth Mayor, Alfie Russell, updated the meeting on the work of Broxtowe Youth Voice which included work on a programme designed to provide skills for young people and provide them with information necessary in later life. The Youth Mayor had also undertaken work on a booklet for Broxtowe schools that would be used to assist young people to pick up valuable life skills.

18 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

No petitions were presented.

## 19 LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader presented his report and stated that he attended the freedom parade on Armed Forces Day when soldiers and veterans from 170 (Infrastructure Support) Engineer Group marched through the town to exercise their freedom of entry to the Borough. The following day at St Mary's Church in Attenborough a service was held to commemorate the centenary of the Chilwell Shell Filling Factory explosion which killed over 130 people.

The volunteers and local businesses that had been involved in the Beeston street art project were congratulated. The Finance and Resources Committee had approved funding for the largest of these street art projects on a wall facing Station Road.

The Housing Committee had considered consultation responses and approved proposals for a new Independent Living Service which the Policy and Performance Committee subsequently endorsed. Each resident would be offered a needs assessment and a personalised plan which was flexible and tailored to the individual enabling them to remain independent.

The Pride in Parks scheme was continuing with £47,500 worth of play area improvements recently being carried out at Redbridge Drive, Nuthall. As part of the initiative Nuthall Parish Council was the first of the parish councils to complete one of its projects within the Scheme, the installation of new handrails to the pavilion at Basil Russell Playing Field.

There were plans for the refurbishment of the play area at Leyton Crescent in Beeston. Over £110,000 would be invested for the refurbishment. The play area will benefit from a complete refurbishment the first in 20 years.

The Council had committed to tackling single use plastics, with members having approved a new Single Use Plastic Action Plan at the Leisure and Environment Committee in June. The Plan was designed to help support local, national and global efforts to reduce the use of single use plastics.

The financial out turn for the 2017/18 year presented a positive picture and much hard work had improved the Council's financial position. The reserves were boosted to a healthy position of £6,053,523.

## 20 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- 20.1 The following question had been submitted by Debby Pitchfork for the Chair of the Housing Committee:

"The Council's Garage Strategy put forward the option of demolishing garages in order to redevelop land for affordable housing. Can you please explain how the sale of land at Redwood Crescent to a developer who then wants to rent them out for over £1,000 per month fits with this?"

The Chair of the Housing Committee stated that he had taken legal advice and was currently unable to provide a response to the question.

- 8.2 The following question had been submitted by Bob Pitchfork for the Chair of the Policy and Performance Committee:

“When did you first become aware of possible improprieties in the way that the sale of land at Redwood Crescent was handled and how did you attempt to rectify that situation for the benefit of residents?”

The Chair of the Policy and Performance Committee stated that he was currently unable to answer the question as it related to matters which were the subject of internal proceedings. When those proceedings were concluded, a better response would be provided but he assured local residents that the Council was actively engaged in trying to get a satisfactory solution to the issues at Redwood Crescent.

8.3 The following question had been submitted by K M Johnson for the Chair of the Housing Committee:

“Whilst some garage sites have been sold off, others, such as those on Long Lane, were actually re-landscaped. The reason given was anti-social behaviour. Can you please provide details of what that behaviour entailed and provide copies of correspondence with your ward residents concerning this matter?”

The Chair of the Housing Committee responded by stating that the objectives of the Garage Strategy 2015-2022, which included carrying out improvements to garage sites, followed the Policy adopted by the previous administration.

As a ward councillor, and following a history of anti-social behaviour at the Long Lane garage site, the Chair had asked for a solution to improve the situation. Shrubs were initially trimmed to a lower level, but quickly regrew and continued to provide screening to the garage forecourt area. As a last resort, the shrubs were removed and had been successful in eliminating the problem, as were similarly successful results at

the Long Lane Recreation Ground where action had been previously taken. New trees were planted in accordance with Broxtowe’s desire to improve the environment by planting more trees across the Borough.

