



Tuesday, 6 October 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 2020 (to be held virtually, via Microsoft Teams) commencing at 7.00 pm.

Should you require advice on declaring an interest in any item on the agenda, please contact the Monitoring Officer at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

To Councillors: E H Atherton
S A Bagshaw
D Bagshaw
L A Ball BEM
M Brown
B C Carr
S J Carr
M J Crow
E Cubley
T A Cullen
R H Darby
S Easom
D A Elliott
L Fletcher
J C Goold
D Grindell
T Hallam
M Handley
M Hannah
R I Jackson
E Kerry
S Kerry

H G Khaled MBE
L A Lally
P Lally
H Land
R D MacRae (Vice-Chair)
G Marshall
J W McGrath
P J Owen
J M Owen
J P T Parker
J C Patrick (Chair)
D D Pringle
M Radulovic MBE
P Roberts-Thomson
R S Robinson
P D Simpson
H E Skinner
C M Tideswell
I L Tyler
D K Watts
E Williamson
R D Willimott

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest in any item on the agenda.

3. MINUTES

(Pages 1 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15 July 2020.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. YOUTH MAYOR'S REPORT ON BROXTOWE YOUTH VOICE ACTIVITIES

6. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

7. LEADER'S REPORT

8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

9. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

10. DECISIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(Pages 9 - 50)

To note the decisions made by the Council's Committees.

11. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

12. MEMBERS' SPEECHES ON WARD ISSUES

13. QUESTIONS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

14. NOTICE OF MOTION

14.1 The following notice of motion has been submitted by the Liberal Democrat Group:

“Broxtowe Borough Council notes that:

- A. The Government is consulting on to overhaul the planning system.
- B. The reforms to existing planning rules would allow fast track permissions for offices and retail centres to be converted to houses; and extra storeys to be added to existing housing and flats.
- C. The assessment of local housing need and the threshold below which developers are required to contribute to affordable housing will also be changed.
- D. In the future reforms proposed in the *Planning for the Future* consultation published on the 6 August 2020, land will be categorised into growth, renewal or protection zones;
 - I. ‘Growth’ areas will allow planning permission in principle if a site is designated a development site in the local plan.
 - II. ‘Renewal’ areas will be subject to a statutory ‘presumption in favour of development’
 - III. ‘Protection’ areas will be where development will be discouraged.
- E. The Government has already laid new regulations allowing Permitted Developments that do not provide adequate environmental standards to counter Climate Change dangers

Broxtowe Borough Council recognises:

- 1. The need to build more housing to prevent homelessness and provide adequate, affordable and suitable accommodation for everyone, and the failure of successive governments to address the issue.
- 2. That councils currently approve nine in ten applications.
- 3. That the Local Government Association findings show that over a million homes have planning permission but remain unbuilt.

Broxtowe Borough Council believes that:

- a. The planning system is not the cause of low build-out

numbers.

- b. These proposals reduce democratic accountability and public scrutiny undermining the ability of councils to determine planning applications.
- c. These proposals significantly reduce the scope for public participation and influence on planning applications within local communities.
- d. The proposed changes would favour development interests over those of local communities.
- e. Delegation of detailed planning decisions to planning officers, rather than a democratically elected planning committee fails to recognise the role that public democratic scrutiny has in ensuring decisions are fair, transparent, with any impacts fully considered.
- f. The reforms restrict a planning authorities' ability to set local planning policies in line with the needs of their area and community aspirations, undermining the plan-led system, disempowering councils and communities.
- g. Replacing the Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 payments with centrally imposed housing targets and a national levy, will likely result in less money for affordable housing, sustainable transport and other critical infrastructure.
- h. The effort to speed up applications risk watering down or removing the requirement altogether for Strategic Environmental Assessments, Environmental Impact Assessments and similar assessments.
- i. The proposals do not sufficiently take into consideration the Climate Change Act 2008 provisions that address carbon dioxide emission standards for future housing stock.
- j. The proposals put at risk archaeology and heritage by undermining pre-commencement archaeological conditions in the development process.

Broxtowe Borough Council commits to:

1. Empower local democracy.
2. Provide the infrastructure the borough needs.
3. Provide truly affordable good quality housing.
4. Support housing with high standards of design, amenity, space.
5. Achieve the smallest possible carbon footprint from housing.

Broxtowe Borough Council strongly objects to these proposals and rejects the arbitrary housing targets and reduction of local control proposed in the consultation paper.”

14.2 The following notice of motion has been submitted by the Liberal Democrat Group:

“Covid-19, Brexit, a global economic downturn and social security cuts are leaving Broxtowe citizens with financial uncertainty. With the furlough scheme approaching its end and protections for tenants being loosened, the borough and nation are facing a crisis never seen before. The Government hastily and inadequately implemented the furlough scheme, leaving too many people without financial support during lockdown. We believe radical change is needed to stimulate the economic recovery and successfully transition to a green, low carbon, hi tech economy. This requires widespread retraining of the workforce and our young people. We need to ensure Broxtowe residents have the financial security to be able to undertake career changes, access training and establish new enterprise.

These issues combined with technological advances leading to further automation and changes in commerce, necessitate a flexible and supportive societal answer. The present benefits system is not fit for purpose let alone the future, which warrants an ambitious response. This Council knows that universal credit has led to an upsurge in rental arrears across the private and social housing sector. The use of food banks has increased hugely in the past decade and much more in this pandemic. Means tested benefits are costly to administer and leave thousands of people navigating financial insecurity, not knowing what money they will get each month. We believe a universal basic income would be the best way to provide income security to the population and stimulate economic recovery.

The Liberal Democrats believe that no-one should be left with insufficient income to adequately feed, clothe and house themselves. Studies on universal basic income show vast improvements in health, wellbeing and productivity. People are more likely to find work when they have a guaranteed basic income. Additional support should continue for those with further health or care needs, single parents and those with caring responsibilities.

We call on this council to lobby the Government to establish universal basic income. We believe that Broxtowe would be a good area for a pilot scheme. Universal basic income should help boost the local economy and deal with the impending housing and unemployment crisis. We ask members to support this motion.”

15. PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE - RESPONSE TO
CONSULTATION

(Pages 51 - 60)

To approve the Council's response to the Planning for the Future consultation.

COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 15 JULY 2020

Present: Councillor J C Patrick, Mayor

Councillors: S A Bagshaw
D Bagshaw
L A Ball BEM
B C Carr
S J Carr
M J Crow
E Cubley
T A Cullen
R H Darby
S Easom
D A Elliott
L Fletcher
J C Goold
D Grindell
T Hallam
M Handley
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M Radulovic MBE
P Roberts-Thomson
P D Simpson
H E Skinner
C M Tideswell
I L Tyler
D K Watts
E Williamson
R D Willimott

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E H Atherton, M Brown, M Hannah, J W McGrath and R S Robinson.

