

COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH 2025

Present: Councillor S Paterson, Mayor

Councillors: P J Bales
L A Ball BEM
R E Bofinger
M Brown
R Bullock
G Bunn
B C Carr
C Carr
S J Carr
A Cooper
T A Cullen
S Dannheimer
H J Faccio
G S Hills
S P Jeremiah
S Kerry
H G Khaled MBE
A Kingdon
H Land
D L MacRae
R D MacRae
G Marshall
J W McGrath
W Mee
J M Owen
P J Owen
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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Bagshaw, S A Bagshaw, H L Crosby, K A Harlow and T J Marsh.

72 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

73 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held 11 December 2024 were confirmed as a correct record.

74 RECOGNITION OF POLITICAL LEADERS

It was noted that Councillor M Radulovic MBE was the Leader of the Council in addition to being Leader of the Broxtowe Alliance and Councillor G Marshall was the Deputy Leader. Councillor P J Owen was Leader of the Conservative Group with Councillor D D Pringle as the Deputy Leader. Councillor P Bales was Leader of the Labour Group with Councillor H J Faccio as Deputy Leader. Councillor R D MacRae was Leader of the Broxtowe Independent Group with Councillor E Williamson as the Deputy Leader, and Councillor D K Watts was the Leader of the Liberal Democratic Group with Councillor H Land as the Deputy Leader.

75 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Members noted the appointments to the Cabinet and Committees of the Cabinet by the Leader in accordance with the schedule laid before the meeting.

Cabinet

M Radulovic MBE (Chair) - Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Asset Management
G Marshall (Vice Chair) - Portfolio Holder for Resources and Personnel Policy
H E Skinner - Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change
V C Smith - Portfolio for Housing
T A Cullen - Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Health
G Bunn - Portfolio Holder for Community Safety & Deputy Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Asset Management
C Carr
J W McGrath

Policy Overview Working Group Membership

Broxtowe Alliance

P Smith (Chair)
G Bunn (Vice-Chair)
H Skinner
R Bullock
J W McGrath

Conservatives

D D Pringle
G S Hills
M Brown

Labour

D Bagshaw
S A Bagshaw

Broxtowe Independent Group

B C Carr
D L MacRae

Liberal Democrat Group

D K Watts

Events, Arts, Culture and Heritage Working Group Membership

Broxtowe Alliance

T Cullen (Chair)
C Carr
P Smith
V Smith
J McGrath
S Paterson

Conservative

L A Ball BEM
H G Khaled MBE
S Kerry

Labour

S A Bagshaw
W Mee

Broxtowe Independent Group

B C Carr (Vice-Chair)
D L MacRae

Shared Prosperity Fund Members Advisory Panel (UKSPF Panel) Membership

Broxtowe Alliance

M Radulovic MBE (Chair)
G Marshall (Vice-Chair)
G Bunn

Conservative

P J Owen

Labour

H J Faccio

Broxtowe Independent Group

R D MacRae

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Planning Committee

Broxtowe Alliance

S Jeremiah (Chair)	Substitutes	1. R Bullock
P A Smith (Vice Chair)		2. S Webb
G Marshall		3. K Woodhead
R E Bofinger		4. V C Smith
H E Skinner		5. S Paterson
G Bunn		

Conservative

L A Ball BEM	Substitutes	1. H G Khaled MBE
D D Pringle		2. J M Owen
G S Hills		3. P J Owen

Labour

D Bagshaw	Substitutes	1 A Cooper
P Bales		2. W Mee

Broxtowe Independent Group

S J Carr	Substitute	1. E Williamson
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Liberal Democrat Group

