

**ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL**



Council Offices,  
Urban Road,  
Kirkby in Ashfield  
Nottingham  
NG17 8DA

## **Agenda**

### **Council**

Date: **Thursday, 1st December, 2022**

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Time: **7.00 pm**

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Venue: **Council Chamber, Council Offices, Urban Road,  
Kirkby-in-Ashfield**

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# **COUNCIL**

## **Membership**

**Chairman:** Councillor David Walters

**Vice-Chairman:** Councillor Dale Grounds

**Councillors:**

John Baird  
Kier Barsby  
Will Bostock  
Melanie Darrington  
Andy Gascoyne  
Andrew Harding  
Tom Hollis  
Rachel Madden  
David Martin  
Lauren Mitchell  
Warren Nuttall  
Kevin Rostance  
Dave Shaw  
Helen-Ann Smith  
Caroline Wilkinson  
John Wilmott  
Vacancy

Chris Baron  
Jamie Bell  
Christian Chapman  
Samantha Deakin  
Arnie Hankin  
David Hennigan  
Trevor Locke  
Sarah Madigan  
Andy Meakin  
Keir Morrison  
Matthew Relf  
Phil Rostance  
John Smallridge  
Lee Waters  
Daniel Williamson  
Jason Zadrozny

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## **SUMMONS**

You are hereby requested to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at the time/place and on the date mentioned above for the purpose of transacting the business set out below.



**Theresa Hodgkinson**  
**Chief Executive**

## AGENDA

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1. To receive apologies for absence, if any.
2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interests and/or Non-Registrable Interests.
3. To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29 September 2022. 5 - 18
4. To receive any announcements from the Chairman, Leader, Members of the Cabinet and the Head of Paid Service.
5. To receive questions from the Public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, if any.

From Gavin Richards:

*“I would like to ask the leader of ADC and CEO why they are renting out the Watnall Road Council Offices to a Commercial Profit Making organisation (Sports Gateway) for a severely discounted fee - just covering utilities bills. How does this meet fair market value you should be seeking for rents and is this type of deal available to all commercial businesses? Who specifically signed this deal off and can you be sure there is no conflict of interest?”*

6. To receive and consider any petitions submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12, if any.  
*(None received for this meeting)*
7. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2 (viii) to receive reports from the Cabinet in relation to the Council's budget and policy framework, reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for debate and reports from Officers of the Council:-
  - a Changes to Political Balance and Committee Memberships (following Hucknall Central By Election on 23 November 2022). Report to Follow
  - b Interim Review of a Single Polling Place. 19 - 24

8. **In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2 (ix), to receive recommendations from the Cabinet and the Council's Committees and resolve in accordance with the Council's rules of debate as per the attached schedule.** 25 - 38
  
9. **Updates from Members of the Cabinet on their Portfolio Activity.**
  
10. **Notices of Motion.**  
*(None received for this meeting)*
  
11. **To answer any questions submitted in writing by Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, if any.**  
*(None received for this meeting)*
  
12. **To receive a list of minutes and a web link to access Cabinet and Committee meeting minutes that have been published since the last ordinary meeting of the Council for Members to give notice of their intention to ask a question of a relevant Chairman under Procedure Rule 13.2.** 39 - 40  
*(None received for this meeting)*

## COUNCIL

Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Urban Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield,

on Thursday, 29th September, 2022 at 7.00 pm

**Present:** Councillor David Walters in the Chair;

Councillors Chris Baron, Kier Barsby, Jamie Bell, Will Bostock, Christian Chapman, Melanie Darrington, Samantha Deakin, Andy Gascoyne, Dale Grounds, Arnie Hankin, David Hennigan, Trevor Locke, Rachel Madden, Sarah Madigan, David Martin, Andy Meakin, Lauren Mitchell, Keir Morrison, Warren Nuttall, Matthew Relf, Kevin Rostance, Phil Rostance, Dave Shaw, John Smallridge, Helen-Ann Smith, Lee Waters, Caroline Wilkinson, Daniel Williamson, John Wilmott and Jason Zadrozny.

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillors John Baird and Andrew Harding.

**Officers Present:** Lynn Cain, Ruth Dennis, Theresa Hodgkinson, Peter Hudson, Mike Joy, Chris Stephenson and Shane Wright.

**C.28 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interests and/or Non-Registrable Interests**

No declarations of interest were made.

**C.29 Minutes**

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7 July 2022, as now submitted, be received and approved.

