

## **BASSETLAW DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Virtual Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Present:	Councillor D Merryweather (Chairman)	
Councillors	J R Anderson	G A N Oxby
	J P Bowker	D G Pidwell
	H M Brand	J C Plevin
	D K Brett	J Potts
	R B Carrington-Wilde	D R Pressley
	D Challinor	M W Quigley MBE
	M R Charlesworth	A Rhodes
	G Clarkson	H M Richards
	A K Coultate	M Richardson
	K Dukes	N J Sanders
	T P Eaton BCA	J M Sanger MBE
	C Entwistle	B L Schuller
	J Evans	S Scotthorne
	S Fielding	S E Shaw
	G Freeman	J C Shephard
	K M Greaves	B Sofflet
	S A Greaves	H L Tamblyn-Saville
	S Isard	C Tindle
	J Leigh	C Troop
	J W Naish	M G Watson
	J W Ogle	J White

Officers in attendance: D Armiger, L Dore, D Hill, J Lavender, N Taylor and S Wormald.

(Meeting opened at 6.30pm).

The Chairman welcomed all to the fifth virtual Council meeting and explained that councils have been enabled to hold virtual meetings in order to allow business to be conducted while maintaining social distancing due to the outbreak of Covid-19. She then introduced Members and officers by doing a roll call. The Chairman advised that in the event of the livestream failing or Members losing connection the meeting would be adjourned to allow the connection to be re-established. She also reminded participants to take appropriate safety precautions from their place of livestreaming.

#### **117. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Jones.

#### **118. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

##### **(a) Members**

In reference to the second and third Motions at Agenda Item No. 7, declarations of Non-Pecuniary Interest had been received from Councillors H M Brand, G Clarkson, B L Schuller,

M W Quigley MBE and S Shaw. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in these same Motions had been declared by Councillors M R Charlesworth, D J Merryweather and M G Watson.

Non-disclosable Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Item No. 10(a) Neighbourhood Planning: Application to Designate a Neighbourhood Area and an Associated Neighbourhood Forum – Retford Town Centre (Key Decision No. 864), were declared by Councillors J R Anderson, H M Brand, G Clarkson, H L Tamblyn-Saville and S E Shaw.

Councillor D R Pressley declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in Agenda Item No. 8 – Referrals - 8(f) – General Fund Revenue Budget 2021/22 to 2025/26 (Key Decision No. 855).

(Councillor J P Bowker joined the meeting).

(b) Officers

There were no declarations of interest by officers.

119. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020 and 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 be approved.

120. COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman's Communications

“I would like to thank everyone once again for their professional approach to this meeting held online due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

I am honoured to give mine and fellow Chair-persons vote of thanks to Ron Swallow, our Civic Chauffeur. I must also mention our deep sense of appreciation for Ron and all his hard work. Ron has taken care of us all by getting us where we needed to be and has also offered his protection towards the Chain of Office at all times. Ron has never complained and has remained professional while carrying out his duty. He has befriended all of the past Chair-persons with his witty humour and even had me laughing when he once unwittingly did a u-turn in an unsavoury area. Finally I would like to take this opportunity to place on record our hearty thanks. I know his dedication and commitment will be missed and whoever follows Ron will have big shoes to fill. So on behalf of all of the Council, take care Ron and enjoy your retirement. Thank you.”

Chief Executive's Communications

The Chief Executive advised that:

- Community Testing and the new Retford site: around one in three people who have Coronavirus do not have symptoms and can be spreading the virus without knowing it. In partnership with the Department for Health and Social Care and Nottinghamshire County Council, Bassetlaw has successfully launched two asymmetric testing sites in Worksop which has helped Bassetlaw residents who cannot work from home to get regular Covid testing so that they can have confidence that they are not putting their family and loved ones or their colleagues at risk. A new testing site will be opening on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March in the Buttermarket at Retford Town Hall.
- Dog Control Order consultation: Council is currently consulting with residents on the existing Bassetlaw-wide Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) that relates to dog-fouling in areas where dogs should be kept on leads. As a PSPO lasts for a maximum of three years, the Council is now seeking the public's views on whether the Order

should be renewed for a further three year period, whether the areas of land covered or other requirements to the Order, should be amended. If you would like to take part in the consultation, or direct your constituents to the online survey, please visit the Environmental Health section of the Council's website. The consultation will end on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.

