

Motions to Full Council Action and Implementation – 21st September 2023

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8.12.22	Proposed by Councillor J White and seconded by Councillor L Schuller:	<p>Proposed by Councillor J White and seconded by Councillor L Schuller: “This Council notes that the green agenda – which will ensure the UK reaches net zero by 2050 or before – is vitally important to limit global warming and preserve our planet for future generations. The STEP project, based here in Bassetlaw, is expected to be a major contributor to our understanding of how to stay at net zero once the nation reaches this point.</p> <p>This Council also notes, however, that this will be a complex journey. As a small authority, we don’t have all the in-house knowledge and skills to drive this agenda forwards alone. Wider stakeholder support will, therefore, be needed.</p>	Y	Resolved that the amended motion be supported.	<p>“This Council notes that the green agenda – which will ensure the UK reaches net zero by 2050 or before – is vitally important to limit global warming and preserve our planet for future generations. The STEP project, based here in Bassetlaw, is expected to be a major contributor to our understanding of how to stay at net zero once the nation reaches this point. This Council also notes, however, that this will be a complex journey. As a small authority, we don’t have all the in-house knowledge and skills to drive this agenda forwards alone. Wider stakeholder support will, therefore, be needed.</p>	

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		<p>To that end, this Council resolves to set-up a pro bono “Decarbonisation Advisory Committee” bringing together up to 10 of the region’s foremost minds on the green agenda, working with our Climate Change Officers to prioritise effort and investment appropriately. Chaired by the new Assistant Chief Executive, the terms of reference for this Committee will be produced in conjunction with the Cabinet member for Regeneration.”</p>			<p>To that end, this Council resolves to set-up a pro bono “Decarbonisation Advisory Committee” bringing together up to 10 of the region’s foremost minds on the green agenda, working with our Climate Change Officers to prioritise effort and investment appropriately. Chaired by the new Assistant Chief Executive, the terms of reference for this Committee will be produced in conjunction with the Cabinet member for Regeneration.</p> <p>Council calls on the committee to report its initial recommendations within 6 months, for the administration to provide response to full Council, and for an action plan to be</p>	

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					proposed adopted, and implemented, with further regular updates in progress to be made to full council"	
8.12.22	Proposed by Councillor S Scotthorne and seconded by Councillor N Sanders:	<p>“This Council notes that a key requirement for a decarbonised Bassetlaw will be widespread use of electric vehicles powered by green energy. However, charging electric vehicles can be problematic, especially in areas where terraced housing means homeowners and tenants don’t always have off-street parking where an electric vehicle charging point can be easily accessed.</p> <p>This Council notes that Nottinghamshire County Council is planning an electric vehicle cable channel (EVCC) pilot programme. The planned trial will grant permission to eligible households without off-street parking provision to commission</p>	N	Resolved that the motion be supported.	As submitted	

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		<p>the County Council's highway partners, Via East Midlands Ltd., to install cable channels which are cut into the footway to extend EV charging cables from an off-highway domestic electric vehicle charge point to the public highway through a discrete and safe conduit, without creating a trip hazard to road users or adding to street clutter.</p> <p>The pilot is looking for a maximum of 10 households in Bassetlaw to participate.</p> <p>Although the County Council's funding will help cover the costs for the installation of the EVCC which would otherwise be funded by the householder, the proposed EVCC pilot will still require eligible households to fund an approved domestic electric vehicle charge point on their property. These upfront costs may</p>				

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		<p>exclude eligible households from participating in the pilot where the insights would otherwise be valuable. Given the importance of this pilot in facilitating this Council's understanding of how to help non-driveway households with their future electric vehicle charging needs, this Council resolves to support this pilot with up to £750 per household (£7,500 in total) – on top of the County Council's funding – to contribute towards pilot participation costs, and subsequently to promote this pilot programme to all Bassetlaw residents. It has been agreed that if the costs cannot be contained within existing budgets the Councils Contingency budget will be used to finance any shortfall."</p>				
8.12.22	Proposed by Councillor J Leigh and seconded by Councillor S Shaw:	"This Council believes that for Councillors and senior officers to fully understand the scope and scale of the	N	Resolved that the motion be supported.	As submitted	

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		<p>Council's actions, it is important that they spend time on the front line, talking to operational colleagues who are responsible for delivering front-line services.</p> <p>This is a practice typically employed by mid-to-large scale organisations to ensure head office staff understand the operational impacts of key decisions taken and avoids decision-makers being disconnected from front-line service delivery. It also gives voice to operational staff who frequently feel disconnected from senior leaders and is particularly important at a time of rising staff vacancies.</p> <p>To that end, this Council resolves to initiate a scheme where all Councillors and senior officers – where practically possible – conduct x2 two-hour "field trips" per annum."</p>				

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22.6.23	Proposed by Councillor C Tindle and seconded by Councillor D Challinor	<p>“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.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>a) Worksop Town (winning the Northern Premier</p>	N	Resolved that the motion be supported.	As submitted	Awards were presented at Ex Council on 31st July 2023