(Following consideration of the minutes, all present at the meeting observed a minutes silence in honour of the passing of former Councillors Jim Blagden and Ken Creed and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.)

**C.30 Announcements from the Chairman, Leader, Members of the Cabinet and the Head of Paid Service**

Executive Lead Member for Licensing, Environmental Health and Regulatory Services

Councillor John Wilmott took the opportunity to pay tribute to former Councillor Jim Blagden and spoke about his unwavering commitment to the Council and the people of Hucknall.

#### Leader of the Council

Councillor Jason Zadrozny firstly commended the Council for the work it had undertaken following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and spoke about the list of duties, visits and events that had been undertaken. He sincerely hoped that the Council had played its part and provided a befitting tribute.

Secondly, a further tribute was given to former Councillor Jim Blagden and his outstanding contribution to the Council and the Ashfield District. Councillor Zadrozny spoke of Jim's love for his family, his paintings, his work for St. John's Ambulance service and the people of Hucknall. Former Councillor Jim Blagden had died after a very brave fight with leukaemia.

The following Councillors also paid tribute to former Councillors Blagden and Creed:

David Hennigan  
Chris Baron  
Sarah Madigan  
Lee Waters  
Trevor Locke  
David Martin.

#### **C.31 Questions from the Public**

No questions were received for consideration.

#### **C.32 Petitions**

No petitions were received for consideration.

#### **C.33 Report on an Urgent Key Decision**

In accordance with Rule 17.2 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules, the Leader informed Council of an executive decision that had been taken pursuant to Rule 16 (Special Urgency Provisions.)

The decision related to Carbon Saving Works to Council Assets with the project requiring formalisation to secure resources and commence as quickly as possible to meet the timescale for completion of March 2023.

The decision was key and contained exempt information and the full 28 days' notice could not be given. The Rule 16 Notice and the non-exempt elements of the decision were duly published on the Council's website.

### **C.34 Devolution Deal for Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire**

Council was updated on the progress of the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Devolution programme.

RESOLVED

that the following be received and noted:

- a) the progress to date on the devolution and joint working programme, including the announcement of a 'level 3' deal offer from Government on 30 August 2022;
- b) the requirement for a formal public consultation process scheduled to take place over winter 2022;
- c) the proposed formation of an East Midlands Mayoral Combined County Authority with a new elected mayor, with elections expected to take place in Spring 2024.

(During consideration of this item, Councillor Matthew Relf entered the meeting at 7.45pm and Councillor Dale Grounds left the meeting at 7.57pm.)

### **C.35 Polling Places Review**

Council was presented with proposals for revised polling places and consequential boundary changes following the conclusions of the Polling Places Review Working Group. The draft changes had already been subject to a consultation exercise following approval by Council on 7 July 2022.

Members were requested to note an error on pages 37 and 38 of the report and the following correction:

- Sutton Road,
- (207-215) The Avenue *to read.....*
  
- Sutton Road (207-215)
- The Avenue.

RESOLVED that

- a) the changes detailed in Table 1 of the report, as presented, be approved;
- b) the consequential boundary changes in Table 1 of the report, be duly noted;
- c) should a polling place be unavailable in the run up to an election, delegated authority be granted to the (Acting) Returning Officer to select an appropriate alternative with formal retrospective approval being sought by Council following the election, should this be a permanent proposed change;

- d) it be noted that the approved changes will take effect on 30 September 2022.

### **C.36 Changes to Committees, Panels and Outside Bodies**

Council was requested to consider changes to Committee memberships and two outside bodies following the sad passing of former Councillor Jim Blagden and further vacancies arising on seats assigned to the non-aligned independents.

RESOLVED that

- a) the overall allocation of seats by group as detailed in Table A, be noted;
- b) the allocation of seats on Committees detailed in Table B, be also noted;
- c) the following appointments be made to vacancies on the undermentioned Committees:

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Member:</b>
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cllr. Trevor Locke
Scrutiny Panel A	Cllr. Trevor Locke
Scrutiny Panel B	Cllr. Warren Nuttall
Licensing Committee	Cllr. Andy Meakin
Audit Committee	Cllr. Jamie Bell
Charities Committee	Cllr. Andy Meakin
Chief Officers' Employment Committee	Cllr. Keir Morrison
Standards and Personnel Appeals Committee	Cllr. Jamie Bell

- d) it be noted that non-aligned vacancies remain on Scrutiny Panel B, Licensing Committee and Standards and Personnel Appeals Committee;
- e) Councillor Dave Shaw be appointed as the Council's representative on the Byron Charity – Hucknall for the term ending 31 May 2024;
- f) Councillor Lee Waters be appointed as the Council's representative on the Hucknall Relief in Need Charity for the term ending 31 November 2024.

