

Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 22nd June, 2023 at The Ballroom, Retford Town Hall, DN22 6DB

Present: Councillor D J Merryweather (Chairman)

Councillors:

G Freeman (Vice-Chairman)

C L Adams

J Bowker

R B Carrington-Wilde

D Challinor

H J Digby

L A Dixon

J Evans

E M Griffin

J Horrocks

J O Manners

F Merryweather

D A Naylor

J Potts

D E Pulk

A Rhodes

J M Sanger MBE

S E Shaw

J Slater

C Tindle

J White

D C Bamford

H M Brand

M Carroll

A Coultate

G Dinsdale

T P Eaton

S Fielding

D Henderson

J Leigh

F McFarland

J Naish

D G Pidwell

D R Pressley

M Richardson

N J Sanders

L Schuller

J C Shephard

L Stanniland

C Troop

Officers in attendance: D Armiger, C Hopkinson, C Taylor and M Wildman.

(The meeting opened at 6.30 pm.)

13 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P J Ducey, F Merryweather, G A N Oxby, S H Pashley, L A Sanders and S Scotthorne.

14 Declarations

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

15 Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2023 be approved.

16 Previous Motions Action and Implementation

Resolved that the Previous Motions Action and Implementation be noted.

17 Communications

Chairman's Communications:

The Chairman advised that she had had a brilliant time in her first few weeks as Chairman. She had attended events including:

- The Festival of Faiths at Notts County Hall.
- She represented Bassetlaw in Pfungstadt. There was something to do everyday including a parade on the last day with around 150 floats. She recommended joining the Bassetlaw Twinning Association.

She advised of the Baton of Hope Mental Health Awareness Walk that would be taking place. In Sam's Name founder, Richard McHugh, would be carrying the baton from Worksop to Sheffield.

Chief Executive's Communications:

There were none.

Leaders Update:

Engagement with the City of Nottingham:

He had spoken online to Cllr Mellen, the Leader of Nottingham City Council, yesterday and expressed our condolences for the tragic events that occurred on Tuesday 13th June, and our thoughts remain with those directly and indirectly impacted.

He personally thanked the Chairman of the Council for representing the District at one of the recent public vigils in the city at very short notice.

The call with Cllr Mellen was scheduled before the events on 13th June, so that he could raise some of our collective concerns about the £1.14bn devolution deal for East Midlands and what it might mean for Bassetlaw.

He was pleased to hear that Cllr Mellen shares many of these concerns and sees the deal as a "starting point", as do many people in this room given our general support for pushing powers closer to local authorities and, ultimately, residents.

He has agreed to work with Cllr Mellen closely in the final stages of the devolution deal being finalised.

As things stand, there will be two places for District Councils from Nottinghamshire on the Cabinet, and two for District Councils from Derbyshire. I hope members of all parties will support me in pushing for Bassetlaw to have one of Nottinghamshire's two spots, given the importance of the STEP project to the wider region.

Geothermal energy:

Bassetlaw was recently listed as a potential location for future investment in geothermal energy in a national report produced by Kieran Mullan MP.

The green energy agenda represents the best route for this authority to shape its own future and to deliver game-changing inward investment, to develop the skills of the future and to create high-quality well-paid jobs, so we will continue to explore such opportunities when and as they present themselves.

Boundary review:

The District ward boundaries need to be reviewed as part of this administration.

This process will be formally starting at the end of the month when he will meet Councillors Brand and Stanniland with the key individuals leading this process. More details will be shared with all members in due course.

This is an opportunity to re-visit the important relationship between residents, political representatives and this authority, and to reflect demographic changes in the area.

He hoped that all members will, therefore, welcome the process and engage with it positively and proactively.

STEP:

He thanked Councillors for visibly supporting STEP engagement events over recent months.

There are three main areas for update:

1. The scope for the planned Economic Impact Assessment is being finalised with Notts CC leading. Procurement for a potential partner should commence soon.
2. Investment Zone discussions continue. The STEP site is one of three being put forward by Notts CC but totals more than 50% of the total land area (300 hectares of 555 hectares in total).

More details are needed on the potential financial implications for BDC; Mick Wildman is being engaged at our request. The next ministerial announcement on Investment Zones is expected around 20/07.