13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

14 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

15 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor gave a résumé of her time in office and expressed thanks to a number of residents, family and employees for their assistance.

16 YOUTH MAYOR'S REPORT ON BROXTOWE YOUTH VOICE ACTIVITIES

There was no update on Broxtowe Youth Voice activities.

17 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

No petitions were presented.

18 LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader gave an update to members which included information on the Council's response to the Covid-19 pandemic, play areas, housing, VE Day and VJ Day, the reopening of shops and licensed premises, the Midlands Engine Development Corporation, support to businesses and council tax payers, economic recovery. The Leader wished for it to be placed on record the gratitude of the Council's members for the work that they had done during this period. Furthermore, the Leader thanked all the NHS staff, the voluntary sector, community groups and individuals that had helped to make Broxtowe a much better place to live and work, and had made an immense contribution in ensuring that nobody has been left on their own in the community.

19 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The following question was received by Lewis Bryan of Beeston:

"Myself and my partner have seen an increase in begging and rough sleeping in the last few months - particularly in Beeston. How is Broxtowe Borough Council working with local partners to help people off the streets and address the root causes of their trauma?"

The Chair of the Housing Committee, Councillor T A Cullen responded by saying that in March the Council activated emergency measures to provide additional assistance to those at risk of homelessness or rough sleeping. Following government guidance, normal eligibility checks and other legislative restrictions were not applied. In total, since March, the Council has assisted 33 people who were homeless or at risk of

homelessness by providing them with temporary accommodation. The Council had used a combination of our own accommodation and Bed and Breakfast accommodation when required.

The Housing Options team had worked in partnership with Framework Street Outreach team. They visit rough sleepers to encourage them to engage with us and accept temporary accommodation that has been offered. On some occasions it took some time for people to engage, however we have offered temporary accommodation to every person known to be sleeping rough in the borough. Once people accept the offer of accommodation we work with them to encourage them to remain at the accommodation and engage with support agencies. One of the ways that we have done this is by providing food parcels and arranging for hot meals to be provided in partnership with local charities. Support needs are assessed and our Housing Options team worked with Public Health and Social Care to arrange testing and ongoing support.

The Council had supported people to move into permanent housing and had worked with local housing providers who have offered properties through our HomeSearch partnership and have also supported people to find suitable private sector tenancies. The Council had currently 15 people in temporary accommodation and continue to work with them to find permanent housing solutions.

20 VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks was proposed by Councillor M Radulovic MBE and seconded by Councillor S J Carr due to the efforts of Broxtowe Borough Council employees during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

On being put to the meeting the proposal was carried.

21 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members.

22 MEMBERS' SPEECHES ON WARD ISSUES

Councillor D D Pringle gave an update on issues in relation to Awsworth, Cossall and Trowell, whilst Councillor C M Tideswell update the Council on matters in relation to Chilwell West.

23 QUESTIONS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no questions on outside bodies.

24 NOTICE OF MOTION

24.1 The following motion had been submitted by councillor L Fletcher:

This Council resolves:

1. To require all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people.
2. To actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks.
3. To write to the UK Government urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays.
4. To encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock ‘quieter’ fireworks for public display.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor B C Carr and seconded by Councillor P Lally which was as follows.

“In line with RSPCA guidance this Council resolves:

1. To ask all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people.
2. To actively promote a public awareness campaign via the Council’s media channels about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks.
3. To write to the House of Commons Petitions Committee and the Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Business Reform urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays.
4. To encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock ‘quieter’ fireworks for public display.”

Councillor L Fletcher accepted the amendment.

On being put to the meeting the motion was carried.

24.2 The following motion was submitted by Councillor B C Carr:

The motion was proposed by Councillor B C Carr and seconded by Councillor R D MacRae:

"Broxtowe Borough Council resolves to:

Place on record its support for the objectives of the Black Lives Matter movement and for all similar initiatives.

We will stand united against every form of discrimination, racism and injustice. The killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis has reminded us once again that we cannot and should not tolerate racism in any form or from any person.

As leaders in our neighbourhoods, we have an important role to play in challenging inequality by adopting an actively anti-racist outlook and by working with our communities to bring about meaningful change."

A recorded vote was called for and seconded by at least five councillors.

On being put to the meeting the motion was passed and the voting was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
D Bagshaw		S Easom
S A Bagshaw		J M Owen
L A Ball BEM		P J Owen
B C Carr		J C Patrick
S J Carr		P D Simpson
M J Crow		R D Willimot
E Cubley		
T A Cullen		
R H Darby		
D A Elliott		
L Fletcher		
J C Goold		
D Grindell		
T Hallam		
M Handley		
R I Jackson		
E Kerry		
S Kerry		
H G Khaled MBE		
L A Lally		
P Lally		
H Land		
R D MacRae		
G Marshall		
J P T Parker		
D D Pringle		
M Radulovic MBE		
P Roberts-Thomson		
H E Skinner		
C M Tideswell		
I L Tyler		
D K Watts		
E Williamson		

24.3 The following motion had been submitted by the Liberal Democrat Group:

The motion was proposed by Councillor D K Watts and seconded by Councillor G Marshall:

“Broxtowe Borough Council believes that the impact of Covid-19 has created the biggest crisis for our communities and economy since the Second World War. This council believes that to overcome it all groups need to work together, and that the national government and County Council have a vital role to play in this.

This council notes:

1. That parliaments Climate Change Committee, in their June 2020 report, recommended that Ministers “seize the opportunity to turn the COVID-19 crisis into a defining moment in the fight against climate change.”
2. The decision by Nottinghamshire County Council to set up a new committee called the Covid19 Resilience, Recovery and Renewal Committee.
3. That within the terms of reference for this committee is the following: “Policy development in respect of the renewal and reform of local government services, including the future structure of local government in Nottinghamshire.”
4. That Robert Jenrick MP, the Secretary of State for HCLG is on record as saying that he will not undertake reorganisation without the consent of all parties.

This council welcomes the report by the Royal Town Planning Institute “Plan The World We Need,” published in June 2020, and endorses the principles of a planning led recovery identified in this document.

This council regrets that rather than follow the advice of the Climate Change Committee the Prime Minister and his advisor have sought to use the situation to attack the planning system. This council also regrets that the leader of Nottinghamshire County Council has sought to use the crisis to once again pursue her unwarranted and unwanted attempt to create a unitary authority for Nottinghamshire.

Broxtowe Borough Council therefore resolves:

1. To instruct the Chief Executive to write on the Council’s behalf to Darren Henry MP and to the Prime Minister calling on them to abandon the governments stated wish to curtail many of the existing planning rules and to adopt the recommendations of the RPTI report;
2. To instruct the Chief Executive to write to the leader of Nottinghamshire County Council to call on that council to focus its efforts on rebuilding the economy and communities of the area and to abandon any attempts to pursue a unitary authority; and
3. That we will not consent to the abolition of Broxtowe Borough Council.”