- New facilities for The Canch in Worksop: Work to create a brand new amenities and refreshments building in the award-winning Canch Park in Worksop has now begun. The Council owned facility will include a refreshments kiosk, outdoor seating, changing places facility, disabled toilet, a baby-changing and parent WC in addition to the four self-contained uni-sex toilets, that will be situated opposite the Splash Pool and within the area of the Sensory Garden, improving the facilities at The Canch, which has achieved Green Flag status for seven years in a row which has been a high target for the Council to meet over a number of years. The project is expected to be complete by early September.

### Leader's Update

"I want to place on record my sincere thanks to everyone that has helped in the roll-out of the vaccination across the District. There has been an army of volunteers that have been absolutely first-rate and let's not forget, at the forefront of this programme, has been our fantastic local NHS and primary care network. Without that network, we would not be so far advanced as where we are and the roll-out has been a great success and a fantastic example of what a local NHS focussed on supporting and protecting the public can achieve in the face of this pandemic. Thank you everyone. There is more to go, there's more work to do and everyone will be working together.

The Chief Executive commented on the investment into The Canch in Worksop. I think it worth reflecting on the number of changing places facilities that are now being brought into Bassetlaw to free up and make accessible our towns and our parks and this is very much welcomed. No place should be inaccessible and this is a most welcome investment indeed.

I also wish to place on record my thanks to officers, colleagues and councillors, and in particular Councillor White, for being able to secure the Government funding for the Skills Hub into Worksop town centre. This is a fantastic investment in skills, into future jobs and the regeneration of Worksop town centre. This is very much needed to support the local NHS, to support local employers. This is very much looking to the future and this investment is going to pay dividends in better skilled, better paid jobs for local people and none of us should disregard or rubbish such a fantastic achievement in our future."

### 121. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public of which notice had been given in accordance with Rules of Procedure Number 10.

### 122. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Two questions were asked by one Member in accordance with Rules of Procedure Number 11.

#### From Councillor A K Coultate:

"How much income does the Leadership of the Council foresee generated (as stated in the Medium Term Financial Plan) in 2021-2022 onwards from:

- (i) The S80 Partnership
- (ii) Bersahill Developments

and can it be confirmed no Council officer or Member receives any additional benefit/expense in relation to these companies?"

Reply from Councillor J White:

"As Members will be aware, the Government has incrementally withdrawn the rate support grant requiring councils to become self-sufficient and fund service provision through council tax, business rates and fees and charges. The withdrawal of financial support has created a funding gap of over £1m that this authority has to find in the next financial year. Cutting service provision is not an option in Bassetlaw. The Government has placed a strong emphasis on councils becoming commercial entities to raise revenue in new and innovative ways. Turning a public sector organisation around so it becomes a profit-making body has not been an easy job. One of the hardest tasks has been to get our bank to recognise us as a commercial entity and adapt its services.

In 2016, we set up Bersahill, a joint partnership with local builders, Woodhead, to build houses within the District. Its focus is on building houses that people want, working with and listening to local communities. Our first project is Madison Court in Harworth with building work to begin very soon. This will include bungalows to meet local demand and will also include Council properties. These will be properties of a standard and design that we will all be proud of. £200k of profit has been included in the budget for 2021/22 for the Harworth scheme and this will increase as the site is built out. Bersahill is actively looking at other sites within the District prioritising Council or public sector owned land and there is a strong commitment to work with Neighbourhood Plan organisations to help deliver their ambitions.

We also established S80 Partnership to develop commercial activities that enhance our service provision. We are currently installing and monitoring CCTV across the District's industrial estates and providing a listening support service for people living in sheltered accommodation. Profits have already been used to enhance local provision and increase staff cover. Officers have submitted ideas and proposals and we are currently predicting an income of £40k per year and this has been included for the five years from 2021/22 making £200k in total over the life of the Medium Term Financial Plan.