3. There has been a notable increase in the number of BDC Cllr and officer invites to external networking events associated with fusion, nuclear and energy projects.

We are starting to build out a database of relevant contacts and I am fully supportive of councillors and officers attending such events. If you want to be a representative, please let me know.

The return from attending conferences, meetings and lectures won't be immediate but over time, we can be confident that being proactive and ever-present at such events will lead to further investment in our region.

Our "Vision for 2040" :

The Council will shortly be consulting on its "Vision for 2040" and the supporting Corporate Plan which will start to deliver our Vision over the next four years.

There are three levels of planning, all of which need to tie together:

1. The Vision through to 2040, setting out our aspirations for Bassetlaw and what we would like to see at the end of the next 17 years.
2. The Corporate Plan for 2023-27 which sits below this, and outlines the specific initiatives being planned and budgeted for as part of this administration.
3. Finally, individual Service Delivery Plans for 2023-24 which confirm what each part of the Council will be doing in the next financial year.

As part of this process, the Council is also introducing a new performance management framework which will include new key performance indicators to align to our emerging Vision.

One of the goals of all this work is to enhance the role of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, giving it a greater role in scrutinising service performance and acting as a critical friend to the Cabinet on both strategic and operational items.

Consultation on the Vision for 2040 and the Corporate Plan for 2023-27 will take place over the summer. This will give residents, businesses and our partners an opportunity to have their say on our priorities for the future. This will be a mixture of online, face-to-face and targeted consultation, with the final version being brought to Council for approval in September.

A new set of corporate values for the Council, that will help to deliver the Vision for 2040, will separately be tabled at July's Cabinet meeting. Members will be given an opportunity to comment on these over the summer months.

Other items of focus over recent weeks including flooding protection and our concerns about the internal workings of the Environment Agency, future Levelling Up opportunities, Levelling Up Fund Round 2 delivery and our green agenda commitments, as well as the complex issue of allocating funding for all Corporate Plan commitments for 2023-27.

He continues to push officers to ensure that by Full Council in September, we are set-up for success for the rest of this administration, and look forward to sharing more on the positive vision for Bassetlaw at September's meeting.

Finally, the NHS turns 75 years old on 5th July 2023. He thanked the ongoing work of doctors, nurses, managers and so many others who keep the NHS running, and I look forward to seeing an end to the ongoing pay disputes once the workforce feels adequately acknowledged for the lifesaving work that they perform day in, day out for all of us.

18 Questions by the Public

There were none.

19 Questions by Members

From Councillor A Coultate:

“Can the Council leadership provide an update regarding their intentions and preparations for any further applications to access levelling up funds?”

Response from Councillor Naish:

"I note that Cllr Coultate has chosen to bring this question about Levelling Up to this authority and I thank him for his honesty in doing so.

This is despite the MP for Bassetlaw, via a leaflet circulated in Worksop in February, claiming sole responsibility for the success of Levelling Up Round 2. The leaflet "Worksop Matters" said simply: "BREAKING: MP secures £20m to boost Worksop High Street".

It was, of course, this authority that funded and led the successful Round 2 bid in conjunction with multiple partners as well as the MP, and I would like to thank officers again for their efforts.

There are two strands in my response to the question itself. Firstly, on Levelling Up Fund Round 3 which is estimated to be worth £1bn (£1.1bn less than Levelling Up Fund Round 2), we continue to think through potential options for submission for various locations across the District.

However, there is still no information about the success criteria for Levelling Up Fund Round 3, so we are second-guessing what may or may not be allowed.

On 24th May when we received the first £8m of our allocated £18m funding from Round 2, I wrote to the relevant Secretary of State, Dehenna Davison, to acknowledge the payment and to request a meeting for more information on the Round 3 criteria so that we can begin preparation early. I have yet to receive a response, despite the Secretary of State visiting Bassetlaw since then.

Members should note that local authority areas have been categorised as priority 1, 2, or 3 for Levelling Up money based on a range of factors. It is estimated that 98 local authorities in categories 1 and 2 have not yet been awarded funds. It may be that Bassetlaw is excluded from applying for Round 3 funding as a result.

Secondly, on Levelling Up Partnerships, the Deputy Leader wrote to the Government when this concept was first announced, requesting more information.