### **C.37 Annual Scrutiny Report 2022**

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Kier Barsby, presented the Annual Scrutiny Report for 2022.

RESOLVED

that the work undertaken by scrutiny as detailed within the Annual Scrutiny Report for 2022, as presented, be received and noted.

### **C.38 Recommendations from the Cabinet and the Council's Committees**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2(ix), Council considered the following recommendations:



It was noted by Council that the recommendation outlined in respect of the Leisure Transformation Programme report had been included in error and was in fact an additional recommendation that formed part of the Funding Update report to Cabinet on 27 September 2022.

Minute No. CA.16

Cabinet, 19 July 2022

Draft Financial Outturn 2021/22 for General Fund, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital Programme

RESOLVED

that the carry-forward of the £14.567m underspend on the Capital Programme to 2022/23 due to slippage (delays to schemes) included in the approved Programme (Section 5), be approved.

Minute No. L.3

Licensing Committee, 27 July 2022

Consideration of Variation to Hackney Carriage Tariffs

RESOLVED

that having received no valid consultation responses during the agreed 14-day consultation process, the new set of Hackney Carriage Tariffs, as appended to the Licensing Committee report, be formally adopted.

Minute No. CA.25

Cabinet, 27 September 2022

Funding Update

RESOLVED that

- a) subject to Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) approval, the amendment of the Capital Programme values for the two Future High Streets Fund schemes as outlined in the Cabinet report, be approved;
- b) subject to DLUHC's approval of the Investment Plan, the UKSPF funding of £3.192m, noting the indicative revenue/capital split, be accepted and approval be given for the Corporate Finance Manager, with DLUHC approval, to vary the revenue/capital split for the purpose of updating the Capital Programme;
- c) with regard to Safer Streets 4 Funding; to approve the addition of £81k to the Capital Programme and to allow for the Corporate Finance Manager and the Executive Lead Member for Community Safety and Crime Reduction to have the potential to increase the Safer Streets Capital Scheme funding. This is to enable funding to be switched from the revenue allocation to deliver further capital elements should the need arise. This would only be actioned following agreement with the funding provider for the use of the funding. This would reduce the amount added to the revenue budget in 2022/23;
- d) on DLUHC approval of all future Towns Fund business cases, delegated authority be granted to the Executive Lead Member for Finance, Revenues

and Benefits and the Corporate Finance Manager to immediately add the schemes and their associated funding to the Capital Programme to avoid project delays, noting that full due diligence will be undertaken prior to progression through the various RIBA stages of each of the projects.

Minute No. CA.26

Cabinet, 27 September 2022

2022/23 Forecast Outturn for General Fund, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital Programme as at July 2022

RESOLVED

that the amendments and the addition of new schemes to the Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2026/27 and the funding of the Capital Programme as set out in Section 7 and Appendix 3 of the Cabinet report, be approved.

### **C.39 Updates from Members of the Cabinet on their Portfolio Activity**

No Cabinet Member updates were received.

(At this point in the proceedings and in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4 [Order of Business], the Chairman advised that he would be considering the third Notice of Motion, moved by Councillor Daniel Williamson and seconded by Councillor Helen-Ann Smith, first. Members concurred with this course of action.)

### **C.40 Notice of Motion 1 (formerly No. 3)**

The Council received a notice of motion moved by Councillor Daniel Williamson and seconded by Councillor Helen-Ann Smith as follows:-

#### **Motion 3**

To consider a notice of motion proposed by Councillor Daniel Williamson and seconded by Councillor Helen-Ann Smith, as follows:-

*“The Independent Review of Children’s Social Care headed by Josh McCallister published in May 2022 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.”*

#### **On Protected Characteristics for Care Experience – (Care Review May 2022)**

*“Many care experienced people face discrimination, stigma, and prejudice in their day to day lives. Public perceptions of care experience centre on the idea that children are irredeemably damaged and that can lead to discrimination and assumptions being made.*

*One young person told the review that a teacher had told them “You’re smart - for a kid in care”, another young person said “I don’t want people to point out*

*that I am in care if I don't want that mentioned. It makes me so cross – that shouldn't happen.”*

*This stigma and discrimination can be explicit, and often comes with assumptions about the likely characteristics of children and adults that have care experience. They can also be implicit and are evidenced in the way care experience is discussed in schools, workplaces, and the media.*