I'm very happy to absolutely confirm that no officer or Member of Bassetlaw District Council receives an additional benefit or expense in relation to Bersahill or S80 Partnership. Every one of us, whether we are elected or employed, do so because we have chosen to serve our residents and this is why I am here today. This is not about feathering a nest or shining our personal haloes; the very worst thought any of us can have is on personal financial gain or benefit. The Nolan principles of public life apply to us all and have to be our constant guide as elected and public servants."

From Councillor A K Coultate:

"What are Bassetlaw District Council's plans to ensure that our high streets thrive economically once the current COVID restrictions are lifted?"

Reply from Councillor J White:

"As you will be aware, a great deal of work has been undertaken to support town centre businesses through the pandemic and to speedily distribute grants in line with the criteria set by Central Government. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has announced a continuation of support with more grants awarded yesterday and again, we will work as hard as we can to get them to the businesses in our town centres as quickly and efficiently as possible. Local businesses have already thanked us for the speed of our response and we have officers dedicated to this task. Looking forward, and in relation to the reopening of our high streets post-pandemic, the Council is already working on an ambitious plan for both Worksop and Retford.

A business neighbourhood plan is being developed for Retford in partnership with local businesses and this will ensure the proposals will be brought forward which take account of current issues, support future investment for the town and most importantly, are locally focused and have the support of local businesses. We will be voting on this tonight and I trust every one of us will be able to give it our full support.

Turning to Worksop, you will be aware of current building work to convert Middletons into an Enterprise Centre. This is scheduled to open this autumn, bringing new life and footfall to the top of town, opening up opportunities for existing and new businesses. You will also have seen the recent announcement, as already mentioned, of the funding we have received for the Bridge Court proposals that the Council has developed with a range of partners bringing a skills hub as a gateway point in the town. As well as being a stimulus for change, bringing a new footfall to stimulate businesses and hospitality, it will also provide a significant boost for local people to get jobs in the health sector and beyond. We are also working on producing an ambitious Masterplan for the town centre and this will act as a catalyst for the regeneration of the town and I would encourage all Members to read these proposals. It is facilitating a vision for the future that improves connectivity, builds strong links to our green spaces and makes the town centre a place that people want to come, not just for shopping, but for leisure, entertaining and relaxing.

It is important however, to be aware that not all the keys to revitalising the town centres are in the hands of the Council. For example, our joint bid into the Stronger Towns Fund and Future High Streets Fund that contain ambitions to make the much needed step changes in Worksop, were refused by Government. Surprisingly, our refusal went hand-in-hand with a healthy grant being awarded to the rich bustling market town of nearby Newark in the constituency where you live Councillor Coultate. The wider controversies of this are still being debated but certainly having the Secretary of State for Local Government as your MP does make a difference. Sadly, after my husband stepped down, we no longer have anyone to do the strong arm wrestling that we so desperately need in Bassetlaw. Additionally, the Government's proposals to change permitted development rights allow shops to be converted to residential use without planning permission is another factor. While this may be a positive step in wealthy areas, in places like Worksop where land values are low, this is likely to lead to a reinforcement of the cycle of decline and we have asked the Government to think again about these proposals for areas like this. Let's cut the risk of H.M.O.'s and push for high quality homes that people want to live in.

Finally, the floods of 2019 also created their toll on the future security of Worksop town centre. We have an urgent need for flood alleviation schemes and these ambitions are being contained within the Masterplan, but these will require Central Government funding. Whilst we have made funding, our funding, available for the scheme in Retford since 2017, there's still no sign of the Central Government funding required to deliver this project. Let us hope that the same is not the case for the much needed flood improvement work in the centre of Worksop."

Supplementary Question from Councillor A K Coultate:

"Thank you for this detailed and strategic answer. My concern is after the initial rush when Covid restrictions end, many people will be glad to leave the house I fear many people will have become accustomed to other retail experiences such as online shopping and won't return to the high street in the medium and long term. Therefore can the Council look at ensuring that we are looking at best practice wherever that may lie in the country, to ensure that our retail and business experience is as user-friendly and customer focused as possible."

