

COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2025

Present: Councillor R Bullock, Mayor

Councillors: P J Bales
L A Ball BEM
M Brown
G Bunn
S Camplin
C Carr
A Cooper
J Couch
H L Crosby
T A Cullen
S Dannheimer
H J Faccio
K A Harlow
S P Jeremiah
S Kerry
A Kingdon
H Land
T J Marsh
G Marshall
W Mee
J M Owen
P J Owen
S Paterson
M Radulovic MBE
H E Skinner
P A Smith
V C Smith
C M Tideswell
D K Watts
S Webb
E Winfield

68 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Bagshaw, S A Bagshaw, B C Carr, S J Carr, H G Khaled MBE, D L MacRae, R D MacRae, J W McGrath, D D Pringle, A W G A Stockwell, E Williamson and K Woodhead.

69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

70 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 15 October and 26 November 2026 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

71 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor gave a brief résumé of his engagements since the previous Council meeting and welcomed Councillor Sarah Camplin as a new member of the Council. The Mayor also wished Councillor Ken Woodhead a swift recovery after a recent operation.

72 LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader presented his report and stated that it gave him great pleasure to look back on another year delivering the Council's ambitious programme and that he was looking forward to a promising 2026. The Leader gave thanks and gratitude to all the staff, residents, businesses who have supported our Borough during 2025, especially with the challenging economic times. Gratitude was also offered to public sector colleagues in the NHS, Police, Ambulance and Fire Services.

It was stated that there had been focus on a diverse programme of continued investment in Broxtowe's town centre regeneration, housing, parks and open spaces, and an exciting cultural offer. The Leader remained proud of the Council's economic development and investment strategy, across housing, regeneration, and business growth, which he stated continued to support financial sustainability, and improved our residents' and tenants' lives.

73 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members of the public.

74 REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL POLICY

The Portfolio Holder for Resources and Personnel Policy presented his report. Responses to questions included that business rates had seen a shift from applied relief and impacts would need to be understood for the implications around the business rates pool. It was further stated that parish and town councils would need to make contributions where possible to remembrance events.

75 REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

The Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Asset Management presented his report. Responses to questions included that the warehouses around Bennerley Viaduct could be subdivided if necessary and it was an opportunity to bring

employment to the area. It was further stated that the Kimberley Brewery site was under investigation.

76 REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HOUSING

The Portfolio Holder for Housing presented her report and expressed disappointment around a tenants' data collection issue and stated that steps had been taken to improve correspondence in the future.

77 REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR LEISURE AND HEALTH

The Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Health presented her report. In response to questions the Portfolio Holder stated that a report would be submitted to Cabinet which provide an update on Bramcote Leisure Centre.

78 REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change presented her report. In response to a question about contamination in green bins and how it could be improved, the Portfolio Holder stated that a film had been made including students that had made an impact on bin contamination.

79 REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Portfolio Holder for Community Safety presented her report and in response to questions stated that she was happy to advocate a support group for families with members who had suicidal tendencies. Graffiti would be removed as soon as it was reported to the Council and responsibilities were also with the police and the County Council.

80 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.

81 YOUTH MAYOR'S REPORT ON BROXTOWE YOUTH VOICE ACTIVITIES

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

82 REFERENCES

82.1 ANNUAL CONSTITUTION REVIEW

Members considered the report of the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee and it was stated that further consideration was needed by the Committee, therefore it was proposed by Councillor T J Marsh and seconded by Councillor G Marshall to return the report to the Committee.

On being put to the meeting, the proposal was carried.

82.2 LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2026/27

Members considered the arrangements to operate the Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2026/27.

RESOLVED that the current Local Council Tax Support Scheme remains in place for 2026/27.

Reason

Under section 13A (2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council as billing authority must make a localised Council Tax Reduction Scheme in accordance with Schedule 1A to the Act. Each financial year the Council must consider whether to revise its scheme, or to replace it with another scheme.

83 SUBMISSION OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM STRATEGIC PLAN FOR EXAMINATION

Members considered a recommendation from Cabinet to submit the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan to the Secretary of State for Independent Examination. The Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan is a statutory development plan document and part of the Council's Policy Framework and comprises strategic planning policies and strategic site allocations. The Plan had been prepared with Nottingham City and Rushcliffe Borough Councils; separate approvals were simultaneously being sought for the partner authorities.

It was stated by Members that there was no alternative to submitting the plan as the only other option would leave the Council open to speculative development. It was further stated that the submission would consolidate the issue for future generations by bringing hope, investment and securing jobs. The inquiry should be held locally and publicly and the Council should work with developers to ensure environmental contributions.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor M Radulovic MBE and seconded by at least five other Councillors. The voting was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstension</u>
P Bales	L A Ball BEM	A Kingdon
M Brown		H Land
R Bullock		D K Watts
G Bunn		
S L Camplin		
C Carr		
A Cooper		
J Couch		
T A Cullen		
S Dannheimer		
S P Jeremiah		
S Kerry		
T J Marsh		
G Marshall		
W Mee		
J M Owen		
P J Owen		
S Paterson		
M Radulovic MBE		
H E Skinner		
P A Smith		
V C Smith		
C M Tideswell		
S Webb		
E Winfield		

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan and accompanying Submission documents be submitted to the Secretary of State for Independent Examination.**
- 2. To confirm that the Council considers that the revised Publication version of the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan (March 2025) has substantially the same effect on its area as the November 2024 Publication version (which included Gedling Borough Council as a partnering authority).**
- 3. To grant delegated authority to the Assistant Director of Planning and Economic Development, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any necessary minor editing amendments to the Submission draft Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan if required.**
- 4. To request the Planning Examination Inspector(s) to consider the proposed modifications, including supporting the creation of a DH Lawrence County Park north of Eastwood, and recommend any modifications which are necessary to make the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan sound, under section 20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).**
- 5. The updated Local Development Scheme (with effect from December 2025) be adopted.**

Reason

The Strategic Plan is in accordance with all of the Council's corporate priorities, particularly providing a good quality home for everyone.

(Councillors D Bagshaw, H Crosby and E Williamson left the meeting prior to voting thereon.)

84 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FROM MAY 2026 TO APRIL 2027

Members considered the Programme of Meetings for the period between May 2026 and April 2027.

RESOLVED that the Programme of Meetings be approved.

Reason

This will assist the Council to achieve all of its corporate priorities.

85 MEMBERS' SPEECHES ON WARD ISSUES

There were no speeches on ward issues due to apologies having been sent from Councillors R D MacRae and J W McGrath.

86 QUESTIONS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no questions in relation to Outside Bodies.

87 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no questions from Members due to apologies having been sent from Councillor J W McGrath.

88 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

RESOLVED that:

- 1. Councillor S L Camplin be appointed to the Planning Committee and as a substitute on the Governance, Audit & Standards Committee.**
- 2. Councillor S P Jeremiah be appointed to the Liberty Leisure Board of Directors.**

89 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

The Local Government Act 1972 states that when a Councillor fails to attend any meeting for six consecutive months from the date of their last attendance, then, subject to certain exceptions, they cease to be a Member of the authority, unless the Council accepts a reason for the failure to attend before the six months expires. It was put before Members to consider a dispensation for Councillor S A Bagshaw under Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the period of six months from 10 July 2024 before which forfeiture applies.

On being put to the meeting, the dispensation was rejected.

90 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.