The Chair stated that residents did not always wish to communicate in writing and if this was a question regarding a decision not to redevelop the Long Lane site, this was investigated, as were all sites. There were significant services running through the site that meant that the site was not viable for redevelopment. The protocol for collection and removal involved an initial inspection by front line staff to identify possible sources.

For enforcement action, the Council’s Legal Team had advised that each case would be considered on its merits. The evidence gathered and presented for enforcement had to be sufficient for court purposes. In relation to prosecutions with respect to tipping on housing land, a successful prosecution has been brought this year against a Council tenant involving anti-social behaviour legislation, which had been reported through the press.

For tipping on public land, if evidence was presented it is reported through to the Public Protection Team which arranged for the Neighbourhood Wardens to gather evidence and pursue enforcement options. If evidence was sufficient culprits are prosecuted and the courts impose penalties.

Regarding housing land, the Tenancy and Estates Team had confirmed that when the Estates and Management Team had identified a source, the costs of collection and disposal were recharged to an individual.

In relation to the final part of the question, the cost of collection and disposal of fly tipping in the main falls on the tax payer.

- 8.4 The following question had been submitted by David Johnson for the Chair of the Policy and Performance Committee:

"Can you categorically state here and now that no one connected to Precision Homes, Advance Precision Homes or Land Development Group, as they are now called, will be sold land belonging to the Council in the future?

The Chair of the Policy and Performance Committee responded by stating that in disposing of land, the Council would have to have regard to its adopted policies and would comply with relevant legislation. Furthermore, the Chair could not give the categorical assurance requested but could say that he had been advised that, where appropriate, the historical performance on previous developments of a potential purchaser was capable of being a relevant factor when taking decisions on land disposals.

- 8.5 The following question had been submitted by Kristopher Poole for the Chair of the Policy and Performance Committee:

"In response to a Freedom of Information Request regarding Redwood Crescent, I was informed that no research had been conducted into the financial or previous history of Precision Homes or its directors. In addition, the option agreement signed between Council and developers contained no conditions on the developer to ensure that the development was completed within a set time scale. Is this normal practice for the sale of Council-owned land?"

The Chair of the Policy and Performance Committee stated that the main safeguard for a Council when selling land was that possession would not be given until the agreed price was fully received. On a small-scale disposal, extensive due diligence investigations on purchasers would not normally be undertaken. It was possible to place time limits within an option agreement for performance of particular obligations but, generally, an option was always time limited anyway and if a vendor insisted on placing constraints on purchasers in a subsequent transfer agreement, this may affect the sale price through imposing additional risk on the purchaser.

- 8.6 The following question had been submitted by Lindsay Clay for the Chair of the Policy and Performance Committee:

"What procedures and oversight were in place in 2016 to ensure that those responsible for handling the sale of Council assets complied with the Council's statutory duties regarding the sale of open space, the tendering process and obtaining the best consideration for council owned land?"

The Chair of the Policy and Performance Committee stated that the Council's Constitution and Standing Orders relating to contracts regulate the disposal of land. Depending on the value of land, disposals should be approved by a relevant committee of the Council, usually the Policy and Performance Committee. This

Committee may grant delegations to officers relating to the manner and form of disposal. Disposal should conform to all necessary statutory requirements. The Council's internal and external audit regimes provide oversight, and in the event of breach of procedure if necessary the Council's disciplinary process was invoked.

## 21 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

- 9.1 The following question had been submitted by Councillor R S Robinson for the Chair of the Policy and Performance Committee:

"Can the Chair of the Policy and Performance Committee explain what this Council is seeking to achieve specifically from the HS2 Project, and what immediate benefits as a result of HS2 will flow to the Borough"?

The Chair of the Policy and Performance Committee responded that the Council was seeking to achieve significant inward investment in the Borough with the expectations set out in Policy 3.2 of the Part 2 Local Plan. This was the most extensive Policy in the whole plan and had resulted from dialogue from the Chetwynd Neighbourhood Forum, colleagues on the HS2 Strategic Board and various infrastructure providers including HS2, the County Council and Highways England.