D K Watts

Substitute 1. H Land

Licensing & Appeals Committee

Broxtowe Alliance

R Bullock (Chair)
S Webb (Vice-Chair)
C M Tideswell
K Woodhead
S Jeremiah

Labour

A Cooper
E Winfield

Conservative

D D Pringle
G S Hills
S Kerry

Broxtowe Independent Group

B C Carr
E Williamson

Liberal Democrat Group

H Land

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Broxtowe Alliance

S Dannheimer (Chair)
S Webb (Vice Chair)
K A Harlow
C M Tideswell
K Woodhead

Labour

E Winfield
H J Faccio

Conservatives

J M Owen
A W G A Stockwell
H L Crosby

Broxtowe Independent Group

E Williamson (Vice-Chair)
R D MacRae

Liberal Democrat Group

H Land

Governance, Audit & Standards Committee

Broxtowe Alliance

K Woodhead (Vice Chair)	Substitutes	1. P Smith
R Bullock		2. R Bofinger
S Dannheimer		3. C M Tideswell
S Jeremiah		4. S Paterson
K A Harlow		5. S Webb

Conservative

M Brown	Substitute	1. P J Owen
J M Owen		
G S Hills		

Labour

A Cooper	Substitutes	1. H J Faccio
E Winfield		2. P Bales
W Mee		3. T Marsh

Broxtowe Independent Group

S J Carr (Chair)	Substitute	1. B C Carr
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Liberal Democrat Group

A Kingdon	Substitute	1. D K Watts
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Advisory Shareholder Sub-Committee

Broxtowe Alliance

Sue Paterson (Chair) S Jeremiah (Vice Chair) S Webb	Substitutes	1. K A Harlow 2. R Bullock 3. K Woodhead
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Conservative

G S Hills D D Pringle	Substitute	1. M Brown
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Labour

W Mee	Substitutes	1. T Marsh
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Broxtowe Independent Group

B C Carr	Substitute	1. S J Carr
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Chief Officer Employment Committee

Broxtowe Alliance

G Marshall (Chair) V C Smith (Vice Chair) K Woodhead G Bunn	Substitutes	1. M Radulovic MBE 2. H E Skinner 3. S Jeremiah 4. P Smith
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Conservative

P J Owen	Substitute	1. J M Owen
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Labour

P Bales
H J Faccio

Broxtowe Independent Group

R D MacRae	Substitute	1. S J Carr
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Liberal Democrat Group

D K Watts

Independent Members

Two Independent Persons to be appointed to the Committee solely in relation to disciplinary matters for statutory chief Officers within the relevant Terms of Reference for the Chief Officer Employment Committee.

Local Joint Consultative Committee

Broxtowe Alliance

H E Skinner
G Marshall
P Smith

Labour

A Cooper

Conservative

D D Pringle
G S Hills

Broxtowe Independent Group

E Williamson

Bramcote Bereavement Services Joint Committee

Broxtowe Alliance

M Radulovic MBE

Conservative

H G Khaled MBE

Labour

E Winfield

REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

<u>NO.</u>	<u>BODY/ORGANISATION</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>
1	Age Concern, Eastwood	Cllr R Bullock
2	Attenborough Nature Reserve Forum	Cllr P A Smith Cllr T A Cullen Cllr H E Skinner
3	Beeston Consolidated Charity	Cllr S Webb Cllr H E Skinner
4	Beeston Rylands Community Centre	Cllr S Webb Cllr S Dannheimer
5	Broxtowe Citizens Advice Bureau	Cllr P A Smith
6	Canalside Heritage Centre	Cllr V C Smith (substitute Cllr R Bullock)
7	Chilwell Community Centre	Cllr S Jeremiah Cllr H E Skinner Cllr C M Tideswell
8	Core City Board/Joint Leadership Board	Cllr G Marshall
9	East Midlands Councils	Cllr M Radulovic MBE or nominated representative
10	Museum Service	Cllr K Woodhead
11	Eastwood Volunteer Bureau Management Committee	Cllr K Woodhead
12	Francis Dixon and Catherine Gregory Charity	Cllr H Land Cllr D Watts
13	Greater Nottingham Groundwork Trust	Cllr H E Skinner
14	Greenwood Partnership Board	Cllr H E Skinner
15	Joint Planning Advisory Board	Cllr M Radulovic MBE
16	Local Government Association	Cllr M Radulovic MBE or nominated representative
17	Local Government Information Unit	Cllr M Radulovic MBE
18	Nottingham Express Transit Development Board	Cllr W Mee
19	Nottingham Playhouse Trust	Cllr K A Harlow