Reply from Councillor J White:

"I agree we face a difficult time ahead of us. Some of the well-known high street brands, such as Burton's and Dorothy Perkins, will never be seen again. We have to change our high street

so it becomes more attractive to perhaps the independents, to encourage local business to set up, we need to look at how the market can change so that a business can come in and trial their goods and as a consequence of the pandemic, more people are shopping locally and don't want to travel far any more. Hopefully those habits will become more fixed and people will want to use the high street more. You are right, we have to look at what other areas are doing and follow best practice. We don't have the oracle, we don't have all the answers but what we do have to do is change and make our high streets safe and pleasant and places where people want to come. The Masterplan is working to address those issues; it will take finances of course and Government support to fund that, but there are also smaller things we can do to change the way we operate. Within Retford we have the Neighbourhood Plan which will also be addressing those issues. During the pandemic period we introduced safe practices for the way people walk through the town centre by encouraging them not to group together and I think that support for people coming into town will have to continue for the short term."

### 123. MOTIONS

The Agenda contained three motions, notice of which had been given in accordance with Rules of Procedure Number 12.

(a) Proposed by Councillor N J Sanders and seconded by Councillor M R Charlesworth:

"This Council notes:

That the UK has one of the lowest levels of statutory sick pay (SSP) in Europe. Moreover, the value of this payment has eroded, and it now equates to around a fifth of median earnings. In April 2020, the SSP rate was £95.85 per week.

According to the 2020, Vivaldi Study 77% of care home workers received SSP only and a further 7% did not receive any sick pay coverage.

Full sick pay is now widely accepted as an effective infection control measure, and there is growing evidence that the main reason for failure to self-isolate during this Pandemic is the financial pressure caused by the loss of earnings due to being off sick.

A GMB Survey of nearly 1000 social care workers found that 77% said they would be inclined to return to work before they were ready if they were on SSP and 80% of respondents said they would be forced to borrow off family and friends to make ends meet if they were on SSP only.

Further, this Council believes that over recent months, companies have taken advantage of the pandemic have used "Fire and Rehire" to lower the terms and conditions of their workers. Some companies have also seen fit to propose changes in their policies on sick pay without proper consultation, this at a time when there is growing concern that the lack of proper support during periods of sickness or self-Isolation is forcing workers to return to work before they should.

This Council believes that there needs to be a greater understanding of these concerns and resolves to write to Mims Davies MP, Minister for Employment and to Rt Hon Stephen Timms, Chair of The Work and Pensions Select Committee requesting that they are investigated in order to help defend and protect the employment rights and health of local people in Bassetlaw."

Councillors J White, S A Greaves, S E Shaw, K M Greaves, J Potts, H M Richards, M R Charlesworth, C Tindle and N J Sanders spoke to the motion.

**RESOLVED** that the motion be supported.

(Councillors M R Charlesworth, D J Merryweather, M G Watson left the meeting having each declared a Pecuniary Interest in the second and third Motions).

(Vice-Chairman Councillor J P Bowker in the Chair).

(b) Proposed by Councillor S A Greaves and seconded by Councillor H M Brand:

“This Council is concerned and alarmed by the proposals contained in the Health and Social Care White Paper which if enacted will have profound implications for the future of the local NHS in Bassetlaw.

Bassetlaw is part of the Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospital Trust, and the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Integrated Care System.

The proposals contained in the White Paper remove Bassetlaw from South Yorkshire and place at risk current NHS services and pathways and once again bring into question the future of Bassetlaw Hospital.

Bassetlaw Council calls upon the Government to ensure that the district remains within the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw ICS and allow our local NHS to continue its excellent work in the district during this time of national crisis.”

Councillors J White, A Rhodes, J C Shephard, D R Pressley, N J Sanders, J A Leigh, S Fielding, J Potts, S E Shaw, M W Quigley MBE, K M Greaves, D Challinor, D G Pidwell, S Scotthorne, H M Brand and S A Greaves spoke to the motion.