We know that Bassetlaw was one of 20 selected to be part of the £400m Levelling Up Partnerships based on four criteria:

- Skills (percentage of the population with Level 2 qualifications)
- Productivity (gross value added)
- Pay (average weekly earnings)
- Health (average healthy life expectancy)

In recent days, we have learned that Bassetlaw and Mansfield are being treated as priority areas for project mobilisation.

The first step requires the Government to complete a "deep dive" to determine what they believe will be the most impactful interventions. There are six areas of consideration:

- Physical capital
- Human capital
- Intangible capital such as innovation and ideas
- Financial capital
- Social capital
- Institutional capital such as local capacity

This analysis will begin before the end of the month and officers are prepared to support this work. Once the analysis is complete, a period for “fieldwork and diagnostics” will commence – likely in July.

This means that we should be clearer about where Levelling Up Partnerships money can and cannot be spent towards the end of the summer, and we will endeavour to engage members where possible so we collectively make the most of this potential extra investment, while also adhering to the specified timelines.

We are working to the assumption that a list of priority areas for action will be produced towards the end of the summer, with more detailed schemes being developed for delivery through the remainder of 2023.”

(Councillor S Shaw joined the meeting)

From Councillor D Bamford:

“Can the Council provide an update regarding the current financial status and development’s scheduled to be built by Bersahill Ltd”

Response from Councillor J Evans:

“Since assuming full control of Bersahill in March 2023, the Bersahill Board have been working hard to get the Madison Court site developed. The position in March was that there were seven properties partially built, four properties not yet started and one property, the show home, complete but not yet sold.

Essential to completing the properties was to engage a principal contractor to complete the works. Dragonfly Development Ltd have been appointed and they started on site in early May. There have been numerous problems with the work completed by the previous principal contractor such as ill-fitting windows and doors and ineffective drainage works, which are being addressed but have delayed the development of the rest of the site. Nevertheless, work is well underway and completion of all the properties is expected by February 2024.

Bersahill is closely monitoring the financial position. The principal contractor has been given a target budget to complete the project, which they are confident of achieving. This will allow the Council loan and interest to be fully repaid. To achieve the target a Cost of Completion statement has been created and is being updated as contractors are appointed and prices agreed. An open book method has been agreed with the principal contractor, which allows a transparent approach particularly regarding any savings.

A local estate agent is handling sales and marketing and the estimated revenue from the sale of properties is included in the monitoring figures. Should the property market take a downturn there is an option to rent the properties until the market picks up.”

Supplementary from Councillor D Bamford:

“The levelling up fund application form contains a reference to Bersahill’s involvement in future development. Is the Council confident that Bersahill can deliver on budget and on time?”

Response from Councillor J Evans:

She advised that she did not have the information.

The Chief Executive commented that a written response would be circulated.

20 Motions

Proposed by Councillor C Tindle and seconded by Councillor D Challinor:

“This Council notes that the UK’s long association with football means that the sport has become an intrinsic part of the British identity. It not only provides significant health benefits for participants but, for supporters, provides a community to be part of and a way to connect with family and friends.

This Council also notes with pride the performances of its local teams this season. It not only applauds the promotions of nearby Sheffield United (finishing second in the Championship, promoted to the Premiership) and Sheffield Wednesday (finishing third in League 1, promoted to the Championship via the play-offs) but recognises the success of Bassetlaw teams in the lower leagues, notably:

- a) Worksop Town (winning the Northern Premier League Division One East, the first team in English football to secure promotion in the 2022–23 season);
- b) Retford United (winning the Central Midlands Football League North); and
- c) Retford F.C. Women (winning the Nottinghamshire Girls and Ladies Football League (Charter Standard League).

In recognition of this success, this Council resolves to hold a civic celebratory event in the off-season to acknowledge its local teams’ successes, and thank them for successfully representing Bassetlaw in this way.”

* Advice has been sought from the Council’s s.151 Officer, and that advice is set out as follows;

There is a policy for the use of the both Retford and Worksop Town Halls that include civic and ceremonial events, this may be applied in this instance.

Councillors D R Pressley, C Tindle and D Challinor spoke to the motion.

Resolved that the motion be supported.