A recorded vote was proposed by Councillor D K Watts and seconded by at least five councillors. On being put to the meeting the motion was carried. The voting was as follows:

For

D Bagshaw
S A Bagshaw

Against

L A Ball BEM
M J Crow

Abstention

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
B C Carr	E Cubley	
S J Carr	S Easom	
T A Cullen	L Fletcher	
R H Darby	J C Goold	
D A Elliott	M Handley	
D Grindell	R I Jackson	
T Hallam	E Kerry	
L A Lally	S Kerry	
P Lally	H G Khaled MBE	
H Land	J M Owen	
R D MacRae	P J Owen	
G Marshall	J P T Parker	
J C Patrick	D D Pringle	
M Radulovic MBE	P Roberts-Thomson	
H E Skinner	P D Simpson	
C M Tideswell	R D Willimott	
I L Tyler		
D K Watts		
E Williamson		

25 DECISIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Members noted the decisions made at Committee meetings.

26 APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER

RESOLVED that the appointment of Mrs Sachdev Khosa as the Council's Monitoring Officer and continuation of Mr Simon Aley in the temporary role until Mrs Khosa takes up her appointment be approved.

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Report of the Strategic Director

DECISIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1. Purpose of report

To note the decisions made by the Council's committees.

2. Background

Decisions from committee meetings prior to the new Council year are attached to enable questions to the Chairs of the relevant committees. The following committee decisions are attached in the appendix:

- Finance and Resources Committee
- Community Safety Committee
- Leisure and Health Committee Community Safety Committee
- Personnel Committee
- Jobs and Economy Committee
- Environment and Climate Change Committee
- Housing Committee
- Governance, Audit and Standards Committee
- Policy and Performance Committee

Recommendation

Council is asked to NOTE the report.

Background papers

Nil

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Decisions taken by the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee on Monday, 18 May 2020

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Part A – Items considered in public

A3	SCALE FEE	The Committee NOTED the report.
A4	ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (CORONAVIRUS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2020	The Committee NOTED the report.
A5	EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2019/20	The Committee NOTED the report.
A6	CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS	RESOLVED that: 1. The draft Annual Governance Statement as shown in appendix 3 be approved in principle for inclusion in the Council's Statement of Accounts. 2. Responsibility be delegated to the Chief Executive and the Chair of this Committee to make any further amendments deemed necessary.
A7	STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2019/2020 - ACCOUNTING	RESOLVED that the Accounting Policies for 2019/2020 be approved.
A8	STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2019/2020 - UNDERLYING PENSION ASSUMPTIONS	The Committee NOTED the report.
A9	GOVERNANCE DASHBOARD - MAJOR PROJECTS	The Committee NOTED the report.
A10	INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT	The Committee NOTED the report.
A11	INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2020/21	RESOLVED that the Internal Audit Plan for 2020/21 be approved.

Decisions taken by the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee on Monday, 18 May 2020

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
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A12	REPORT OF THE INTERIM MONITORING OFFICER	The Committee NOTED the report.
A13	CANVASS REFORM	The Committee NOTED the report.
A14	WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED that the Work Programme be approved.

Decisions taken by the Housing Committee on Wednesday, 3 June 2020

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
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Part A – Items considered in public

A2	RECLAIM OF DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS (DFG)	RESOLVED to adopt the proposed amendment to the current DFG Policy.
A3	HOUSING DELIVERY PLAN UPDATE	The Committee NOTED the report.
A4	INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICE CHARGE REVIEW	RESOLVED that an Independent Living Service fixed charge will be agreed subject to an agreed cap on any increase in charges.
A5	STOCK CONDITION SURVEY	The Committee NOTED the report.
A6	MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF TENANTS	The Committee NOTED the report.
A7	GRENFELL RESPONSE UPDATE	The Committee NOTED the report.
A8	FISHPOND COTTAGE, 51 ILKESTON ROAD, BRAMCOTE AND THE USE OF SURROUNDING LAND FOR REDEVELOPMENT	RESOLVED that a consultation exercise be undertaken to seek local residents' views on developing the site including the proposed demolition of Fishpond Cottage, following this event, a delegation be made to the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair of the Housing Committee, to submit a planning application.
A9	PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN - HOUSING - OUTTURN REPORT	The Committee NOTED the report.

Decisions taken by the Housing Committee on Wednesday, 3 June 2020

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
A10	WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED that the Work Programme be approved.
A11	EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS	RESOLVED that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.
A12	INDEPENDENT LIVING STOCK OPTIONS REVIEW	RESOLVED to present reports to future meetings.
A14	AIDS AND ADAPTATIONS CASE	RESOLVED that the aids and adaption works be approved.

Decisions taken by the Community Safety Committee on Thursday, 4 June 2020

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
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Part A – Items considered in public

A3	NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING INSPECTOR UPDATE	The Committee NOTED the presentation.
A4	FOOD SERVICE PLAN 2020/21	RESOLVED that the Food Service Plan 2020-21 be approved.
A5	UPDATE ON THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER PANEL	The Committee NOTED the presentation.
A6	RENEWAL OF PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS	RESOLVED that a consultation be undertaken in Beeston North to extend the PSPO area, with the exact area to be provided by Ward Members, and that the responses to the consultation be reported to a future Community Safety Committee.
A7	CCTV UPDATE	RESOLVED that the Council undertake an internal review of the effectiveness and value for money of Broxtowe's town centre CCTV.
A8	PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT - REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS - COMMUNITY SAFETY	The Committee NOTED the report.
A9	WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED that the work programme, as amended be approved.
A10	KNIFE CRIME ACTION PLAN 2020/22	RESOLVED that the Knife Crime Action Plan be approved.
A11	EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS	RESOLVED that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as

Decisions taken by the Community Safety Committee on Thursday, 4 June 2020

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		defined in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.
A12	KNIFE CRIME ACTION PLAN 2020/22 - APPENDIX 2	The Committee noted the confidential appendix.

Decisions taken by the Leisure and Health Committee on Wednesday, 10 June 2020

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Part A – Items considered in public

A2	PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT - REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS - HEALTH	The Committee NOTED the report.
A3	PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT - REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS - LIBERTY LEISURE LIMITED	The Committee NOTED the report.
A4	TOBACCO CONTROL ACTION PLAN	RESOLVED that the Tobacco Control Action Plan 2020-22 be approved.
A5	COVID 19: COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPACT AND COMMUNITY RESPONSE	RESOLVED that the recommendations in appendix 5 of the report be approved.
A6	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Councillors D Bagshaw and I L Tyler declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5 as Board members of Liberty Leisure Ltd, minute number 3 refers.
A7	WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED that the work programme, as amended, be approved.