The expectations included a space for an expanded or potentially relocated George Spencer Academy including a leisure hub, a new community centre, health centre and neighbourhood scale retail centre, a transport system that flowed for all modes of transport with improved connections to nearby towns including Stapleford, a multimodal transport hub adjacent to the station, a tram extension to the station, extensive multi-purpose Green Infrastructure routes, the creation of an innovation village as part of a mixed use development and the re-location of the plant nursery, electricity substation, sewage works and DB Cargo/Network rail depot off the site.

The more immediate benefits within the next five years comprised the delivery of 500 homes including affordable housing, the undergrounding of the electricity pylons and significant education contributions to George Spencer Academy.

A supplementary question was submitted by Councillor Robinson which queried whether there would be benefits for the north of the Borough. The Chair of the Policy and Performance Committee responded by stating that the site would be well connected in ways that would be more efficient than by using a tram. The benefits would be regional rather than just local.

- 9.2 The following question had been submitted by Councillor J K Marsters for the Chair of the Community Safety Committee:

"Great initiative the 'Litter from Cars' a problem which is prevalent outside local schools in Eastwood. My question is how is this going to be policed to be able to issue fines to the perpetrators and stamp out the problem?"

The Chair of the Community Safety Committee responded by stating that since the resolution to adopt the new regulations was taken at the last Community Safety Committee, officers had been working to finalise proper procedures to allow action to be taken, including the necessary steps for appeals. Once these were complete, training would be given to the Neighbourhood Wardens initially, and then potentially other front-line officers. The plan would be for the wardens to provide a statement in

respect of any situation where they saw a clear breach of the legislation. However, if it was identified that there was a problem with littering from cars in a particular location, the Council would endeavour to ensure the Neighbourhood Wardens undertook some patrols in those places at the appropriate times.

9.3 The following question had been submitted by Councillor J C Patrick for the Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee:

“Universal Credit will be rolled out across the Borough this November but many of us had not realised it has already arrived in parts of the north of the Borough including Awsworth from June. Can you tell us what arrangements have been made to support those claiming Universal Credit, particularly those who have neither the ability nor facilities to access it without considerable support, and may already be in rent arrears to the Council? Can you also tell us whether those who are already claiming Universal Credit are in rent arrears to the Council and how much it is?”

The Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee responded that there had been no new applications for Universal Credit (UC) in 2018 and there had been a continued reduction in the number of people receiving UC. The Department for Works and Pensions (DWP) had confirmed that there was a reduction of approximately 6% per week in the number of people receiving UC in Broxtowe. Although the DWP was not able to specify the exact reason for this, it was likely to be as a result of claimants returning to work or increasing their working hours.

Although the roll out of UC had currently stopped, the Council continued to prepare for the full service roll out in the area. The current proposals of full service roll out were based on the Job Centre location and not the Local Authority. As a result of this, there would be two roll outs within Broxtowe, as those who were expected to attend Heanor Job Centre went ‘live’ on 13 June 2018. Claimants expected to attend Beeston Job Centre would ‘go live’ in November 2018.

In preparation of the roll out, a Welfare Reform Group had been established within the Council. This included internal officers from Benefits, Rents, Housing and Quality and Control Teams. External stakeholders had also been involved, most notably from the Citizens Advice Broxtowe team. Future meetings would also include the local Job Centre Managers and the DWP UC Liaison Officer. The group has been established to identify the services within the Borough that could assist with the roll out of UC and ensure that residents received the appropriate support, with a significant emphasis on personal budgeting and assisted digital support. Due to the close working relationship with Erewash Borough Council, Broxtowe Borough Council would be able to utilise some of the lessons learned in their preparation for full service rollout.

All relevant Broxtowe staff had received appropriate training on UC and would be available to support residents who were experiencing difficulty under the new process. Working with the DWP, the Council will host a number of stakeholder workshops around UC as the relevant date approached.

Prior to the next Full Council meeting on 17 October 2018, a briefing session for all members on the implementation of UC would take place.