Proposed by Councillor J Potts and Councillor L Schuller:

“This Council has noted, with horror, recent high-profile cases in the news – most notably involving the police – which have demonstrated that authorities have missed opportunities to stop criminal behaviour. It also notes that due to the varied roles and responsibilities of being a councillor, there is regular contact between elected members and the general public, including one-to-one contact in private spaces.

This Council, therefore, concludes that it would be in its best interest and in the best interests of the general public for all elected members to be formally vetted.

While recognising that checks cannot mitigate the risk of criminal behaviour happening, the Council resolves to fund and commence standard DBS checks for all newly-elected councillors as part of its on boarding processes, and compels all councillors to consent to such checks being undertaken.

This Council also resolves to complete similar checks following all future District Council elections, including any by-elections that occur during the 2023-27 administration.”

* Advice has been sought from the Council's s.151 Officer, and that advice is set out as follows; The costs may be contained within the overall contingency budget for 2023/24 and then similar for future years as required.

Councillors A K Coultate, L Schuller and J Potts spoke to the motion.

Resolved that the motion be supported.

Proposed by Councillor S Fielding and seconded by Councillor N Sanders:

"This Council notes that the Local Government Association is running a campaign to ensure that *"anyone, regardless of their background or political affiliation, should feel safe to become a councillor and be proud to represent their community"*.

With 7 in 10 councillors reporting experiencing abuse and intimidation in 2022, the Debate Not Hate campaign notes that *"the increasing level of abuse and intimidation aimed at local politicians is preventing elected members from representing the communities they serve, deterring individuals from standing for election and undermining local democracy"*.

While recognising that mistakes may have been made by individuals and groups from this Council in the past, it resolves to encourage all members to review and sign the Debate Not Hate public statement at the start of this new administration.

Together, members resolve to debate and disagree in a healthy manner moving forwards, rejecting abuse and intimidation of fellow councillors in all walks of life."

Councillors S Fielding and N Sanders spoke to the motion.

Resolved that the motion be supported.

Proposed by Councillor J White and seconded by Councillor J Naish:

"This Council notes that in March 2023, the UK government published its long-awaited 'Special Educational Needs And Disabilities (SEND) and Alternative Provision improvement plan'. This followed a period of consultation on the 'SEND and Alternative Provision green paper' which was published in March 2022.

As the ministerial foreward in the March 2023 improvement plan notes, *"Children only get one childhood. They deserve to get the support they need to thrive and prepare for happy, healthy and productive adulthoods. For children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) or in alternative provision, this is especially vital"*.

This Council welcomes the 'SEND and Alternative Provision improvement plan' that reflects feedback from thousands of young people, families and those working in education, health, social care and local government, as well as the voluntary and community sector.

However, the Council also notes that under a new inspection framework established by the improvement plan, Nottinghamshire was the first area in the country to be inspected (Q1 2023). This inspection concluded that *"there are widespread and/or systemic failings [in Nottinghamshire] leading to significant concerns about the experiences and outcomes of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) which the local area partnership must address urgently"*. Key concerns include the speed with which children and young people are able to access Education Health and Care (EHC) assessments, and delays in accessing some health services such as speech and language therapy and neuro-developmental pathways.

There are currently 16,000 children and young people in Nottinghamshire with SEND, with an average waiting time for an EHC assessment of 32 weeks.

In the interests of Bassetlaw children and their families, this Council calls on the partnership responsible for SEND services in Nottinghamshire – Nottinghamshire County Council and the NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) – to engage this authority proactively about this important agenda moving forwards, so that its members and officers can support the improvement measures required wherever possible.

The Council also calls for both district council and parent / family representation to be included on the Nottinghamshire SEND Partnership Improvement Board which is being established to oversee the improvement actions needed. This Board will be chaired independently by a recognised sector expert, Dame Christine Lenehan, Director of the Council for Disabled Children.”

Councillors G Dinsdale, D Merryweather, D Challinor, J White and J Naish spoke to the motion.

Resolved that the motion be supported.

Proposed by Councillor A Rhodes and seconded by Councillor D Henderson:

“In May 2022, the Independent Review of Children’s Social Care headed by Josh McCallister published a final report and recommendations that included: *“Government should make care experience a protected characteristic”* and *“New legislation should be passed which broadens corporate parenting responsibilities across a wider set of public bodies and organisations”*.”