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Decisions taken by the Environment and Climate Change Committee on Monday, 15 June 2020

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Part A – Items considered in public

A3	PRIDE IN PARKS - PLAY AREA AND PARKS/OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS	The Committee NOTED the report.
A4	CLEAN AND GREEN	The Committee NOTED the report.
A5	PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT - REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS - ENVIRONMENT	The Committee NOTED the report.
A6	CAPACITY FOR BURIALS AT CEMETERIES AND CHURCHYARDS	RESOLVED to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Cease using Beeston Cemetery for new burials once all of the remaining grave spaces have been allocated and utilise Chilwell Cemetery as the alternative. 2) Enter into initial negotiations with the owners of the land to the east of Stapleford Cemetery with regards to a price for the land and a potential timescale to undertake a possible extension of the burial ground.
A7	AIR QUALITY STATUS REPORT	The Committee APPROVED the 2020 Air Quality Status Report for submission to DEFRA.
A8	HOME COMPOSTING	RESOLVED to discuss the matter comprehensively at the next meeting.

Decisions taken by the Environment and Climate Change Committee on Monday, 15 June 2020

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
A9	WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED that the Work Programme be approved.
A11	CAPACITY FOR BURIALS AT CEMETERIES AND CHURCHYARDS - APPENDIX 3	The Committee NOTED the confidential appendix.

Decisions taken by the Jobs and Economy Committee on Thursday, 18 June 2020

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Part A – Items considered in public

A3	HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION UPDATE	The Committee NOTED the report.
A4	PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT - REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS - BUSINESS GROWTH	The Committee NOTED the report.
A5	UPDATE ON KEY SITES	The Committee NOTED the report.
A6	STAPLEFORD TOWNS DEAL FUND	The Committee NOTED the report.
A7	REOPENING HIGH STREETS SAFELY FUND	RESOLVED that the actions and allocation of resources, as amended, be approved.
A8	ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN	RESOLVED that the short, medium and longer term recommendations, as set out in appendix 5 of the report, be approved.
A9	DATA GATHERING	RESOLVED that the approach to data gathering be approved.
A10	WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED that the work programme, as amended, be approved.

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Decisions taken by the Personnel Committee on Tuesday, 30 June 2020

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Part A – Items considered in public

A4	RETURN TO WORK	The Committee NOTED he report.
A5	PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT - BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS SUPPORT SERVICE AREAS - HUMAN RESOURCES	The Committee NOTED the report.
A6	EMPLOYEE SURVEY RESULTS	The Committee NOTED the report.
A7	HR STAFFING	RESOLVED that the creation of a permanent HR Officer post be approved, with the subsequent transfer of the current apprentice into that post, and to the changes to the establishment.
A8	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY	RESOLVED that the proposed Organisational Development Strategy be approved.
A9	AVC WISE	This item was deferred.
A10	WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED that the Work Programme, as amended, be approved.

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Gravesham Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Policy and Performance Committee on Wednesday, 1 July 2020

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Part A – Items considered in public

A3	BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL PLANS - OUTTURN 2019/20	The Committee NOTED the report.
A4	REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000	RESOLVED that the Policy and Guidance document be amended to include the reduced number of authorising officer.
A5	MEMBER DEVICES	RESOLVED that: 1) The procurement of the appropriate module for the Committee Management System to allow for secure remote access to Section 12 documents. 2) To determine which option is preferred and RESOLVE accordingly. 3) To RECOMMEND to the Finance and Resources Committee to include £45,000 in the 2020/21 capital programme as outlined to be funded by a carry forward of £45,500 from 2019/20
A6	SCHEME OF DELEGATION	RESOLVED that the Scheme of Delegation be approved as part of the Constitution of this Council.
A7	DEFIBRILLATORS	RESOLVED to undertake an acquisition of redundant telephone boxes to house defibrillators.
A8	DIGITAL STRATEGY 2020-24	RESOLVED that the Digital Strategy 2020-2024 be approved.
A9	RESPONSE TO COVID 19 AND RECOVERY STRATEGY	RESOLVED that the approach to recovery set out in appendix 2 be approved.

Gravesham Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Policy and Performance Committee on Wednesday, 1 July 2020

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A10	BEESTON TOWN CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT	RESOLVED to continue to delegate to the Deputy Chief Executive all key approvals, in consultation with the cross-party Project Board, and subject to the overall project cost remaining within the financial limits already set or subsequently changed by the Finance & Resources Committee and/or Full Council as appropriate.
A11	WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED that the Work Programme, as amended, be approved.

Decisions taken by the Finance and Resources Committee on Thursday, 9 July 2020

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Part A – Items considered in public

A5	REFERENCE - Policy and Performance Committee	RESOLVED that: 1) The procurement of the appropriate module for the Committee Management System to allow for secure remote access to Section 12 documents goes ahead. 2) Option 1 be adopted with point 4 omitted and an annual review of new technology/licenses to be included. 3) It be recommended to the Finance and Resources Committee to include £45,000 in the 2020/21 capital programme as outlined to be funded by a carry forward of £45,500 from 2019/20.
A6	PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN - SUPPORT SERVICE AREAS - OUTTURN REPORT	The Committee NOTED the report.
A7	GRANT AID 2020/21	The Committee NOTED the report.
A8	GRANT AID REQUEST - TRENT VALE COMMUNITY SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND BEESTON FOOTBALL CLUB	RESOLVED to approve the capital grant award.
A9	GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, CHARITABLE BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN SPORTS, THE ARTS AND DISABILITY MATTERS	RESOLVED to approve the request in appendix 1 subject to the above amendment.

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A10	SECTION 106 ITPS ALLOCATIONS	<p>RESOLVED that the amendments to the 2020/21 capital programme set out below in section 4 be approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is proposed to allocate an additional £100,000 to the Bennerley Viaduct proposal. • It is proposed to allocate £385,000 for upgrades to the existing bus stop infrastructure in the vicinity of the Mushroom Farm development along the A610 corridor. This investment would offer a step-change improvement in the public transport offer in Eastwood, Newthorpe, Giltbrook, Kimberley, Nuthall, Brinsley and Watnall. • £15,000 for improvements to Kimberley Footpath 35 • £30,000 for improvements to Strelley Bridleway 4 • £20,000 for the introduction of traffic signal controller upgrades at the Sun Inn gyratory • £10,000 for Beeston Shopmobility • £2,000 for wheelchair signage on Broxtowe-owned land near Beeston train station
A11	TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS - ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020	The Committee NOTED the report.
A12	STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS UPDATE AND OUTTURN POSITION 2019/20.	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>1. The accounts summary for the financial year ended 31 March 2020 subject to audit, be approved.</p>