A recorded vote was requested by in excess of the required seven Members.

FOR: Councillors J R Anderson, J P Bowker, H M Brand, D K Brett, R B Carrington-Wilde, D Challinor, G Clarkson, K Dukes, T P Eaton BCA, C Entwistle, J Evans, S Fielding, G Freeman, K M Greaves, S A Greaves, J Leigh, J N Naish, G A N Oxby, D G Pidwell, J C Plevin, J Potts, D R Pressley, A Rhodes, H M Richards, M Richardson, N Sanders, J M Sanger MBE, B L Schuller, S Scotthorne, S E Shaw, J C Shephard, B Sofflet, H L Tamblyn-Saville, C Tindle, C Troop, J White.

AGAINST: Councillor J W Ogle.

ABSTAINED: Councillors A K Coultate, S Isard, M W Quigley MBE.

**RESOLVED** that the motion be supported.

(c) Proposed by Councillor S Fielding and seconded by Councillor D R Pressley:

“This Council is greatly concerned by the proposed removal of specialist mental health services (Wards B1 and B2) located at Bassetlaw Hospital by Nottinghamshire NHS Foundation Trust.

These proposals amount to a further erosion of specialist clinical provision based in Bassetlaw and another example of the relocation of services outside of the district.

This Council encourages everyone to take part in the present consultation exercise and calls upon Nottinghamshire NHS Foundation Trust to explore every option available to ensure that modern specialist provision remains based in the District with enhanced community based mental health services.”

Councillors R B Carrington-Wilde, T P Eaton BCA, S E Shaw, H M Brand, G Clarkson, A K Coultate, J A Anderson, H M Richards, A Rhodes, J M Sanger MBE, J Potts, H L Tamblyn-Saville, C Tindle, K M Greaves, D R Pressley, S Fielding spoke to the motion.

(Councillor M W Quigley MBE declared a Pecuniary Interest during consideration of the Motion and left the meeting).

A recorded vote was requested by in excess of the required seven Members.

FOR: Councillors J R Anderson, J P Bowker, D K Brett, R B Carrington-Wilde, D Challinor, G Clarkson, K Dukes, T P Eaton BCA, C Entwistle, J Evans, S Fielding, G Freeman, K M Greaves, S A Greaves, J Leigh, J N Naish, G A N Oxby, D G Pidwell, J C Plevin, J Potts, D R Pressley, A Rhodes, H M Richards, M Richardson, N J Sanders, J M Sanger MBE, B L Schuller, S Scotthorne, S E Shaw, J C Shephard, B Sofflet, H L Tamblyn-Saville, C Tindle, R J Tomlinson, C Troop, J White.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: Councillor A K Coultate, S Isard, J W Ogle.

**RESOLVED** that the motion be supported.

(There was a five minute comfort break and the meeting resumed at 8.50pm).

(Councillors M R Charlesworth, D J Merryweather, M W Quigley MBE and M G Watson re-joined the meeting).

(Councillor D J Merryweather resumed the Chair).

#### 124. REFERRALS

- (a) Audit and Risk Scrutiny Committee – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Minute No. 110(c) – Annual Audit Letter 2019/20

Members received a referral from Audit and Risk Scrutiny Committee which presented the Annual Audit Letter summarising the outcome of the 2019/20 audit work carried out by Mazars LLP.

**RESOLVED** that the Annual Audit Letter for 2019/20 be noted.

- (b) Audit and Risk Scrutiny Committee – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Minute No. 110(d) – Mazars External Audit Strategy Memorandum 2020/21

Members received a referral from Audit and Risk Scrutiny Committee which asked that the Mazars Audit Strategy Memorandum for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 be accepted. The Chair of Audit and Risk Scrutiny Committee expressed his thanks to the Committee, the Interim Director of Corporate Resources and finance officers for their work during the year which had resulted in a good audit return for the Council.

**RESOLVED** that the Mazars Audit Strategy Memorandum for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 be received and accepted.



- (c) Cabinet – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Minute No. 237(a) – Property Asset Management Plan 2021/22 (Key Decision No. 852)

Members received a referral from Cabinet which sought approval of the Property Asset Management 2021/22 Update.