As an authority, this Council believes that:

- a) Care leavers face significant barriers that impact them throughout their lives;
- b) Care leavers often face discrimination and stigma across housing, health, education, relationships, employment and in the criminal justice system;
- c) Councillors should be champions of looked-after children, care leavers and care experienced people, and challenge the negative attitudes and prejudice that exists in all aspects of society; and
- d) The Public Sector Equality Duty requires public bodies like Bassetlaw District Council to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation of people with protected characteristics.

This Council is proud that – together with Ashfield, Broxtowe, Gedling, Mansfield, Newark & Sherwood and Rushcliffe councils – it published the first joint Local Offer in England. Among other things, this means that:

- a) All care leavers benefit from council tax exemption up to the age of 25, including care leavers who have moved into Nottinghamshire from other local authority areas;
- b) Care leavers benefit from free leisure centre membership up to the age of 25;
- c) Care leavers are granted a higher priority on housing waiting lists (Band B initially and then increased to Band A after eight weeks, if they are actively seeking accommodation);
- d) Care leavers are eligible to apply for council housing in any district in Nottinghamshire, irrespective of local connections; and
- e) This Council maintains a small stock of dedicated accommodation for care leavers which is used by New Roots Housing, a service commissioned by Nottinghamshire County Council to provide supported accommodation to vulnerable young people who don’t have a safe place to live.

However, this Council would like to go further to support looked-after children, care leavers and care experienced people. Following the 2022 Independent Review of Children's Social Care, it resolves to do this when making decisions or formulating policy by:

- a) Recognising that care leavers are an oppressed group who face discrimination
- b) Promoting co-production and collaboration with care leavers and other vulnerable stakeholders to put the needs of oppressed people at the heart of decision-making;
- c) Amending the Council's Equality Impact Assessments to actively consider the impact of proposed policy changes on people with care experience; and
- d) Treating care experience as if it were a protected characteristic.

Finally, this Council resolves to formally call upon other bodies, notably the UK Government, to treat care experience as if it were a protected characteristic and to formalise this in UK law, as recommended by the Independent Review of Children's Social Care."

Councillors A Rhodes, D Henderson, A K Coultate, S Shaw, M Richardson and L Stanniland spoke to the motion.

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

(The vote was recorded by a member of the public after permission was sought)

For: Councillors C L Adams, D C Bamford, J P Bowker, H M Brand, R B Carrington-Wilde, M M Carroll, D Challinor, A K Coultate, H Digby, G Dinsdale, L A Dixon, T P Eaton BCA, J Evans, S Fielding, G Freeman, E M Griffin, D J Henderson, J M Horrocks, J A Leigh, J O Manners, D J Merryweather, J W Naish, D A Naylor, D G Pidwell, J Potts, D R Pressley, D E Pulk, A Rhodes, M Richardson, N J Sanders, J M Sanger MBE, B L Schuller, S E Shaw, J C Shephard, J G Slater, L A Stanniland, C Tindle, C Troop and J White.

Against: Councillor F McFarland

Abstained: None.

Resolved that the motion be supported.

Proposed by Councillor D E Pulk and seconded by Councillor C Adams:

"This Council believes that a green recovery from the pandemic is not only possible but imperative if the nation and local authorities are to meet carbon reduction targets.

Across the UK, there are estimated to be more than 24 million homes leaking heat. The country's housing stock is older than the housing stock found in most European countries and 70% of homes fall below a good level of energy efficiency (energy performance certificate rating C). 14% of the UK's total emissions is estimated to come from homes, costing households £2 billion in lost lifetime energy bill savings.

Despite this, the Local Government Association has recently highlighted in the June 2023 edition of its *first* magazine that "just 60,000 homes in Britain" benefited from a flagship energy efficiency scheme in 2022 – "down from almost half a million in 2013".

This Council believes that there is no successful route to decarbonising the economy without retrofitting UK homes and making them more energy efficient. Doing so would not only help to protect our planet but will also improve housing, lead to cheaper energy bills and create hundreds of thousands of good-quality jobs.

This Council, therefore, calls upon the Prime Minister to support a 'Great Homes Upgrade' and to commit to retrofitting 19 million homes by 2030.