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		<p>2. The revenue carry forward requests outlined in section 2 of appendix 1 be approved and included as supplementary revenue estimates in the 2020/21 budget.</p> <p>3. The capital carry forward requests outlined in appendix 2b be approved and included as supplementary capital estimates in the 2020/21 budget.</p>
A13	MUSHROOM FARM - ADDITIONAL INDUSTRIAL UNITS	RESOLVED that the 2020/21 capital programme be amended such that the budget for additional industrial units at Mushroom Farm be increased from £219,000 to £270,000 with financing as set out in the report.
A14	FINANCIAL IMPACT OF COVID 19 (2020/21)	The Committee NOTED the report.
A15	WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED that the Work Programme be approved.
A16	EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS	RESOLVED that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.
A17	BEESTON SHOP MOBILITY	RESOLVED accordingly and DELEGATE the negotiation of any final deal to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair of this Committee.
A18	BEESTON SQUARE PHASE 1 - ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20	The Committee NOTED the report.
A19	IRRECOVERABLE ARREARS	RESOLVED that the arrears in excess of £1,200 on national non-domestic rates, council tax, rents, housing/council tax benefit overpayment and sundry debtors

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		as set out in the report be written off and to note the exercise of the Deputy Chief Executive's delegated authority under financial regulation 5.9.

Decisions taken by the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee on Monday, 20 July 2020

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Part A – Items considered in public

A3	INTERNAL AUDIT REVIEW 2019/20	The Committee NOTED the report.
A4	INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT	The Committee NOTED the report.
A5	GOVERNANCE DASHBOARD - MAJOR PROJECTS	The Committee NOTED the report.
A6	AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2019/2020 UPDATE	The Committee NOTED the report.
A7	COMPLAINTS REPORT 2019/2020	The Committee NOTED the report.
A8	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REPORT 2019/2020	The Committee NOTED the report.
A9	COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW	RESOLVED that the Community Governance review be postponed until June 2021.
A10	THE DRAFT MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT	RESOLVED that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council's response to the Consultation on the Draft Model Code of Conduct, as amended, be approved. 2. The best practice guidance be approved
A11	WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED that the Work programme be approved, subject to the inclusion of a Governance report for Discretionary Grant Aid and Council Tax Support scheme in relation to Covid-19 response.

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Decisions taken by the Housing Committee on Wednesday, 2 September 2020

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Part A – Items considered in public

A3	HOUSING STRATEGY	RESOLVED that the Housing Strategy 2020-2024 be approved
A4	GARAGE STRATEGY	RESOLVED that the Garage Strategy 2020-2024 be approved
A5	SANCTUARY SCHEME	RESOLVED that the Sanctuary Scheme Policy be approved
A6	ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY	RESOLVED that the key themes to be developed and be included in the Asset Management Strategy.
A8	Noting reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Management-Review of Business Plan Progress • Housing Delivery Plan Update • Fuel Poverty • Compliancy • Community Living Network • Homelessness Services in Broxtowe • Income Collection, Financial Inclusion and Tenancy Sustainment Update. <p>The Committee NOTED the reports.</p>
A9	WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED that the Work Programme be approved.
A10	EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS	RESOLVED as per the recommendation.
A11	INDEPENDENT LIVING STOCK OPTIONS	RESOLVED that Consultation be completed for schemes as listed in appendices 1 and 3 of the report and the phases outlined in appendix 2 of the report be approved.

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Decisions taken by the Jobs and Economy Committee on Thursday, 3 September 2020

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Part A – Items considered in public

A3	PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT - REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN	The report was noted.
A4	KEY SITES UPDATE	RESOLVED that the proposals for additional sites be approved.
A5	PLANNING REFORMS AND CHANGES TO PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT AND THE USE CLASSES ORDER	RESOLVED that authority be delegated to the Interim Head of Planning and Economic Development to submit a response in respect of the Government's 'Planning for the Future' consultation by 29 October 2020 and be distributed to all members three working days prior to the response's submission, on the understanding that the delegation rest with the Interim Head of Planning and Economic Development.
A6	UPDATE ON TOWN SQUARES INCOME	The report was noted.
A7	REOPENING HIGH STREETS SAFELY FUND AND SURVEY UPDATE	The report was noted.
A8	RECRUITING A MARKETS OFFICER	RECOMMENDED to the Personnel Committee that the viability of a permanent Markets Officer Position be CONSIDERED and to RESOLVE accordingly.
A9	HS2 UPDATE	The report was noted.
A10	STAPLEFORD TOWN DEAL FUND	The report was noted.
A11	DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION UPDATE	The report was noted.

Decisions taken by the Jobs and Economy Committee on Thursday, 3 September 2020

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
A12	HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION IN BEESTON	The report was noted.
A13	WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED that the Work Programme be approved, subject to the addition of items on the Mitigation of the Issues Due to New Planning Laws and to postpone the Update on Moults Yard Options until a later meeting.

Decisions taken by the Community Safety Committee on Thursday, 10 September 2020

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Part A – Items considered in public

A4	NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING INSPECTOR UPDATE	Members received an update on local policing issues from Chief Inspector Simon Riley.
A5	UPDATE ON THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER PANEL.	Councillor Richard MacRae, the Council's representative on the Police and Crime Commissioner Panel, provided the Committee with an update.
A6	PRESENTATION ON THE ON THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE VIOLENCE REDUCTION UNIT (VRU), DAVID WAKELIN, VRU Director.	The Director of the Violence Reduction Unit, Mr David Wakelin, presented information to the Committee on the work of the Unit.
A7	PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	RECOMMENDED to the Finance and Resources Committee that a budget of £140,000 be set aside to allow the installation of a high quality Space to Change plus a unisex toilet facility adjacent to the former Explore Learning Unit in Beeston. Reflecting its location immediately adjacent to the bus/tram interchange it is suggested that this be largely funded via s.106 ITPS and any shortfall via a new General Fund capital allocation. A formal tendering exercise would be required.
A8	PURPLE FLAG ACCREDITATION SCHEME	RESOLVED that a Task and Finish Group be formed, to include five members with membership delegated the Head of Public Protection in consultation with the Leader of the Council.
A9	PROPOSED PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO)	RESOLVED that the undertaking of consultation on the making of a PSPO at Tinsley Road Bridge to control nuisance from motor vehicles in accordance with the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Decisions taken by the Community Safety Committee on Thursday, 10 September 2020

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
A10	ALCOHOL CONTROL PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO)	RESOLVED that the additional Restricted Areas, as detailed in appendix 2 of the report, be added to the Alcohol Control PSPO in accordance with the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.
A11	MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATEMENT	RESOLVED that the Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement 2019/20 be approved.
A12	NOTING REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonfires • Serious and Organised Crime Strategy • Performance Management – Review of Business Plan Progress – Community Safety <p>The Committee NOTED the reports.</p>
A13	WORK PROGRAMME	<p>Members considered the Work Programme and agreed that a reports on Families in Distress, Update on Covid-19 be submitted to the next meeting and an Enforcement Policy Review to the meeting in January 2021. The Air Quality Action Plan would also be transferred to the Environment and Climate Change Committee.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Work Programme, as amended, be approved.</p>