<u>NO.</u>	<u>BODY/ORGANISATION</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>
20	Nottinghamshire Local Government Leaders Group	Cllr M Radulovic MBE or nominated representative
21	United Charities of Abel Collins	Cllr B C Carr
22	Health Scrutiny - Lead Member	Cllr C M Tideswell (Substitute Cllr E Winfield)
23	Chilwell Family Hub (formerly Sure Start)	Cllr H J Faccio Cllr C M Tideswell
24	Health and Wellbeing Board	Cllr C M Tideswell
25	Notts Police and Crime Commissioner's Panel	H Faccio (Substitute Cllr T Cullen)
26	Armed Forces Champion	Cllr M Radulovic MBE
27	Liberty Leisure Board Member	Cllr R Bofinger Cllr C Carr Cllr S Dannheimer
28	Joint Waste and Recycling Committee	Cllr H E Skinner
29	East Midlands Airport Consultative Committee	Cllr P Smith or nominated representative
30	LGA General Assembly	Cllr M Radulovic MBE or nominated representative
31	District Councils Network	Cllr M Radulovic MBE or nominated representative
32	Refugee Steering Group	Cllr G Bunn Cllr B C Carr Cllr H G Khaled
33	Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London Joint Committee	Cllr W Mee
34	Appointed every four years – Bramcote Consolidated Charities	(Bramcote Councillors, last appointed 2023)

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The appointments to committees and Outside Bodies in accordance with the schedule laid before the meeting be approved.**
- 2. The Constitution be amended to reflect that the Advisory Shareholder Subcommittee be increased to seven members and the Chief Officer Employment Committee be increased to nine members.**
- 3. The Council NOTED that either the Leader of the Council or another Councillor being their nominated representative, and either the Leader of the Opposition or another Councillor being their nominated representative, have the right to attend any of the Council's Committees, which are not scrutiny committees, as ex-officio members and to speak but not vote at it provided that such nominated representatives may not be in attendance at the same meeting as their respective leaders, unless they have been appointed as a member of that committee or are acting as a substitute for a named member.**

76 PAY POLICY 2025/26

The Council debated the Pay Policy Statement for 2025/26, as required by the Localism Act 2011.

RESOLVED that the Pay Policy Statement 2025/26 be approved.

77 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL – PAY AWARD AND REVIEW OF ALLOWANCES

The recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel were debated, including the recommendation for a rise in allowances in line with the employee pay award.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. Members allowances be increased for 2025/26 in line with the employee pay award (anticipated at 3%).**
- 2. An increase of £600 be applied to the basic allowance to decrease the gap between this Council and the Council with the next lowest allowances in Nottinghamshire.**
- 3. An allowance of £900 be awarded for the role of Deputy Portfolio Holder.**

78 APPROVAL OF THE REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS, CAPITAL STRATEGY, TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, INVESTMENTS STRATEGY, GENERAL FUND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND TO FIX THE COUNCIL TAX FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1 APRIL 2025

The Council debated the capital and revenue budget proposals together with the Capital Strategy, Prudential Indicators, Treasury Management Strategy, Investment Strategy and General Fund Medium Term Financial Strategy and Business Plans.

It was stated that there was a continuing serious economic context for local government but the Council had delivered another “no cuts to jobs and services” budget, which led the way in housing, house building and the environment. Next year’s budget would focus on a diverse programme of continued investment in Broxtowe’s town centre regeneration, council house delivery, parks and open spaces, and an exciting cultural offer, which continued to support financial sustainability, and improve the residents and tenants’ lives.