The Council received grants from the DWP to help claimants of UC who required personal budgeting support and digital assistance. The Council had been informed that it was to receive £28,546 for this in 2018/19. The Welfare Reform Group had

investigated alternatives for the best use of this grant funding and considered that Citizens Advice Broxtowe (CAB) was best placed to provide the required support for those residents who are not Broxtowe tenants. The CAB would provide this support through a dedicated Welfare Benefits Caseworker working 30 hours per week at a cost of £19,550 per annum with funding from the DWP grant income. It was proposed that the position commenced from 1 August 2018 for an initial one year period and that any funding not utilised in 2018/19 was carried forward into 2019/20 for this purpose. The Council did not currently hold the relevant information on claimants on UC who were in rent arrears.

A supplementary question was submitted by Councillor Patrick which queried whether residents who were being asked to make payments in November would receive special assistance.

The Chair stated that it was understood that this would be a difficult time to implement the system due to the potential for Christmas spending but the Council would offer the best advice it could.

- 9.4 The following question had been submitted by Councillor G Marshall for the Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee:

“At the Policy and Performance Committee meeting on 4 July, Councillor Radulovic asked for details of the other charges expenditure of £256,826 in the HRA summary on page 43. I therefore request a full response to Council and an explanation for this spending.”

The Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee responded that at the Policy and Performance Committee meeting on 4 July 2018, Councillor Radulovic asked for details of the Other Charges expenditure of £256,826 in the HRA summary. This is comprised of Insurance Premium £175,720, Council Tax on Empty Properties £42,089, Write Off of Former Tenants Arrears £38,474 and Premium on Early Repayment of Debt £543.

A supplementary question was submitted by Councillor Marshall which queried whether there were any out of control erroneous payments. The Chair of the Committee responded by stating that they were all nominal payments.

- 9.5 The following question had been submitted by Councillor R D MacRae for the Chair of the Housing Committee:

“We are having issues with flytipping at several hot spots in Stapleford at the minute due to the actions of a few residents, it is well known who these culprits are and I am forever having to report this flytipping to the Council. So my question is are these people passed on the charge for collection of the items that they are dumping because no sooner is it cleared away they are putting more rubbish out. Or is it being cleared away at the cost of the taxpayer?”

The Chair of the Housing Committee responded by stating that Borough wide there were approximately 1,000 incidents of fly tipping each year, the nature of which could vary from bin bags to large quantities deposited by lorries. The annual cost of collection and disposal was between approximately £15,000 and £20,000.

At the hot spots in Stapleford the tipping was predominantly household goods, and mainly items of furniture. The Council strategy for responding to this illegal behaviour

was to remove fly tipping as soon as was practically possible, reducing the incentive for it to be added to.

If the tipping occurred on public land responsibility for clearance rested with the Environment Department's Street Cleansing teams and if the tipping took place on public housing land responsibility resided with the Housing Departments Area Caretakers.

The protocol for collection and removal involved initial inspection by front line staff to identify possible sources. For enforcement action, the Council's Legal Team advised that each case would be considered on its merits and evidence gathered and presented for enforcement had to be sufficient for Court purposes. In relation to prosecutions and tipping on housing land, a successful prosecution this year had been brought against a Council tenant which involved anti-social behaviour legislation which had been reported through the press.

For tipping on public land, if evidence was present it would be reported to the Public Protection Team who would arrange for the Neighbourhood Wardens to gather evidence and pursue enforcement options. If evidence was sufficient culprits would be prosecuted in the Courts who would impose penalties.

A supplementary question was submitted by Councillor MacRae which queried method by which the Council informed residents on flytipping.

The Chair responded by stating that an item could be included in Tenant and Leaseholder Matters.

- 9.6 The following question had been submitted by Councillor A W G A Stockwell for the Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee:

"In light of recent reports on social media can the Chair of the Finance Committee please explain what the situation is with the General Fund Reserves since 2015?"

The Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee responded by stating that the Council's General Fund balance at the end of the previous four financial years was as follows:

31 March 2015 – £4.338m  
31 March 2016 – £4.135m  
31 March 2017 – £4.746m  
31 March 2018 – £6.054m

The Council had other General Fund reserves as follows:

31 March 2015 – £1.233m  
31 March 2016 – £0.852m  
31 March 2017 – £0.803m  
31 March 2018 – £0.245m

Bringing both the General Fund balance and the other General Fund reserves as mentioned would produce the following:

31 March 2015 – £5.571m  
31 March 2016 – £4.987m

31 March 2017 – £5.549m  
31 March 2018 – £6.299m.

- 9.7 The following question had been submitted by Councillor D Bagshaw for the Chair of the Jobs and Economy Committee:

“As you are aware great concern has been expressed by councillors and members of the public about the general appearance and state of the former Co-op site in Eastwood Town Centre. Councillor Radulovic has requested that a Section 215 Notice be served on the Co-op for failure to maintain in a fit and proper condition. Could the Chairman please give me an update on when this will be taken to Committee and dealt with formally? Also, the site of the former Council Offices on the corner of Nottingham Road and Plumpton Way is also giving concern about its state, appearance and condition. Will the Chairman act by issuing a Section 215 Notice on the Police Authority. Finally, Councillor Radulovic has also raised concerns over the land to the rear of Nottingham Road which is also untidy with overgrown trees and in a potentially dangerous situation. Will the Chairman also give a status update on that land?”

The Chair of the Jobs and Economy Committee responded by stating that with regard to the Co-op site, the Co-op estates managers were in regular contact with the Council and were fully cooperating. They were actively seeking tenants and it was hoped this situation would be resolved soon. The Planning Department was in receipt of an enforcement case on the site, which, if necessary, would be brought to a planning meeting after the summer, as there were no planning meetings before then.

The former site of the Council offices on the corner of Plumpton Way was no longer in the Council's ownership, following the sale of the land to the police. The Regeneration Manager had been in contact with the owners trying to sell this land, and the owners were unwilling to sell it under market value. Consequently, this site had remained in its current state and become overgrown. The Council was actively attempting to get this site redeveloped, and would keep members updated accordingly. Councillor Radulovic MBE was asked to elaborate on which area of land to the rear of Nottingham Road he was referring to in order to ensure the Planning Department researched the matter further.

Councillor Bagshaw submitted a supplementary question which asked for the Chair of the Jobs and Economy Committee to commit to writing to both of the areas' MPs and the Secretary of State asking for greater powers to assist in local authorities and local members achieving a better, cleaner environment for all. In response, the Chair agreed that members should work together to achieve productive outcomes.

- 9.8 The following question had been submitted by Councillor J W McGrath for the Chair of the Jobs and Economy Committee:

“On Friday the 18th of May an elderly gentleman was knocked down and killed at the top of my street. Both a tragedy and a horrible event for his wife and family. I hope the Council feel the same way as I do regardless of the circumstances until the authorities have concluded their investigations we as a Council must support certain things that I believe as well as the people of Stapleford could result in the possibility of there being another tragedy. I would like the support of this Council for a 20mph speed limit through the town centre, 7.5 lorry weight limit to be upheld and a traffic review into the

number of bumps and free car parking spaces. I have brought up my concern about the number of shops we are granting permission to turn into residential flats. This is causing concern for the residents in the affected areas. As I was asked at a previous meeting the Town Council fully supports what I am suggesting, we do have a traffic and transport group once chaired and supported by Mr Heptinstall. The group now chaired by Cllr MacRae and other members of the Stapleford community need our two County councillors to at least recognise and turn up at these meetings. We as Borough councillors are willing to meet anyone from the county to talk and show what problems are arising which are still falling on deaf ears. Both our two county councillors do not respond to Richard's requests, have I got the support of this Council and if yes what committee will sanction a report?"