Decisions taken by the Environment and Climate Change Committee on Monday, 14 September 2020

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Part A – Items considered in public

A3	CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREEN FUTURES PROGRAMME UPDATE	RESOLVED that the Climate Change and Green Futures Programme be approved. RESOLVED that the Transport and Fleet Strategy be approved.
A4	CLEAN AND GREEN -BULKY WASTE COLLECTION	RESOLVED that where required the funding allocated to the Clean and Green budget be used to reduce the lead time of the bulky waste service.
A5	IMPROVING THE BOROUGH RECYCLING RATE AND PROVIDING MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS TO RECYCLE	RESOLVED to adopt Option 2 with regards to the kerbside textile collection service.
A7	NOTING REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Management Review of Business Plan-Environment and Climate Change. • Pride in Parks-Play area and Parks Open Space Improvements. • Air Quality Annual Status Report 2020. <p>The Committee NOTED the reports.</p>
A8	WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED the work programme be approved with the additional items of Environment Bill Update and the Green Number Plates be added.

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Decisions taken by the Leisure and Health Committee on Wednesday, 16 September 2020

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Part A – Items considered in public

A3	BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW PROGRESS - HEALTH	The Committee NOTED the report.
A4	MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTS	The Committee NOTED the report.
A5	SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA	RESOLVED that the proposal in appendix 1 of the report be approved.
A6	WORK PROGRAMME	It was agreed that reports on Suicide Data and Trends, Young People and Mental Health, Local Mental Health Voluntary Organisations, Update on the Mental Health Action Plan and to invite Eastwood Mental Health Hub to give a presentation to a future Committee, presentation from the Middle Street Resource Centre. RESOLVED that the Work Programme, as amended, be approved.

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Decisions taken by the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee on Monday, 21 September 2020

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Part A – Items considered in public

A4	EXTERNAL AUDIT 2019/20 UPDATE	The Committee NOTED a report which provided an update on progress in delivering the external auditor’s responsibilities and a summary of key national publications that may be of interest to members.
A5	GOING CONCERN STATUS	The Committee NOTED the outcome of the assessment made of the Council’s status as a going concern for the purposes of the statement of accounts 2019/20.
A6	INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT	The Committee NOTED the report.
A7	ANNUAL COUNTER FRAUD REPORT	The Committee NOTED the Annual Counter Fraud Report.
A8	GOVERNANCE DASHBOARD - MAJOR PROJECTS	The Committee NOTED the report.
A9	REVIEW OF STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER	RESOLVED that the amendments to the Strategic Risk Register and the actions to mitigate risks as set out in appendix 2 of the report, be approved.
A10	WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED that the Work Programme be approved.

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Decisions taken by the Personnel Committee on Tuesday, 29 September 2020

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Part A – Items considered in public

A3	AVC WISE	RESOLVED that the implementation of a new Shared Additional Voluntary Contributions pension scheme in partnership with AVC Wise, be approved.
A4	PENSIONS DISCRETION POLICY	RESOLVED that the Pensions Discretion Policy be approved.
A5	HEAD OF ASSET MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT	RESOLVED that the creation of a new Head of Asset Management and Development post be approved.
A6	RECRUITING A MARKETS OFFICER	RESOLVED that the recruitment of a Markets Officer, be approved.
A7	NOTING REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Management – Review of Business Plan Progress – Human Resources. • Apprenticeship Strategy. • Coaching and Mentoring. • Management of Employees with Long Term Sickness Absence. <p>The Committee NOTED the reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Plan for the Wellbeing of Staff Mental Health. <p>The recommendation was amended to read: RESOLVED that the Action Plan be approved and regular updates be submitted to the relevant Committee.</p>

Decisions taken by the Personnel Committee on Tuesday, 29 September 2020

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
A8	WORK PROGRAMME	It was agreed that reports on the Effects on Staff of Covid-19 and Updates on the Mental Health Action Plan be added to the Work Programme. RESOLVED that the Work Programme, as amended, be approved.
A9	EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS	RESOLVED as recommendation.
A10	CLEANING TEAM RESTRUCTURE	RESOLVED that: 1. The new Cleaning Team Structure, including the posts of Mobile Cleaners, be approved. 2. The deletion of the existing vacant post be approved.

Decisions taken by the Policy and Performance Committee on Thursday, 1 October 2020

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Part A – Items considered in public

A3	LEISURE FACILITIES STRATEGY	<p>It was proposed by Councillor M Radulovic MBE and Councillor S J Carr that a cross-party Task and Finish Group be formed to consider the Leisure Facilities Strategy in order to submit feedback to the Policy and Performance Committee.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professional external financial advice be procured to assess the financial implications and risks associated with the two Bramcote site options for a new leisure centre in the south of Broxtowe, and to RECOMMEND to the Finance and Resources Committee that the expenditure of £30,000 to complete this work be approved. 2. That the Council continues to work with Chilwell School to assess the leisure facilities options at the School and reports back to a future meeting. 3. That a cross-party Task and Finish Group be formed to consider options regarding sites in the north and south of the Borough to examine the outline and financial business case contained within the Leisure Facilities Strategy in order to submit feedback to the Policy and Performance Committee.
A4	BEESTON TOWN CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT	<p>RESOLVED to continue to delegate to the Deputy Chief Executive all key approvals, in consultation with the cross-party Project Board, and subject to the overall project cost remaining within the financial limits already set or subsequently changed by the Finance and Resources Committee and/or Full Council as appropriate.</p>

Decisions taken by the Policy and Performance Committee on Thursday, 1 October 2020

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A5	DEVOLUTION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE REFORM	<p>1. RECOMMENDED to the Finance and Resources Committee that a supplementary estimate of up to £30,000, if necessary, be established for the commissioning of work required in connection with a review of local government structures in Nottinghamshire.</p> <p>2. RESOLVED to Write to the Secretary of State, in conjunction with the Leaders of Rushcliffe and Gedling Borough Councils stating the objection of any encroachment of the Nottingham City Council's boundaries into the surrounding districts.</p>
A7	NOTING REPORTS	<p>Noting Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Corporate Plan Progress • Use of Urgency Powers • Child Poverty Action Plan • Annual Health and Safety Progress Report • Covid-19 Response and Recovery Plan <p>The reports were NOTED.</p>
A8	WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED that the Work Programme be approved.
A9	EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS	RESOLVED to exclude Public and Press under Section 100A of the local Government Act 1972.
A10	BEESTON TOWN CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT APPENDIX	The report relating to the confidential items had been considered earlier in the meeting.
A11	BROXTOWE MOBILE TESTING	The report was noted.