*At its worst this can lead to care experienced people being refused employment, failing to succeed in education or facing unfair judgements about their ability to parent when they have children and families of their own.*

*Hearing testimony from care experienced people sharing the discrimination they have experienced, even from a very young age, it is clear that such discrimination can be similar in nature to other groups that have a legally protected characteristic under the Equality Act (2010). So, while there may be ways that society can help reduce stigma and discrimination, including creating greater public consciousness on these issues, just as with other areas of equality, there is a case to go further. Therefore, the government should make care experience a protected characteristic.*

*Making care experience a protected characteristic would provide greater authority to employers, businesses, public services, and policy makers to put in place policies and programmes which promote better outcomes for care experienced people. It will make the UK the first country in the world to recognise care experienced people in this way. As a measure, it will bolster and pave the way for a number of the recommendations in this chapter.”*

**Care Review May 2022**

### **Ashfield District Council notes that**

1. *District councils in England must publish information about services which it offers that may assist care leavers in, or in preparing for adulthood and independent living. (Children and Social Work Act 2017 Section 2 (1) (a))*
2. *For the purposes of Section 2 (1) (a) of the Children and Social Work Act 2017. The services that may assist care leavers in, or in preparing for, adulthood and independent living include services relating to;*
  - (a) *health and well-being;*
  - (b) *relationships;*
  - (c) *education and training;*
  - (d) *employment;*
  - (e) *accommodation;*
  - (f) *participation in society.*
3. *On Corporate Parenting Principals Ashfield District Council accepts that it is a relevant local authority in England by virtue of the Children and Social Work Act 2017 Section 1 (3) (b) and in carrying out functions in relation to the children and young people who are care leavers as defined at paragraph 4 of this motion must have regard to the need;*

- (a) *to act in the best interests, and promote the physical and mental health and well-being, of those children and young people;*
  - (b) *to encourage those children and young people to express their views, wishes and feelings;*
  - (c) *to take into account the views, wishes and feelings of those children and young people;*
  - (d) *to help those children and young people gain access to, and make the best use of, services provided by the local authority and its relevant partners;*
  - (e) *to promote high aspirations, and seek to secure the best outcomes, for those children and young people;*
  - (f) *for those children and young people to be safe, and for stability in their home lives, relationships and education or work;*
  - (g) *to prepare those children and young people for adulthood and independent living.*
4. *Children and care leavers relevant for the purposes of the Children and Social Work Act 2017 Section 1 (2) (a) (b) and (c) are;*
- (a) *children who are looked after by a local authority, within the meaning given by section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989;*
  - (b) *relevant children within the meaning given by section 23A(2) of that Act;*
  - (c) *persons aged under 25 who are former relevant children within the meaning given by section 23C(1) of that Act.*
5. *Ashfield District Council acknowledges that Children entering the care system are often split from their siblings and placed outside their home Local Authority Area. That they don't choose to enter the care system, that they don't choose to be split up from their siblings and don't choose to be placed outside their local area.*
6. *Ashfield District Council believes that*
- (a) *Care experienced people face significant barriers that impact them throughout their lives;*
  - (b) *Despite the resilience of many care experienced people, society too often does not take their needs into account;*
  - (c) *Care experienced people often face discrimination and stigma across housing, health, education, relationships employment and in the criminal justice system;*
  - (d) *Care experienced people often face a postcode lottery of support;*
  - (e) *As corporate parents, councillors in a district council have a collective responsibility for providing the best possible support and safeguarding for the children who are looked after by a local authority and who are leaving the care system;*
  - (f) *All corporate parents should commit to acting as mentors, hearing the voices of looked after children and young people and to consider their needs in any aspect of council work;*

- (g) *Councillors should be champions of our looked after children and care leavers and challenge the negative attitudes and prejudice that exists in all aspects of society;*
- (h) *The Public Sector Equality Duty requires public bodies, such as councils, to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, and victimisation of people with protected characteristics;*

**Ashfield District Council is proud that**

- 7. *It published the first joint Local Offer in England in partnership with Mansfield District Council, Bassetlaw District Council, Rushcliffe District Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council, Rushcliffe Borough Council, Gedling Borough Council and Broxtowe Borough Council and;*
  - (a) *That the council tax exemption policy for care leavers across our district and all other districts of Nottinghamshire provides equality of opportunity because it includes care leavers that may have moved into our districts from other Local Authority Areas.*
  - (b) *That our district and all other districts of Nottinghamshire has a free leisure centre membership offer for all Care Leavers up to the age of 25*
  - (c) *It is a signatory to the Nottinghamshire Looked After Children and Care Leavers Partnership Strategy 2022-2025.*