It was proposed by Councillor P J Owen and seconded by D D Pringle that the following amendment be made to the budget.

1. “Re-instate free car parking across Broxtowe:
additional budget - £250,000
2. Invest in improved street cleansing across Broxtowe:
additional budget - £100,000

Total additional budget	£350,000
Funding – Use of General Fund reserves	£350,000”

Prior to debate on the amendment there was a brief adjournment.

The debate on the amendment was had and included comments on car parking charges and the impact on local businesses. There was further debate on the balance of ensuring car parking charges were fair, but did not impact negatively on businesses. On being put to the meeting the motion was defeated. The vote was recorded and the voting was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
L A Ball BEM	P Bales	
M Brown	R E Bofinger	
B C Carr	R Bullock	
S J Carr	G Bunn	
G S Hills	C Carr	
S J Kerry	A Cooper	
H G Khaled MBE	T A Cullen	
D L MacRae	S Dannheimer	
R D MacRae	H J Faccio	
J M Owen	S P Jeremiah	
P J Owen	A Kingdon	
D D Pringle	H Land	
A W G A Stockwell	G Marshall	
E Williamson	J W McGrath	
	W Mee	
	S Paterson	
	M Radulovic MBE	
	H E Skinner	
	P A Smith	
	V C Smith	
	C M Tideswell	
	D K Watts	
	S Webb	
	E Winfield	

K Woodhead

The debate progressed on to the original motion. It was noted that the proposed budget included the work of the Community Safety Team and also work around health projects, including the CEDARS project and Bramcote Leisure Centre. There were concerns about weed killers, hosing repairs, the Council's ICT system and telephone answering. Discussion progressed on to homelessness, the East Midlands Combined Authority, affordable housing and austerity.

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, a recorded vote was required. The voting was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
P Bales	L A Ball BEM	
R E Bofinger	M Brown	
R Bullock	G S Hills	
G Bunn	S Kerry	
B C Carr	H G Khaled MBE	
C Carr	J M Owen	
S J Carr	P J Owen	
A Cooper	D D Pringle	
T A Cullen	A W G A Stockwell	
S Dannheimer		
H J Faccio		
S P Jeremiah		
A Kingdon		
H Land		
D L MacRae		
R D MacRae		
G Marshall		
J W McGrath		
W Mee		
S Paterson		
M Radulovic MBE		
H E Skinner		
P A Smith		
V C Smith		
C M Tideswell		
D K Watts		
S Webb		
E Williamson		
E Winfield		
K Woodhead		

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The recommendations arising from the Cabinet meeting of 4 February 2025 as set out below be approved and adopted.**
 - The Housing Revenue Account budget as submitted be approved.**
 - The General Fund revenue budgets as submitted be approved.**

- The capital submissions and priorities within them be approved and the Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer be authorised to arrange the financing of the Capital Programme as necessary.
 - An amount of £50,000 be provided for a General Fund Contingency in 2025/26.
 - The Council Tax Requirement for 2025/26, excluding special expenses and local precepting requirements, be £6,862,179.
 - An amount of £1,332,559 be withdrawn from the General Fund reserves in 2025/26 to include:
 - a) £1,277,216 from General Fund balances.
 - b) £55,343 from General Fund earmarked reserves.
 - The Capital Strategy 2025/26 to 2027/28 be approved.
 - The Minimum Revenue Provision policy as set out be approved.
 - The Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2025/26 to 2027/28 be approved.
 - The Investments Strategy 2025/26 to 2027/28 be approved.
 - The General Fund Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2028/29 be approved.
2. It be noted that Cabinet, at its meeting on 3 December 2024, approved the following amounts for the year 2025/26 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012:
- (a) 35,568.23 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, as its council tax base for the year.