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		<p>League Division One East, the first team in English football to secure promotion in the 2022–23 season);</p> <p>b) Retford United (winning the Central Midlands Football League North); and</p> <p>c) Retford F.C. Women (winning the Nottinghamshire Girls and Ladies Football League (Charter Standard League).</p> <p>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.”</p> <p>* Advice has been sought from the Council's s.151 Officer, and that advice is set out as follows;</p> <p>There is a policy for the use of the both Retford and Worksop Town Halls that include civic and ceremonial events, this</p>				

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		may be applied in this instance.				
22.6.23	Proposed by Councillor J Potts and seconded by Councillor L Schuller	<p>“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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>While recognising that checks cannot mitigate the risk of criminal behaviour happening, the Council resolves to fund and commence standard DBS</p>	N	Resolved that the motion be supported.	As submitted	

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		<p>checks for all newly-elected councillors as part of its on boarding processes, and compels all councillors to consent to such checks being undertaken.</p> <p>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.”</p> <p>* 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.</p>				
22.6.23	Proposed by Councillor S Fielding and seconded by Councillor N Sanders	<p>“This Council notes that the Local Government Association is running a campaign to ensure that <i>“anyone, regardless of their background or political affiliation, should feel safe to become a councillor and be proud</i></p>	N	Resolved that the motion be supported.	As submitted	

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		<p><i>to represent their community</i>".</p> <p>With 7 in 10 councillors reporting experiencing abuse and intimidation in 2022, the Debate Not Hate campaign notes that <i>"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"</i>.</p> <p>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</p>				

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		manner moving forwards, rejecting abuse and intimidation of fellow councillors in all walks of life.”				
22.6.23	Proposed by Councillor J White and seconded by Councillor J Naish	<p>“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, <i>“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</i></p>	N	Resolved that the motion be supported.	As submitted	<p>Letter sent to County Councillor Tracey Taylor, Cabinet Member for Children and Families.</p> <p>Copies to: Adrian Smith, Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council Ben Bradley, Leader, Nottinghamshire County Council Amanda Sullivan, Chief Executive, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)</p> <p>Response received 14/7/23 from Adrian Smith, Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire</p>

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		<p><i>provision, this is especially vital”.</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 <i>“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”.</i></p>				<p>County Council. Circulated in the August Members Information Bulletin</p>

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		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>				

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		<p>its members and officers can support the improvement measures required wherever possible.</p> <p>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.”</p>				
22.6.23	Proposed by Councillor A Rhodes and seconded by Councillor D Henderson	<p>“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</p>	N	Resolved that the motion be supported.	As submitted	<p>Letter sent to Prime Minister and Claire Coutinho MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Children, Families and Wellbeing) 5/7/23</p> <p>Response received 7/8/23 – Included in</p>

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		<p>passed which broadens corporate parenting responsibilities across a wider set of public bodies and organisations".</p> <p>As an authority, this Council believes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 				Members Information Bulletin

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		<p>with protected characteristics.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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;</p> <p>b) Care leavers benefit from free leisure centre membership up to the age of 25;</p> <p>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);</p> <p>d) Care leavers are eligible to apply for council housing in any district in</p>				

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		<p>Nottinghamshire, irrespective of local connections; and</p> <p>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.</p> <p>However, this Council would like to go further to support looked-after children, care leavers and care experienced people.</p> <p>Following the 2022 Independent Review of Children's Social Care, it resolves to do this when making decisions or formulating policy by:</p> <p>a) Recognising that care leavers are an oppressed group who face discrimination</p> <p>b) Promoting co-production and collaboration with care</p>				

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		<p>leavers and other vulnerable stakeholders to put the needs of oppressed people at the heart of decision-making;</p> <p>c) Amending the Council's Equality Impact Assessments to actively consider the impact of proposed policy changes on people with care experience; and</p> <p>d) Treating care experience as if it were a protected characteristic.</p> <p>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."</p>				
21.6.23	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	N	Resolved that the motion be supported	As submitted	Letter sent to Prime Minister 5/7/23

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		<p>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.</p> <p>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".</p> <p>This Council believes that there is no successful</p>				

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

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		three years to begin a 'Great Homes Upgrade'."				
21.6.23	Proposed by Councillor F McFarland and Seconded by Councillor L Stanniland	<p>"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</p>	Y	Resolved that the amended motion be supported.	<p>"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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Bassetlaw District Council will therefore use the powers it has to ensure that all accommodation in Bassetlaw, whether private or social, is of</p>	

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		<p>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 upto date plan to ensure there is adequate enforcement capacity to drive up</p>			<p>high safety and quality standards.</p> <p>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</p>	

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		<p>standards in the private rented sector.</p> <p>* Advice has been sought from the Council's s.151 Officer, and that advice is set out as follows;</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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,</p>			<p>this assessment in line with all statutory requirements.*</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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."</p>	

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		<p>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.</p>				