**Ashfield District Council Resolves to.**

- 8. *That when making any decisions in relation to its policies or formulating its Council plan that it recognises that care experienced people are an oppressed group who face discrimination;*
- 9. *That it recognises that Councils have a duty to put the needs of oppressed people at the heart of decision-making through co-production and collaboration;*
- 10. *That it Includes people with care experience within the Council's Equality Impact Assessment process as a voluntary addition to the 9 protected characteristics.*
- 11. *That in the delivery of the Public Sector Equality Duty the Council includes care experience in the publication and review of Equality Objectives and the annual publication of information relating to people who share a Protected Characteristic in services and employment in so far as available data allows for meaningful monitoring.*
- 12. *To formally call upon all other bodies to treat care experience as a protected characteristic until such time as it may be introduced by legislation.*
- 13. *To formally call upon all other bodies to adopt the corporate parenting principal until such time as it may be introduced by legislation.*
- 14. *For the council to proactively seek out and listen to the voices of care experienced people when developing new policies based on their views.*

15. *That in accordance with the Care Leavers Agreement across Nottinghamshire this council aims to remove the Local Connection area test for Care Leavers as defined at paragraph 4 of this motion*
16. *That where a care leaver is found intentionally homeless consideration of additional priority will be given through the Housing Register to ensure suitable accommodation can be secured.*
17. *For this council to increase participation in democracy for Care leavers of all ages by inviting them to attend to give their views and experiences at relevant scrutiny committees.”*

Councillor Jason Zadrozny submitted an amendment to the wording of paragraphs 12 and 13 of the motion and asked Councillors Williamson and Smith, as mover and seconder of the motion, to incorporate them into the original motion. Both agreed to this course of action.

Paragraphs 12 and 13 with amendments:

12. *To formally **adopt and** call upon all other bodies to treat care experience as a protected characteristic until such time as it may be introduced by legislation.*
13. *To formally **adopt and** call upon all other bodies to adopt the corporate parenting principals **for children in care and care leavers** until such time as it may be introduced by legislation.*

During consideration of the motion, the Chairman introduced Terry Galloway who had been instrumental in developing the motion put before Members at the meeting, aimed at raising awareness and support for local care leavers. Mr. Galloway, a Director of Norman Galloway Homes had also been the founder of the Care Leaver Local Offer, which endeavoured to create systemic change and provide a platform for all those interested in getting things improved for children in care and care leavers.

Mr. Galloway addressed the meeting and spoke about his time in care, the difficulties he experienced and his hope for change and improvement for care leavers in the future.

Having been fully considered, the motion was put to the vote and it was

RESOLVED that

- a) when making any decisions in relation to policies or formulating its plans, the Council recognises that care experienced people are an oppressed group who face discrimination;
- b) the Council recognises that it has a duty to put the needs of oppressed people at the heart of decision-making through co-production and collaboration;

- c) people with care experience are included within the Council's equality impact assessment process as a voluntary addition to the 9 protected characteristics;
- d) in the delivery of the Public Sector Equality Duty, the Council includes care experience in the publication and review of equality objectives and the annual publication of information relating to people who share a protected characteristic in services and employment in so far as available data allows for meaningful monitoring;
- e) it be agreed to formally adopt and call upon all other bodies to treat care experience as a protected characteristic until such time as it may be introduced by legislation;
- f) it be agreed to formally adopt and call upon all other bodies to adopt the corporate parenting principals for children in care and care leavers until such time as it may be introduced by legislation;
- g) the Council will proactively seek out and listen to the voices of care experienced people when developing new policies based on their views;
- h) in accordance with the Care Leavers' Agreement across Nottinghamshire, the Council aims to remove the local connection area test for care leavers as defined at paragraph 4 of the motion;
- i) where a care leaver is found intentionally homeless, consideration of additional priority will be given through the Housing Register to ensure suitable accommodation can be secured;
- j) the Council agrees to increase participation in democracy for care leavers of all ages by inviting them to attend to give their views and experiences at relevant scrutiny committees.

(During consideration of the motion, Councillor Melanie Darrington left the meeting at 8.40pm.)