**RESOLVED** that the Property Asset Management Plan 2021/22 Update be approved.

- (d) Cabinet – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Minute No. 237(b) – Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2021/22 (Key Decision No. 853)

Members received a referral from Cabinet which sought approval for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2021/22.

**RESOLVED** that the Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2021/22 be approved.

(Councillor S Isard lost connection to the meeting).

- (e) Cabinet – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Minute No. 237(c) – Treasury Management Strategy 2021/22 to 2023/24 (Key Decision No. 854)

Members received a referral from Cabinet which sought approval of the Treasury Management Strategy incorporating the Borrowing Strategy, Investment Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy and Prudential Indicators as updated in accordance with latest guidance.

**RESOLVED** that the following be approved:

1. The Treasury Management Strategy 2021/22 to 2023/24 incorporating the Borrowing Strategy and the Annual Investment Strategy (Appendix 1).
2. The Capital Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2021/22 to 2023/24, contained within Section 2.1.
3. The Capital Financing Requirement as detailed in Section 2.2.
4. The Affordability Prudential Indicators as set out in Section 2.3.
5. The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement as contained within Section 2.5 which sets out the Council's Policy on MRP.
6. The Authorised Limit Prudential Indicator contained within Section 3.2.
7. The maturity structure of borrowing as set out in Section 3.3.

- (f) Cabinet – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Minute No.237(d) - General Fund Revenue Budget 2021/22 to 2025/26 (Key Decision No. 855)

Members received a referral from Cabinet which provided details of the General Fund Budget proposals for 2021/22.

A Member thanked those who manage the Council's finances and in particular for again including Councillor Community Grants which enabled money to be given to local good causes.

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The budget for 2021/22 and future years, together with the associated comments from

- the Audit and Risk Scrutiny Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021, be approved.
2. A Council tax increase of £5 for Band D equivalent properties for 2021/22 be approved.
  3. The declaration that there will be a £0.328m deficit on the Collection Fund for 2020/21 as summarised in para 3.43 of the report be noted.
  4. The Business Rates figures shown on the NNDR1 form regarding
    - The net yield from local business rates;
    - The cost of collection allowance;
    - The amounts retained in respect of renewable energy schemes;
    - The declared surplus at the end of 2020/21

be noted.

5. Authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Finance for addressing any issues arising from the Business Ratepayers consultation in February 2021.
6. Authority be delegated to the Head of Finance and Property to deal with amendments to the budget for any changes to the Drainage Board and Parish Town Council precepts.

(g) Cabinet – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Minute No.237(e) – Capital Investment Strategy 2021/22 to 2025/26 (Key Decision No. 856)

Members received a referral from Cabinet which sought approval for the Capital Investment Strategy 2021/22 to 2025/26.

**RESOLVED** that the Capital Investment Strategy 2021/22 to 2025/26 be approved.

#### 125. REPORT(S) OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

(a) Pay Policy Statement

Members were presented with the draft Pay Policy Statement for 2021/22 for consideration and agreement by members of the Council.

**RESOLVED** that the information in the report and attachment be noted and the Pay Policy Statement attached to the report be approved for publication by 1 April 2021.

#### 126. REPORT(S) OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE

(a) Neighbourhood Planning: Application to Designate a Neighbourhood Area and an Associated Neighbourhood Forum – Retford Town Centre (Key Decision No. 864)

The meeting was presented with a report which sought approval to designate Retford Town Centre as a designated Neighbourhood Area and the approval of an Associated Neighbourhood Forum.

Members thanked key officers and members of the Retford Business Forum for their work in enabling the report to come forward for consideration.

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The application to designate Retford Town Centre Neighbourhood Area be approved.
2. Retford Town Centre Neighbourhood Area be identified as a business area.

3. Retford Town Centre Neighbourhood Planning Group be approved as the Neighbourhood Forum for the proposed Retford Town Centre Neighbourhood Area.
4. The District Council contacts Retford Town centre Neighbourhood Planning Group to congratulate them on their successful applications, and to offer ongoing support with the development of their Neighbourhood Plan.