We also call on the Government to work with housing associations, private rental landlords, owner-occupiers and – most significantly – local authorities to upgrade properties for net zero; to set-up a retrofitting taskforce to target resources appropriately; and call on the Chancellor to commit to spending the estimated £12 billion required over the next three years to begin a ‘Great Homes Upgrade’.”

Councillors J Shephard, G Dinsdale, D Challinor, J P Bowker, L Stanniland, D Bamford J White, C Adams and D Pulk spoke to the motion.

Resolved that the motion be supported.

Proposed by Councillor F McFarland and Seconded by Councillor L Stanniland:

“Bassetlaw District Council is deeply saddened by the death of Awaab Ishak and is committed to ensuring that lessons are learnt to ensure that such a tragedy cannot happen again.

Bassetlaw District Council recognises the duties it has in the Housing Act 2004 to improve the housing quality for both social and private tenants.

Bassetlaw District Council is committed to ensuring that all people in Bassetlaw do not live in poor quality housing.

Bassetlaw District Council will therefore use the powers it has to ensure that all accommodation in Bassetlaw, whether private or social, is of high safety and quality standards.

Bassetlaw District Council will carry out a review of housing conditions in Bassetlaw and supply the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities with an assessment of damp and mould issues affecting privately rented properties.*

Bassetlaw District Council will make an assessment of action that may need to be taken in relation to damp and mould issues affecting privately rented properties in Bassetlaw and supply the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities with this assessment.*

Bassetlaw District Council supports the government’s plans to enable a rigorous new regime that holds all landlords to account for the decency of their homes and the service they provide.

Bassetlaw District Council will prioritise enforcement of housing standards and ensure that there is a strong and up-to-date plan to ensure there is adequate enforcement capacity to drive up standards in the private rented sector.

* Advice has been sought from the Council’s s.151 Officer, and that advice is set out as follows;

The Council does have an action in Housing’s Service Plan to undertake a Private Sector Stock Condition Survey. There is some work county-wide being looked at, for which there will be a relatively reasonable cost, to undertake a desk top survey of the stock. However, this does not go far enough in terms of actually undertaking physical surveys in home, understanding the future housing needs of private housing residents etc. so a more in-depth review would be required.

The review may be considered as an investment proposal as part of the Council’s budget process for 2024/25 or, alternatively, from in-year underspends, as yet to be determined. The review will only take place once adequate budget has been allocated; the cost of the review is estimated to be a minimum of £50k. The review may also impact on the Council’s capital programme requirements in terms of providing grants/loans to homeowners. This, again, would need to be considered as part of the budget setting process.

Councillor J Slater proposed the following amendment:

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Bassetlaw District Council will therefore use the powers it has to ensure that all accommodation in Bassetlaw, whether private or social, is of high safety and quality standards.

As part of the 2023-27 Corporate Plan which has been drafted and shared with service areas and is due to come to Council in September 2023 following consultation, Bassetlaw District Council is already planning to carry out a review of housing conditions in Bassetlaw.* Where practically possible, building on the work already done in its social housing stock, the Council will make an assessment of action that may need to be taken in relation to damp and mould issues affecting privately rented properties in Bassetlaw, and supply the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities with this assessment in line with all statutory requirements.*

Bassetlaw District Council supports the government’s plans to enable a rigorous new regime that holds all landlords to account for the decency of their homes and the service they provide.

Bassetlaw District Council will continue to prioritise enforcement of housing standards and ensure that there is a strong and up-to-date plan to ensure there is adequate enforcement capacity to drive up standards in the private rented sector.”

The Council Solicitor advised that it was a valid amendment and it was accepted by the proposer of the motion.

Resolved that the amended motion be supported.

21 Referrals

21a Cabinet - 14th March 2023 - Minute No. 122(b) - Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project Policy (Key Decision No. 991

Members were presented with a referral from Cabinet.

Resolved that the following be approved:

1. The formation of a new corporate policy mandating the entry into a PPA for all future NSIP projects within or affecting Bassetlaw.
2. That delegation is given to the Head of Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration for the authority to negotiate the detailed terms of the PPA agreements and to conclude the same.