#### **C.41 Notice of Motion 2**

The Council received a notice of motion moved by Councillor Jason Zadrozny and seconded by Councillor Matthew Relf as follows:-

*“Ashfield District Council welcomes the recommendation of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority that will lead to the “Conversion of Ashfield (Fire Station) from one day shift crewing and one On-call appliance to one wholetime and one On-call appliance.”*

*This Council notes the announcement by Councillor Jason Zadrozny, Chairman of the authority's community safety committee on April 29th 2022 of a full-scale assessment of resources across Nottinghamshire's fire station network, with the review also assessing whether each station has sufficient equipment to serve their communities.*

*This Council acknowledges the role of the Ashfield Independents who have been campaigning relentlessly since 2018 to ensure the people of Ashfield have a fully staffed, 24 hour Fire Station.*

*Ashfield District Council believes that this decision will save lives and therefore instructs the Leader and Chief Executive of Ashfield District Council to write to the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority formally asking for this decision to be implemented as soon as practically possible.”*

Having presented the motion, the mover Councillor Zadrozny (and again seconded by Councillor Relf), advised that he wished to amend his motion following a recent decision by the Fire Authority, as follows:

*“Ashfield District Council welcomes the recommendation of Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Authority that ~~will~~ could lead to the “Conversion of Ashfield (Fire Station) from one day shift crewing and one On-call appliance to one wholetime and one On-call appliance.”*

*This Council notes the announcement by Councillor Jason Zadrozny, chairman of the authority’s community safety committee on April 29th 2022 of a full-scale assessment of resources across Nottinghamshire’s fire station network, with the review also assessing whether each station has sufficient equipment to serve their communities.*

*This Council acknowledges the Public Consultation “Fire Cover in Nottinghamshire” which is launched on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September and will formally take part - citing Ashfield District Council’s firm opinion that Ashfield Fire Station, based on Kirkby Road should be fully staffed, 24 hours a day. Ashfield District Council will also do everything within its power to encourage Ashfield residents to back the recommendations of the Fire Authority.*

*This Council acknowledges the role of the Ashfield Independents who have been campaigning relentlessly since 2018 to ensure the people of Ashfield have a fully staffed, 24 hour Fire Station.*

*Ashfield District Council believes that this decision will save lives and therefore instructs the Leader and Chief Executive of Ashfield District Council to write to the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority formally **stating the case for a 24 hour station based in Kirkby** and asking for this decision to be implemented as soon as practically possible.*

Councillor Keir Morrison then requested a further amendment to either remove paragraph 4 of the motion or add reference to the Labour Group into the narrative as follows:

*“This Council acknowledges the role of the Ashfield Independents **and the Labour Party** who have been campaigning relentlessly since 2018 to ensure the people of Ashfield have a fully staffed, 24 hour Fire Station.*

Having considered the request, the mover and seconder of the motion agreed to add reference to the Labour Party into paragraph 4 of the motion narrative.



Having then been fully considered, the motion was put to the vote and it was

**RESOLVED**

that Ashfield District Council believes that a decision to ensure Ashfield Fire Station is fully staffed 24 hours a day will save lives, and therefore instructs the Leader and Chief Executive of Ashfield District Council to write to the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority formally stating the case for a 24 hour station based in Kirkby and asking for this decision to be implemented as soon as practically possible.

(During consideration of this motion, Councillor Sarah Madigan left the meeting at 8.55pm.)

**C.42 Notice of Motion 3 (formerly No. 1)**

Due to the lateness of hour and in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 23.1, the notice of motion, as moved by Councillor Rachel Madden and seconded by Councillor David Martin, stood adjourned to be considered at the next available meeting of the Council.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Chairman.

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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>COUNCIL</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>1 DECEMBER 2022</b>
<b>Heading:</b>	<b>INTERIM REVIEW OF A SINGLE POLLING PLACE</b>
<b>Executive Lead Member:</b>	<b>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b>
<b>Ward/s:</b>	<b>SUTTON CENTRAL AND NEW CROSS</b>
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Subject to Call-In:</b>	<b>NO</b>

### **Purpose of Report**

This report seeks Council approval to commence public consultation on the relocation of one polling place due to the possible future unavailability of an existing venue.

### **Recommendation(s)**

1. That Council approves the draft recommendations set out in this report for public consultation;
2. The findings of the consultation be reported back to Council in February 2023.

### **Reasons for Recommendation(s)**

To deal with an interim review of an existing polling place on which all members of the Polling Place Review Working Party have been consulted.

### **Alternative Options Considered**

None. The risks associated with taking a decision not to relocate to a new venue has the potential to disenfranchise some electors in the Sutton Central & New Cross Ward.