(b) Part of the Council's area

Parish of Awsworth	607.40
Parish of Brinsley	773.41
Parish of Cossall	246.43
Parish of Eastwood	3,088.63
Parish of Greasley	3,756.84
Parish of Kimberley	1,898.97
Parish of Nuthall	2,258.62
Parish of Stapleford	4,274.82
Parish of Trowell	842.43
Beeston Special Expense Area	17,645.38

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations as the amounts of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

The amount calculated for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates is 175.30.

3. The following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2025/26 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act) as amended:
- (a) £60,074,411 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act.

- (b) **£51,978,462** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act.
- (c) **£8,121,949** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A (4) of the Act, as its council tax requirement for the year.
- (d) **£228.35** being the amount at 3(c) above divided by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year.
- (e) **£1,259,700** being the aggregate amount of all special items (including parish precepts and special expenses) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) **£192.93** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

(g) Part of the Council's Area

Parish of Awsworth	£344.89
Parish of Brinsley	£314.45
Parish of Cossall	£251.30
Parish of Eastwood	£261.57
Parish of Greasley	£253.88
Parish of Kimberley	£270.34
Parish of Nuthall	£247.47
Parish of Stapleford	£247.30
Parish of Trowell	£299.17
Beeston Special Expense Area	£194.40

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA	VALUATION BANDS							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Parish of Awsworth	229.93	268.25	306.57	344.89	421.53	498.17	574.82	689.78
Parish of Brinsley	209.63	244.57	279.51	314.45	384.33	454.21	524.08	628.90
Parish of Cossall	167.53	195.46	223.38	251.30	307.14	362.99	418.83	502.60
Parish of Eastwood	174.38	203.44	232.51	261.57	319.70	377.82	435.95	523.14
Parish of Greasley	169.25	197.46	225.67	253.88	310.30	366.72	423.13	507.76
Parish of Kimberley	180.23	210.26	240.30	270.34	330.42	390.49	450.57	540.68
Parish of Nuthall	164.98	192.48	219.97	247.47	302.46	357.46	412.45	494.94
Parish of Stapleford	164.87	192.34	219.82	247.30	302.26	357.21	412.17	494.60
Parish of Trowell	199.45	232.69	265.93	299.17	365.65	432.13	498.62	598.34
Beeston Special Expense Area	129.60	151.20	172.80	194.40	237.60	280.80	324.00	388.80
All other parts of the Council's Area	128.62	150.06	171.49	192.93	235.80	278.68	321.55	385.86

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(f) and 3(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

4. That it be noted for the year 2025/26, the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority, Nottinghamshire County Council and the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner are proposing the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

PRECEPTING AUTHORITY	VALUATION BANDS							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Nottinghamshire County Council	1,263.03	1,473.53	1,684.04	1,894.54	2,315.55	2,736.56	3,157.57	3,789.08
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner	197.40	230.30	263.20	296.10	361.90	427.70	493.50	592.20
Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority	64.81	75.61	86.41	97.21	118.81	140.41	162.02	194.42

5. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(h) and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 2025/26 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA	VALUATION BANDS							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Parish of Awsworth	1,755.17	2,047.69	2,340.22	2,632.74	3,217.79	3,802.84	4,387.91	5,265.48
Parish of Brinsley	1,734.87	2,024.01	2,313.16	2,602.30	3,180.59	3,758.88	4,337.17	5,204.60
Parish of Cossall	1,692.77	1,974.90	2,257.03	2,539.15	3,103.40	3,667.66	4,231.92	5,078.30
Parish of Eastwood	1,699.62	1,982.88	2,266.16	2,549.42	3,115.96	3,682.49	4,249.04	5,098.84
Parish of Greasley	1,694.49	1,976.90	2,259.32	2,541.73	3,106.56	3,671.39	4,236.22	5,083.46
Parish of Kimberley	1,705.47	1,989.70	2,273.95	2,558.19	3,126.68	3,695.16	4,263.66	5,116.38
Parish of Nuthall	1,690.22	1,971.92	2,253.62	2,535.32	3,098.72	3,662.13	4,225.54	5,070.64
Parish of Stapleford	1,690.11	1,971.78	2,253.47	2,535.15	3,098.52	3,661.88	4,225.26	5,070.30
Parish of Trowell	1,724.69	2,012.13	2,299.58	2,587.02	3,161.91	3,736.80	4,311.71	5,174.04
Beeston Special Expense Area	1,654.84	1,930.64	2,206.45	2,482.25	3,033.86	3,585.47	4,137.09	4,964.50
All other parts of the Council's Area	1,653.86	1,929.50	2,205.14	2,480.78	3,032.06	3,583.35	4,134.64	4,961.56

