COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2025

Present: Councillor R Bullock, Mayor

Councillors: D Bagshaw

P J Bales

L A Ball BEM

M Brown

G Bunn

B C Carr

C Carr

S J Carr

J Couch

T A Cullen

S Dannheimer

H J Faccio

K A Harlow

S P Jeremiah

H G Khaled MBE

A Kingdon

H Land

D L MacRae

R D MacRae

T J Marsh

G Marshall

J W McGrath

W Mee

S Paterson

D D Pringle

M Radulovic MBE

H E Skinner

P A Smith

V C Smith

A W G A Stockwell

C M Tideswell

D K Watts

S Webb

E Williamson

E Winfield

K Woodhead

46 <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S A Bagshaw, A Cooper, H Crosby, S Kerry, J M Owen and P J Owen.

47 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

48 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held 16 July and 9 September 2025 were confirmed and signed as a correct record, subject to the clarification that the declaration in the 16 July meeting related to Stapleford Town Councillors rather than involvement with the Stapleford Community Group as stated in the minutes.

49 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor gave a brief résumé of his engagements since the previous Council meeting. These included his attendance at Beauvale Horticultural Show, the success of the D H Lawrence children's writing competition and he gave thanks to those that had organized the Mayor's golf event.

50 LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader presented his report and updated the Council on the delivery of a number of economic development programmes, the results of the recent Broxtowe wide survey on Local Government Reorganisation, Reference was made to the separate extraordinary Council meeting to be held on 26 November to consider the three options being proposed for Local Government Reorganisation, in advance of the government submission deadline of the 28 November. The Leader offered his thanks and gratitude to all the staff, residents, and businesses who continue to support the Borough during these uncertain economic times.

51 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members of the public.

52 <u>REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL POLICY</u>

The Portfolio Holder for Resources and Personnel Policy presented his report. Responses to questions included that there would again be a period of free parking in Broxtowe over the festive period, and steps would be taken to ensure that musicians employed at Council events would be paid for their services.

53 <u>REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT</u>

The Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Asset Management presented his report and responses to questions included stating that the site of Kimberley

Brewery had been a concern for some time and all powers available to complete the site.

54 REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HOUSING

The Portfolio Holder for Housing presented her report and responses to questions included stating that the situation with occupational therapy was of concern and the County Council would be contacted to raise issues.

55 REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR LEISURE AND HEALTH

The Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Health presented her report and response to questions included that there had been a slight delay regarding updates to Bramcote Leisure Centre due to the accommodation of requirements with regards to the depth of the swimming pool.

56 <u>REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE</u> CHANGE

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change presented her reports and responses to questions included that there would be a full report into WISE in January following concerns of the majority of incidents occurring on private land.

57 REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Portfolio Holder for Community Safety presented her report and responded to a number of statements.

58 REPORT ON SCRUTINY MATTERS

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee updated the Council as to the work of the Committee since the last Council meeting.

59 YOUTH MAYOR'S REPORT ON BROXTOWE YOUTH VOICE ACTIVITIES

The Broxtowe Youth Mayor, Toby Goldszmit, updated the Council on his duties since his appointment.

60 MEMBERS' SPEECHES ON WARD ISSUES

There were no Members' speeches on ward issues.

61 QUESTIONS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no questions on outside bodies.

62 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

62.1 THE FOLLOWING QUESTION HAD BEEN SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR C M TIDESWELL FOR THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

"Could the Planning Department explain the reason why they decided to re-name the Felton Houses development Valley Road when in actuality they are on Felton Close? The build, postcode and signs state Felton Close, but for some reason they have been put by Broxtowe planning as being 28a, 28b, 28c and 28d, after the people on Felton close had been asked what they preferred. Now there is utter confusion, and no one knows where to deliver. Mail, parcels and take aways are being delivered to 28 Valley Road at all times of day and night! Could credit ratings be affected also? Legal issues? Bailiffs coming to the wrong house?"

The Portfolio Holder responded by stating that a written response would be supplied to Councillor Tideswell.

62.2 THE FOLLOWING QUESTION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR J W MCGRATH FOR THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT.

"The Old Rock is becoming a eyesore in a Town that has been upgraded with the monies received from the previous Government. All officers members of the board have worked hard to spend the money wisely to benefit the people of Stapleford and surrounding areas. All Councillors in Stapleford get complaints about this. The fly tipping, the car park, the state of the building, the owner is not interested in any attempts that we try to deal with this, all the people of Stapleford want is positive action."

The Portfolio Holder responded by stating that the Old Rock pub was an eyesore and that its appearance was detrimental to the area. Planning had been working with the Legal Team and were pursuing enforcement action against the owners of the property. As an enforcement case, this could not be discussed in a public forum, but this matter was moving forward with an aim to tidying the area.

63 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

There were no updates to the appointments to committees and working groups.

64 URGENT BUSINESS

The following motion was considered as an item of urgent business. The motion was proposed by Councillor M Radulovic MBE and seconded by Councillor G Marshall:

"This Council notes with concern that this week the Labour-led Nottingham City Council proposed to submit an "expanded city" model for Local Government

Reorganisation. This would involve taking in parts of Broxtowe and has not included appropriate public engagement or formal consultation with other affected Councils.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- 1. Register our objection to any attempt to split up Broxtowe.
- 2. Write to Nottingham City Council and the Secretary of State outlining our objections that this model is being put forward without detailed due process being followed, or a rigorous needs-based cost assessment being made.
- 3. Write to both Members of Parliament that cover Broxtowe setting out our significant concerns and ask them for support in objecting to the 'expanded City' model proposals."

Following the debate a recorded vote was requested and seconded by at least five Councillors.

The voting was as follows:

S Webb E Williamson K Woodhead

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<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
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On being put to the meeting the motion was carried.

(Councillor D Bagshaw left the meeting before voting thereon.)