(b) Adoption of the Worksop Town Centre Masterplan (Key Decision No. 865)

The report sought approval for the adoption of the Worksop Town Centre Masterplan 2021. The Draft Worksop Town Masterplan had been subject to consultation between November 2020 and January 2021.

Members enthusiastically welcomed the ambition and aspirations of the Masterplan with its innovative vision to support the future regeneration of Worksop Town Centre.

**RESOLVED** that the Worksop Town Centre Masterplan 2021 be adopted.

(c) Neighbourhood Planning: Minor Material Amendment to the Sutton cum Lound Neighbourhood Plan

The report sought approval to make specified minor material modifications to the Sutton cum Lound Neighbourhood Development Plan (Neighbourhood Plan), in accordance with the recently published Examination Report.

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The Examiner's recommendations, as set out at 6.2 of the report, which includes modifications to the Sutton cum Lound Neighbourhood Plan, as set out in the Examination Report at Appendix 1 and in the Draft Decision Statement at Appendix 2 be approved and the reviewed Neighbourhood Plan be considered 'made'.
2. The District Council contact Sutton cum Lound Parish Council to inform them of the outcome of the decision and to thank them for their ongoing commitment to monitoring and updating their Neighbourhood Plan.

## 127. COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION

(a) Council Tax Resolution and Budget Headlines 2021/22 (Key Decision No. 857)

The Council Tax Resolution and Budget Headlines 2021/22 report included the precept figures for Nottinghamshire County Council, the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner, and the Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

Members were asked to approve the recommendations as set out in the report.

Councillor J Evans, Cabinet Member for Finance, presented the Budget proposals for 2021/22, which were seconded by Councillor S A Greaves.

There were no responses to the proposals on behalf of the Opposition Groups and no alternative Budget proposals were tabled.

(As many Members wished to speak to the Budget, Members decided by majority to extend the meeting until no later than 10.30pm).

Councillors D G Pidwell, S Scotthorne, K Dukes, J Leigh, M W Quigley MBE, S A Greaves, S E Shaw, A Rhodes, R W Carrington-Wilde, D J Merryweather and J Potts spoke to the Budget, with Councillor J Evans concluding.

A recorded vote was taken in accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014.

Voting for the proposed Budget:

**FOR** Councillors J R Anderson, J P Bowker, H M Brand, D K Brett, R B Carrington-Wilde, D Challinor, M R Charlesworth, G Clarkson, K Dukes, T Eaton BCA, C Entwistle, J Evans, S Fielding, G Freeman, K M Greaves, S A Greaves, J A Leigh, D J Merryweather, J N Naish, G A N Oxby, D G Pidwell, J C Plevin, J Potts, D R Pressley, A Rhodes, H M Richards, M Richardson, N J Sanders, J M Sanger MBE, B L Schuller, S Scotthorne, S E Shaw, J C Shephard, B Sofflet, C Tindle, C Troop, M G Watson and J White.

**AGAINST** None.

**ABSTAINED** Councillors A K Coultate, J W Ogle, M W Quigley MBE, H L Tamblyn-Saville

**RESOLVED** that:

1. Recommendations at 3(a) to 3(o) of Appendix F, which is a summary of the recommendations made in the suite of the 2021/22 budget reports, be approved.
2. The formal Council Tax Resolution set out at Appendix A be approved.
3. The total Band D Council Tax be as follows:

	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>Increase</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>%</b>
Bassetlaw District Council	178.48	183.48	2.80
Nottinghamshire County Council	1,400.66	1431.21	1.99
Nottinghamshire County Council – Adult Social Care	134.29	149.64	1.00
Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner	229.32	244.26	6.52
Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Authority	81.36	82.95	1.95
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>2,024.11</b>		
Town & Parish Council (average)	35.16	37.31	6.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,059.27</b>	<b>2,128.85</b>	<b>3.38</b>

128. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

As there was no other urgent business to be discussed, the Chairman closed the meeting.

(Meeting closed at 10.10pm).