The Chair of the Jobs and Economy Committee stated that as the question covered the responsibilities of three different committees the Chair of the Policy and Performance Committee would be better placed to answer the question. The Chair of the Policy and Performance Committee agreed and stated that the Borough Council was indeed horrified to hear of the tragic accident, but the other matters raised by Councillor McGrath fell within the remit of Nottinghamshire County Council/Via East Midlands as highway authority.

With regard to free car parking the Borough Council had progressively introduced free car parking in Stapleford since 2015. In October 2015 it introduced an experimental 'free after 3' scheme in all four Borough Council car parks. It also made Halls Road car park free on Saturdays. In September 2016 it made permanent the 'free after 3' scheme and made parking free in the other three Borough Council car parks after noon on Saturdays.

The remaining car park charges covered the cost of operating, lighting, maintaining and managing the car parks. Should further free car parking be introduced then more of these costs would need to be borne by the General Fund, potentially the council tax payer. On-street car parking was free and a number of private operators offered free car parking, although these are mostly associated with their customers.

Councillor McGrath submitted a supplementary question which requested that consideration be taken of the priority within the Sustainable Communities Strategies regarding there being fewer accidents on the road.

The Chair of the Policy and Performance Committee responded that many town and parish councils had their own Speedwatch facilities and all wanted to see a reduction in accidents.

## 22 MEMBERS' SPEECHES ON WARD ISSUES

Councillor T A Cullen updated members on issues in Beeston Rylands which included information concerning Redwood Crescent and garage sites. It was stated that there was uncertainty for residents over the future of the site.

## 23 QUESTIONS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The following question had been submitted by Councillor M Radulovic MBE for Councillor L A Ball BEM, the Council's representative on the Health and Well Being Board.

“According to the latest estimates from the Alzheimer’s Society approximately 850,000 people in Great Britain are currently suffering the terrible effects of dementia, of which 25,000 are under the age of 60. Will Councillor Ball in her response, outline what measures are being put in place to enhance services and give appropriate funding to ensure they have a good quality of life and does she therefore, like me, condemn those authorities that have cut vital services to those who suffer from dementia?”

Councillor Ball BEM responded that she’d had close personal experience of caring for people with Alzheimer’s disease and she had a sincere belief that people with the disease should be supported.

Councillor Radulovic MBE submitted a supplementary question which asked if Councillor Ball and Councillor Doddy, as Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, would condemn authorities that cut services in this area.

In response, Councillor Ball BEM stated that this should not be an area in which services were cut.

## 24 NOTICE OF MOTION

No motions had been received.

## 25 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

There were no appointments to committees or working groups.

## 26 REFERENCES

### 26.1 Housing Committee - 14 March 2018 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT – UPDATE TO BUSINESS PLAN MODEL

The Committee reviewed the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) financial model and the 2018/19 budget and changes that have taken place over the past year. It was noted that the Council were required to produce a 30 year business plan for the HRA which required further updating during each financial year.

**RESOLVED that the updated financial model for the Housing Revenue Account be approved.**

### 26.2 Policy and Performance Committee - 4 July 2018 BROXTOWE LOTTO - DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO APPROVE GOOD CAUSES

On 15 February 2018 the Council’s Finance and Resources Committee agreed to establish a local lottery, now known as the Broxtowe Lotto. To date, the Broxtowe

Lotto had received its licence number from the Gambling Commission, had the criteria for participation by good causes agreed and released a press release encouraging good causes to participate.

Preparations were underway for a promotional launch on 18 July 2018 at which good causes would sign up to the Lotto. Members were informed that the Commercial Manager was the only person whom the Gambling Commission recognised as a 'qualified person' within the Council and all contact with the Gambling Commission must go through the Commercial Manager. For that reason and for purposes of a quick turnaround, it was proposed that the Commercial Manager was responsible for identifying which good causes met Broxtowe's criteria for inclusion in the Lotto.