79 URGENT BUSINESS

The following item for urgent business was submitted by Councillor G Bunn:

“Council notes the Government’s decision in the recent budget to raise the single fare cap on bus journeys in England from £2 to £3 from January 1st, 2025, this represents an increase of 50%.

Council notes that this will increase the cost of journeys during a cost of living crisis at the most expensive time of year. It will also encourage people to choose car travel over public transport, at a time when we should be encouraging and supporting greener travel alternatives.

This decision follows the Labour Government’s previous choices to remove the Winter Fuel Allowance from pensioners and their failure to scrap the Two-Child Benefit Cap, as yet another choice that will negatively impact many of the poorest and most vulnerable residents across Broxtowe.

Council resolves to:

- Request the Portfolio Holder for Environment to write to the Secretary of State for Transport to urgently review the decision to raise the cap by 50%.
- In the absence of this reversal, call upon Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham City Council, and the mayor of the East Midlands to develop a local scheme, as other Mayoral Combined Authorities already have done, to maintain the capped fare at £2 to support the economy and people of the East Midlands. We also call upon Claire Ward, as Mayor of the East Midlands, to maintain her commitment to supporting public transport using the devolved funding, which includes over £40 million specifically to support and improve bus services across the area, to work with us to go beyond this basic commitment and find a way to make public transport free in future. This transformative step would demonstrate EMCCA's commitment to inclusive growth and a strategy that unlocks the economic potential of the region by increasing access to jobs, training and opportunities, while also ensuring that the authority maintains its commitment to combating climate change as net zero and transport are two of EMCCA's five core priorities.”

On being put to the meeting it was agreed that the item met the criteria for urgent business.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor W Mee as follows:

“Council notes the Government’s decision in the recent budget to raise the single fare cap on bus journeys in England. from £2 to £3 from January 1st, 2025, this funding is a subsidy of bus companies to lower fares, not a price ceiling, of which the subsidy was scheduled to run out. The way in which we improve our public transport is through integrated ticketing.

Council notes that through integrated ticketing fares will decrease the cost of journeys during a cost of living crisis at the most expensive time of year. It will also encourage

people to choose all modes of public transport (Tram, Train, Bus) over car travel, at a time when we should be encouraging and supporting greener travel alternatives.

This decision follows 10 years prior to the bus cap in which the conservatives took no action and let bus fares skyrocket, as well as no action on integrated ticketing.

This council also notes that the county council and the city council, the two Nottinghamshire councils with remit over transport are currently looking at improving current integrated ticketing plans. It is important we make a request that Broxtowe Borough is included in full.

Council resolves to:

- Write to both the city and county council transport portfolio holders (Councillors Neghat Khan and Neil Clarke MBE) to request that any reviews and improvements to the integrated ticketing include the north of the Borough of Broxtowe, Stapleford, Trowell, Awsworth, Cossall and Bramcote.
- Request that this integration is across all Tram, Train and Bus routes within the area.
- Emphasise the importance of bus provision improvements within the borough”

On being put to the meeting, the amendment was defeated.

It was proposed by Councillor S J Carr and seconded by Councillor B C Carr that the item be put to the vote. The proposal was carried.

RESOLVED that the motion submitted by Councillor G Bunn be approved.