Decisions taken by the Policy and Performance Committee on Thursday, 1 October 2020

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Report of the Chief Executive

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE - RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

1. Purpose of report

To approve the Council's response to the Planning for the Future consultation.

2. Detail

As a planning authority, this Council has been invited to respond to the consultation and a draft letter has been included at the appendix 2 for Full Council to consider.

At the Planning the Committee held on 30 September 2020 the Committee It was proposed by Councillor D K Watts and seconded by Councillor D Grindell: "that a draft letter of response to the Planning for the Future Consultation be submitted to a meeting of full Council on 14 October 2020." On being put to the meeting the motion was carried. It was therefore resolved that a draft letter of response to the Planning for the Future Consultation be submitted to a meeting of full Council on 14 October 2020.

The report submitted to the Planning Committee which summarises the main points of the consultation is attached at appendix 1.

3. Financial implications

There are no financial implications.

Recommendation

The Council is asked to RESOLVE that the proposed response to the Planning for the Future consultation be approved and submitted.

Background papers

Nil

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APPENDIX 1

Report of the Chief Executive

PLANNING REFORMS AND CHANGES TO PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT AND THE USE CLASSES ORDER1. Purpose of report

To update members on recent changes announced to permitted development rights and the Use Classes Order and to provide a brief summary of the proposed planning reforms announced within the Government's 'Planning for the Future' consultation.

2. Detail

The Government has announced a number of significant changes to the planning system including additional permitted development rights and changes to the Use Classes Order. The changes provide additional rights for extensions through the right to add additional storeys to buildings and through new rights to redevelop sites without obtaining full planning permission. The Use Classes Order has also been extensively revised to combine a number of classes into a new 'Class E'.

The 'Planning for the Future' consultation document proposes a number of significant reforms to the planning system. The Council has until 29 October 2020 to provide a response on the consultation.

Further details are provided within the appendix.

3. Financial Implications

The changes to permitted development rights and the Use Classes Order has the potential to reduce the number of planning applications submitted to the Council. However, the additional permitted development rights are subject to prior approvals which are likely to require a fee. The proposed reforms to the planning system may have significant financial impacts but these are currently unclear due to the nature of the consultation document.

Recommendation

The Committee is RESOLVE to delegate authority to the Interim Head of Planning and Economic Development to submit a response in respect of the Government's 'Planning for the Future' consultation by 29 October 2020.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX**1. Introduction**

The Government has announced a number of significant changes to the planning system including additional permitted development rights and changes to the Use Classes Order. On 6 August the Government also published 'Planning for the Future' which proposes a number of significant changes to the planning system. The purposes of this report is to provide a summary of these changes.

2. Planning for Growth Consultation

The document proposes a number of significant changes to the planning system including plan-making, development management, development contributions, and other related policy proposals. A summary of the main changes proposed are provided below. The deadline for submissions to the consultation is 29 October 2020. It should be noted that the reforms proposed would require primary and secondary legislation prior to being implemented.

Local Plans would focus on identifying land under three categories - Growth areas suitable for substantial development, and where outline approval for development would be automatically secured for forms and types of development specified in the Plan; Renewal areas suitable for some development, such as limited densification; and Protected areas where development is restricted. Protected areas would include the Green Belt. General development management policies would be set nationally, with a more focused role for Local Plans in identifying site and area specific requirements, alongside locally-produced design codes. The document states that local planning authorities and neighbourhoods (through Neighbourhood Plans) would play a 'crucial role' in producing required design guides and codes to provide certainty and reflect local character and preferences about the form and appearance of development. The Government states that there should be significantly more engagement with the public in the formation of Local Plans utilising new forms of technology.

Local Plans would be subject to a single statutory "sustainable development" test. This would mean replacing the existing tests of soundness and abolishing the Duty to Cooperate. Local authorities and the Planning Inspectorate will be required through legislation to meet a statutory timetable (of no more than 30 months in total) for key stages of the process, and there will be sanctions for those who fail to do so. There is significant emphasis on a 'digital first' approach, using standardised data and interactive maps.

There would be a new nationally-determined, binding housing requirement that local planning authorities would have to deliver through their Local Plans. This would be focused on areas where affordability pressure is highest to stop land supply being a barrier to enough homes being built. It is stated that this would factor in land constraints, including the Green Belt. The Housing Delivery Test would remain and there would be a presumption in favour of sustainable development if housing targets were not being met.

Areas identified as Growth areas would automatically be granted outline planning permission for the principle of development. Further details would be agreed and full permission achieved through consent routes which focus on securing good design and addressing site-specific technical issues. In areas suitable for development (Renewal areas), there would be a general presumption in favour of development established in legislation. Consent for development would be granted through a new permission route which gives an automatic consent if the scheme meets design and other prior approval requirements. In areas where development is restricted (Protected areas) any development proposals would come forward as now through planning applications being made to the local authority. For all applications there would be a significant reduction in the amount of supporting information required to be submitted.

There is also reference to a “fast-track for beauty” through changes to national policy and legislation, to automatically permit proposals for high quality developments where they reflect local character and preferences. There is emphasis on design throughout the document including every street being tree lined and that each authority should appoint a chief officer for design and place-making.

There may be automatic refunds of the planning fee for an application if the local authority fails to determine it within the time limit or some types of applications may be deemed to have been granted planning permission if there has not been a timely determination. ‘Extensions of time’, currently used extensively, would likely to be removed. There may also be refunds if a refusal is overturned at appeal.

The current system of planning obligations would be reformed as a nationally-set value-based flat rate charge (‘the Infrastructure Levy’). A single rate or varied rates could be set. This would replace S106 agreements. The rate would be charged on the final value of a development and would be levied at point of occupation. The document states that local authorities will have greater powers to determine how developer contributions are used, including by expanding the scope of the Levy to cover affordable housing provision to allow local planning authorities to drive up the provision of affordable homes. The document states that a small proportion of the income should be earmarked to local planning authorities to cover their overall planning costs. The document states that to better support the timely delivery of infrastructure, local authorities would be allowed to borrow against Infrastructure Levy revenues so that they could forward fund infrastructure. However, local authorities would have to assure themselves that this borrowing is “affordable and suitable”.

Reference is also made to strengthening enforcement powers although there are no specific details regarding what this may include.

3. Use Classes Order

The Use Classes Order groups different uses of land and buildings into use classes. A change of use within a single use class is not considered to be development and therefore does not require planning permission.

The schedule to the current Use Classes Order sets out four main categories of use class. These are A classes (which cover retail, food and drink), B classes (which cover places of work including offices and industry), C classes (which cover housing) and D classes (which cover institutions and leisure uses). There are also Sui Generis uses which fall outside of the categories.