21b Cabinet - 6th June 2023 - Minute No. 10(a) - Food Safety Service Plan

Members received a referral from Cabinet which sought to adopt the Food Service Plan for 2022/23 in accordance with Chapter 1, paragraph 10 and Chapter 2, paragraph 3.1 of the Food Standards Agency (FSA) “framework agreement on local authority food law enforcement.

Resolved that the Food Safety Service Plan for 2023/24 adopted and implemented.

21c Cabinet - 13th June 2023 - Annual Treasury Management Review 2022/23 - Minute Number 17(b)

Members were presented with the Annual Report on Treasury Management Activity for 2022/23 (including Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators) which demonstrate how this is consistent with the Treasury Management Strategy approved by Full Council on 3rd March 2022.

Resolved that:

1. The Annual Report on Treasury Management Activity for 2022/23 be approved.
2. It be noted that the Treasury Management activities are consistent with the objectives identified in the Treasury Management Strategy for 2022/23.

22 Report(s) of the Chief Executive

22a Appointment of Honorary Aldermen

Members were presented with two requests for the appointment of Honorary Aldermen and approval was sought for the ratification of the proposal and the conferring of the honour to be undertaken at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council to be arranged in accordance with the legal process for doing so.

Resolved that:

1. The proposal for former Councillor Simon Greaves to be appointed as Honorary Alderman, and that the ratification of the proposal and the conferring of the honour be undertaken at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council to be arranged.
2. The proposal for former Councillor Michael Quigley to be appointed as Honorary Alderman, and that the ratification of the proposal and the conferring of the honour be undertaken at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council to be arranged.

22b Recognition Awards

Following a Council resolution in June 2022 it was proposed that an extraordinary meeting be called to which Liam Palmer is invited in order for the Chairman to present Liam Palmer with an award in recognition of his sporting achievements.

In addition, a new award has been included within the annual Achievers Awards to recognise the achievement and dedication of a Bassetlaw resident to sport for the benefit of the residents of Bassetlaw which can be entitled the Liam Palmer Award.

Resolved that the Council present Liam Palmer with an award in recognition of his sporting achievements at a specially convened ceremony.

23 Report(s) of the Monitor Officer

23a Appointments to Council Committees 2023/24 Municipal Year

Members were advised of the proposed appointment of a Chair of Audit and Risk Scrutiny Committee, and the appointment of a further member to that Committee.

Resolved that:

1. Councillor C Troop be appointed as Chair of Audit and Risk Scrutiny Committee and Councillor D Pressley as Vice-Chair of the Committee.
2. In accordance with the Council's constitution Councillor Troop, as Chair of Audit and Risk Scrutiny Committee be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

24 Report(s) of the Head of Regeneration

24a Neighbourhood Planning: Request to Designate a New Neighbourhood Area - Gringley on the Hill

The report sought Council approval to designate Gringley on the Hill Parish as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of producing a neighbourhood plan, as defined in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

Resolved that:

1. The designation of Gringley on the Hill Neighbourhood Area, as outlined at 6.2 of the report, be approved.
2. The successful proposal should be documented on the Council's website, including the map of the new Neighbourhood Area boundaries. In addition, the District Council's Neighbourhood Planning Team should contact the Parish Council to inform them of the decisions on their application, and to offer ongoing support with the development of their neighbourhood plan.

24b Neighbourhood Planning: Modifications to, and Arrangements for a Referendum Relating to, the Hayton Neighbourhood Plan

This report sought Council approval to make specified material modifications to the Hayton Neighbourhood Development Plan (Neighbourhood Plan), and to arrange a public referendum to determine whether the Neighbourhood Plan should be formally adopted by the District Council.

Resolved that:

1. The Examiner's recommendation as set out at 6.2 of the report be approved, which include prescribed modifications to the Hayton Neighbourhood Plan as set out in the Examination Report at Appendix 1, and in the Draft Decision Statement at Appendix 2.
2. The holding Neighbourhood Plan Referendum in Hayton Parish on 24 August 2023 be approved.
3. Subject to a simple majority of those voting in the referendum, the Council 'makes' the Hayton Neighbourhood Plan.
4. The Council congratulates the Hayton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on reaching this stage in the neighbourhood planning process and producing a robust Plan for their area.

25 Any Other Business Which the Chairman Considers to be Urgent

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

(Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.)