### **Detailed Information**

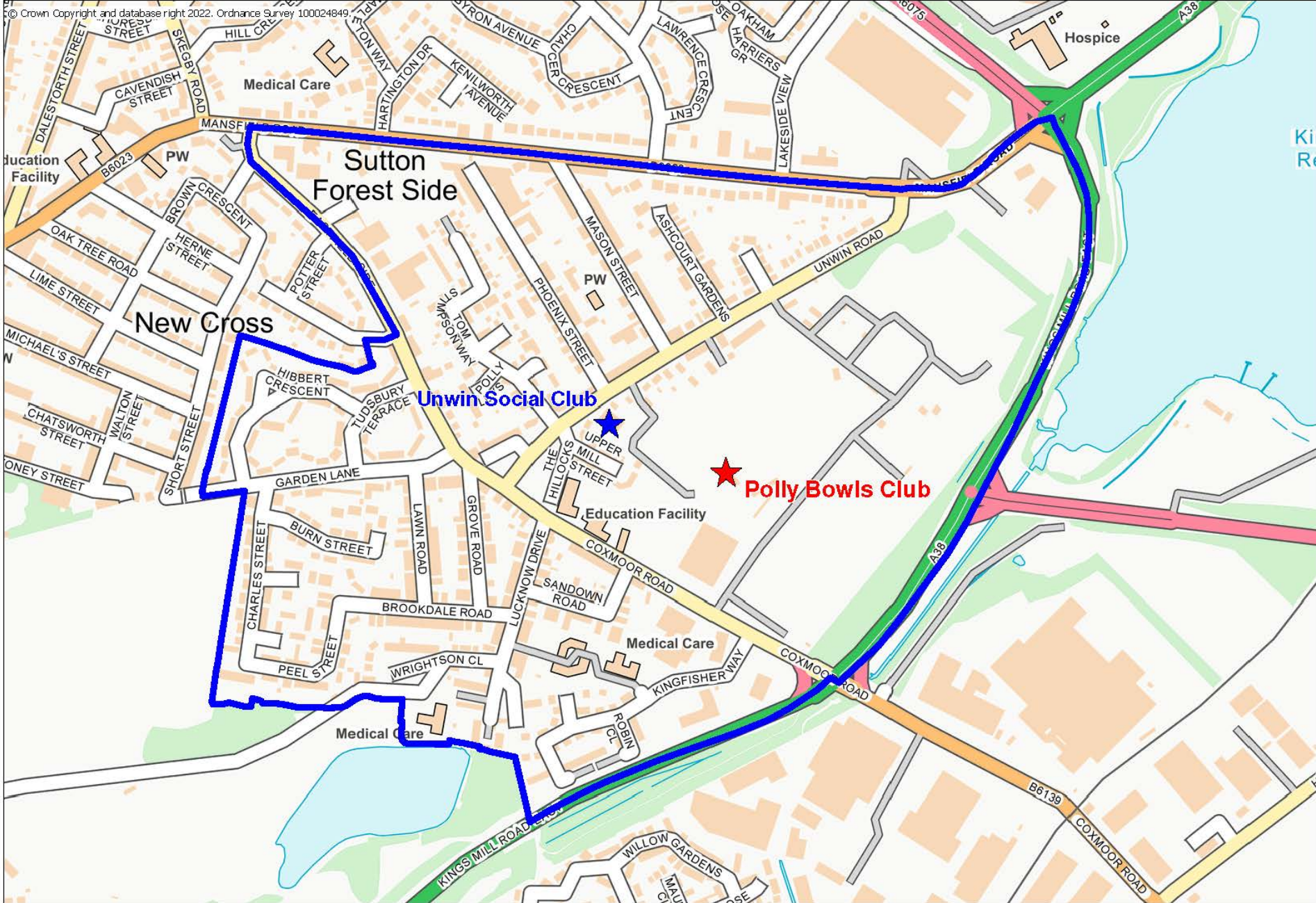
A planning application has been received in respect of the fields to the rear of The Unwin Social Club, the commencement of building works associated with this application could impact the ability of electors to cast their votes.

The Elections Team have identified and visited an alternative venue a short distance from the original polling place. An evaluation of the premises has concluded that the needs of electors would be met in accordance with guidance from the Electoral Commission.

Additionally, the Health & Safety team have undertaken a risk assessment and have determined that the venue is suitable for the purpose for which it is being considered.