The new regulations create a new commercial, business and service use class (Class E). This replaces shops (A1), financial and professional services (A2), restaurants and cafes (A3) and offices (B1) classes. The new Class E also includes uses including gyms, nurseries and health centres (previously in use classes D1 (non-residential institutions) and D2 (assembly and leisure))

The implications of these changes are there will be significant flexibility for uses to change without requiring planning permission. This is particularly significant in town centres where Local Plan policies have previously protected A1 uses. It should also be noted that pubs and bars (A4) and hot food takeaways (A5) will now be Sui Generis Uses. This means that planning permission will be required to change to or from these uses.

Additional changes include a new learning and non-residential institutions use class (Class F1) which incorporates those uses from the former D1 (non-residential institutions) class which involve buildings such as schools, libraries and galleries which are regularly in the wider public use.

A new local community use class (Class F2) has also been created which groups together those uses from the D2 (assembly and leisure) class which involve activities of a more physical nature (such as swimming pools, skating rinks and areas for outdoor sports) as well as the use of buildings where such usage is principally by the local community.

The regulations come into force on 1st September 2020. However transitional provisions will ensure that buildings or uses will continue to be subject to any existing permitted development rights until 31 July 2021 when revised permitted development rights will be introduced.

4. Permitted Development

The Government has announced a number of amendments to permitted development rights which are due to come into force on 31 August 2020.

Part 1 of Schedule 2 (Class AA) permits the enlargement of a dwellinghouse by the construction of new storeys on top of the highest existing storey of the dwellinghouse. If the dwellinghouse is two or more storeys tall then two storeys may be added. If the dwellinghouse is a bungalow then one storey may be added. The new right is subject to a number of limitations including relating to the building's height and its height in relation to neighbouring properties (if semi-detached or terraced). Further, prior approval is required in relation to such matters as: impact on amenity, external appearance and impact on protected views.

Four more permitted development rights (Classes AA, AB, AC and AD) have been added relating to creating additional flats. These allow for the construction of new flats on top of the highest storey of certain types of building:

Class AA permits construction of up to two new storeys of flats on top of detached buildings in commercial or mixed use, including where there is an element of residential use.

Class AB permits the construction of new flats on top of terrace buildings (including semi-detached buildings) in commercial or mixed (including residential) use.

Class AC permits the construction of new flats on top of terraced dwellinghouses (including semi-detached houses). Two storeys may be added to buildings of two or more storeys, one storey may be added to bungalows.

Class AD allows the construction of new flats on top of detached dwellinghouses. Again, two storeys may be added where the building is two or more storeys tall or one additional storey on a bungalow.

These four rights are subject to limitations and conditions and require prior approval from the Council including with regards to transport and highways impacts, external appearance, adequate natural light, amenity impacts, and impact on protected views.

A new permitted development right (Class ZA) has been added which allows for the demolition of a single detached building in existence on 12 March 2020 that was used for office, research and development or industrial processes, or as a free-standing purpose-built block of flats, and its replacement by an individual block of flats or a single detached dwellinghouse within the footprint of the old building. Limitations include that the old building should have a footprint of no larger than 1,000msq and be no higher than 18m. The building must have been built before 1990 and have been vacant for at least six months before the date of the application for prior approval.

The permitted development right grants permission for works for the construction of the new building which can be up to two storeys higher than the old building with a maximum overall height of 18m. This right is also subject to prior approval on matters such as: transport and highways, contamination, flooding, design, external appearance, adequate natural light, amenity, noise from commercial uses on the new occupiers, impact on business and new residents, heritage and archaeology, method of demolition, landscaping and impact on protected views.

Amendments have also been made to existing permitted development rights which allow changes of buildings into residential uses to include the consideration of the provision of adequate natural light to all habitable rooms under the prior approval procedure.

There are also changes allowing developers to extend the hours of construction on building sites and a new temporary permitted development right that allows

councils to hold outdoor markets without planning permission. Therefore, a local authority has a greater freedom to allow market traders to setup outdoor stalls. The permitted development right is in place until 23 March 2021.

Development which has already received the grant of planning and which would lapse between 23rd March 2020 and 31st December 2020 now have until 1st April 2021 to be implemented.

REFERENCE

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Date: Planning for the Future Consultation
14th October 2020

APPENDIX 2



**Broxtowe
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COUNCIL**

Planning for the Future Consultation
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Dear Sirs,

Broxtowe Borough Council ("The Council") is responding in respect of the Planning for the Future Consultation White Paper. The Council would like to raise a number of significant concerns regarding proposals contained within the White Paper.

Fundamentally, the Council considers that the White Paper fails to acknowledge that local democracy must underpin plan making and planning decisions. Local councils are in the best position to make these decisions and represent their local communities. The White Paper proposes to significantly reduce democratic controls at the planning application stage. This is the stage when most local communities engage in the planning process. Whilst greater engagement at the plan making stage is endorsed, this cannot be at the expense of engaging and consulting the public when proposals are submitted. Elected members must be able to consider these views and be able to make decisions to uphold the democratic process which is central to planning. Any extension to permitted development rights and amalgamation of the use classes order also undermines this process.

The Council takes a positive and proactive approach to development, recognising the wider benefits that development can bring. Despite being significantly constrained by Green Belt, the Council has taken difficult decisions to ensure sufficient land is allocated for housing within the Development Plan. However, the White Paper focuses on the failures of the planning system with limited acknowledgement of the importance of the development industry in ensuring allocated sites or those with planning permission are brought forward and built.



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There must be greater powers available to Councils to ensure sites are built in a timely manner to provide the housing local communities need.

The Council has a successful record of working jointly with neighbouring authorities through the Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership. It is unclear from the White Paper the implications of removing the duty-to-corporate. There must be clear mechanisms in place to ensure that Councils can continue to work cooperatively to address strategic cross-boundary issues, such as major infrastructure or strategic sites. The introduction of a standard housing need method to distribute housing also raises a number of significant questions regarding how the targets would be set and by whom and how constraints, such as the Green Belt, would be incorporated within the targets. Housing numbers must relate to local circumstances and it is considered that a target set by Government is unlikely to achieve this.

The proposal to refund planning fees if applications are not determined within the statutory timescales fails to acknowledge the reality of development management, where Councils work proactively to try to resolve issues and reach successful outcomes. The Council is reliant upon a number of external statutory consultees to provide expert advice. This can often lead to delay in making decisions which are outside of the Council's control. It would be irresponsible to make decisions in the absence of receiving this advice and a focus on timescales would increase the likelihood of applications being refused due to insufficient information.

The White Paper proposes ambitious timescales for preparing new Local Plans whilst requiring additional consultation and engagement and a greater focus on design codes. There must be adequate resourcing for Councils if these ambitions are to be realised. The Council does support an increased focus on design and 'beauty' but Councils must be provided with the necessary resources and expertise to ensure this is delivered.

The Council acknowledges that the planning system can be simplified and made more accessible. Providing high quality housing to meet local housing needs should be an absolute priority. However, locally elected members, representing their communities, must be central to the planning process and locally led democracy must continue to be at the heart of decision making.

Yours faithfully,