**RESOLVED that authority be delegated to the Commercial Manager, in consultation with the three group leaders, to approve good causes which wish to participate in the Broxtowe Lotto.**

(Having declared a pecuniary interest in the item Councillors E H Atherton, D Bagshaw, D A Elliott, A Harper, E Kerry, H G Khaled MBE, L A Lally, P Lally, G Marshall, J K Marsters, R D MacRae, J W McGrath, J C Patrick, M E Plackett and P D Simpson left the meeting without discussion or voting thereon.)

## 27 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

The current Local Development Scheme was produced in May 2017 and needed updating to reflect the forthcoming submission of the Council's Part 2 Local Plan.

**RESOLVED that the updated Local Development Scheme, incorporating the timetable referred to in the appendix, will have effect from 19 July 2018.**

## 28 REPORT ON PROGRESSING THE BROXTOWE PART 2 LOCAL PLAN TO SUBMISSION

The Jobs and Economy Committee had considered a number of reports in relation to the Part 2 Local Plan, and in December 2017 a summary of comments received was reported to the Jobs and Economy Committee. Members considered the report and the following comments were amongst those made:

- The danger of not having a plan would lead to unfettered developments in the most profitable parts of the Borough. The young and elderly have the right to a good home, in addition to anybody else who needs one.
- It was the duty of the Council to formulate a Local Plan. The school site in Bramcote was not a new school, but just a rebuild and land in the Borough had been sacrificed to protect Nuthall.
- There were positive outcomes for Broxtowe, these included the rebuilding of the school, a five-year land supply and protection for Green Belt sites. The risk of rejection was too great as it would involve risking sites in the Borough.
- There was great concern for the residents of Awsworth. Walking and cycle routes would remain unused and further work should be undertaken around traffic and road conditions.
- There was a need for houses but there was concern over transport facilities.
- The Neighbourhood Plan in Stapleford had been ignored.

- The Council had done well not to follow the approach taken by Rushcliffe Borough Council.
- The leading group had always accepted the need for a five-year plan but throughout the eight-year process amendments have been made. The Council could not accept a situation in which it lost control of the planning process. Support for the Plan would protect Green Belt land.
- There was no need for as many as 6,150 properties.

Councillor R I Jackson proposed that the vote be put. This was seconded by Councillor A Harper.

A recorded vote was called for. The voting was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
E H Atherton	B C Carr	L A Lally
D Bagshaw	S J Carr	P Lally
L A Ball BEM	R D MacRae	J W McGrath
J S Briggs	J K Marsters	C H Rice
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P J Owen		
J C Patrick		
M E Plackett		
M Radulovic MBE		
R S Robinson		
P D Simpson		
A W G A Stockwell		

The motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried.

(Councillors W J Longdon and G Marshall left the meeting before voting thereon.)

#### **RESOLVED that:**

- 1. The Submission Part 2 Local Plan Development Plan Document be approved and its accompanying information and duly made**

representations as listed in Appendix 2 to this report be submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination in Public.

2. The Head of Neighbourhoods and Prosperity in consultation with the Chair of the Jobs and Economy Committee be authorised to submit all necessary supporting evidence and approve any further changes to the Part 2 Local Plan including drafting or other minor editing changes which do not materially affect the approved policies.
3. The Head of Neighbourhoods and Prosperity in consultation with the Chair of the Jobs and Economy Committee be authorised to consider and approve consultation on any changes required to the Part 2 Local Plan to make it sound as a result of the Examination in Public.
4. The Inspector be requested to recommend any modifications which are necessary to make the Part 2 Local Plan sound, under section 20 (7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

## 29 REVISIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

A review of the Council's constitution was being undertaken and members considered the first tranche of revisions being brought forward for approval. This concerned revisions to the Council Procedure Rules, which included a proposal for the rules to be re-named as Standing Orders.

**RESOLVED** that the revisions to the current Council Procedure Rules and their renaming as 'Standing Orders' be approved.

## 30 COMMON SEAL

**RESOLVED** that the Common Seal be affixed to or the Proper Officer do sign on behalf of the Council, where appropriate, any orders, deeds or documents necessary to give effect to any resolutions of the Council or Committees.