The proposals and a map identifying the site are included below:

<b>SUTTON CENTRAL AND NEW CROSS:- SNX3 Proposed New Polling Place</b>					
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Existing Polling Place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Proposed Polling Place</b>	<b>County Division</b>	<b>Access Issues</b>
SNX3	The Unwin Club	1,775	The Polly Bowls Club	Sutton Central & East	No access issues
<p><b>Comments:</b></p> <p>The proposed new venue offers better facilities for both staff and electors, including on-site parking, ramped access directly into the polling station and good lighting.</p> <p>There are good transport links and the track in the approach to the venue is in good repair for any electors choosing to walk to cast their votes.</p>					



## **Implications**

### **Corporate Plan:**

Enable thriving, prosperous and self-sufficient communities where people shape their own futures. Ensure effective community leadership, through good governance, transparency, accountability and appropriate behaviours.

### **Legal:**

A full review of polling places and polling districts will take place in 2023 in line with legislative requirements. This interim review has been carried out to deal with an issue at a specific polling place in readiness for the District Elections in 2023. **(RLD 23/11/22)**

### **Finance:**

<b>Budget Area</b>	<b>Implication</b>
General Fund – Revenue Budget	Costs arising from the review can be met from existing budgets <b>(PH 23.11.22)</b>
General Fund – Capital Programme	N/A
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	N/A
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	N/A

### **Risk:**

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
Potential disruption associated with the existing polling place used for this polling district.  Additional pressures from the requirements of the Elections Bill Regulations.	Change of venue to negate this risk whilst maintaining good facilities for both electors and staff.  The proposed new venue offers better facilities to meet the requirements contained in the new regulations when having regard to accessibility for all electors.

### **Human Resources:**

There are no Human Resources implications arising from this report.

### **Environmental/Sustainability**

There are no Environmental/Sustainability implications arising from this report.



## **Equalities:**

The purpose of the review is to ensure that all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances and that, as far as is reasonable and practicable, polling places are accessible to disabled electors.

## **Other Implications:**

*None*

## **Reason(s) for Urgency**

*None*

## **Reason(s) for Exemption**

*None*

## **Background Papers**

*None*

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**Meeting of the Council**  
**1 December 2022**  
**Schedule of Recommendations**

**N.B.**  
The Schedule sets out recommendations from the Cabinet and the Council's Committees upon which Council is required to reach a decision. During discussion of these items Council Procedure Rule 16 applies (Rules of Debate). Speeches must be relevant to the item being debated. Speeches do not have to be in the form of, or include a question. Members may speak for up to 5 minutes. The Chairman may allow a further 2 minutes at his/her discretion. A Member may only speak once on a motion but may also speak once on an amendment.

<b><u>Meeting:</u></b>	<b><u>Minute No:</u></b>	<b><u>Subject:</u></b>	<b><u>Recommendation(s):</u></b>
<b>Cabinet 8 November 2022</b>	<b>CA.34</b>	<b><u>Funding Update</u></b>	<p>b) Council be recommended, subject to Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) approval, to make an amendment to the Capital Programme values for the Towns Fund and Future High Streets Fund schemes as outlined in the report;</p> <p>d) Council be recommended, following receipt of funds, to agree that Section 106 monies be included on the capital programme as outlined in the report;</p> <p>(Report attached at Appendix A)</p>

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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>CABINET</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>8 NOVEMBER 2022</b>
<b>Heading:</b>	<b>FUNDING UPDATE</b>
<b>Executive Lead Member:</b>	<b>CLLR MATTHEW RELF, EXECUTIVE LEAD MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND CORPORATE TRANSFORMATION</b> <b>CLLR SAMANTHA DEAKIN, EXECUTIVE LEAD MEMBER FOR PARKS, TOWN CENTRES AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</b> <b>CLLR DAVID MARTIN, EXECUTIVE LEAD MEMBER FOR FINANCE, REVENUES AND BENEFITS</b>
<b>Ward/s:</b>	<b>ALL WARDS</b>
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Subject to Call-In:</b>	<b>YES</b>

### **Purpose of Report**

To ensure that Cabinet is kept updated on funding allocations and progress of funded programmes.

To consider and approve an adjustment to the Capital Programme for the Towns Fund and Future High Streets Fund projects.

To add additional Public Open Space Section 106 contributions to the Capital Programme.

## **Recommendation(s)**

1. To note the progress for Future High Streets Fund and Towns Fund projects.
2. To recommend to Council, subject to Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) approval, amendment of the Capital Programme values for the Towns Fund and Future High Streets Fund schemes as outlined in the report
3. To approve the receipt of Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) Phase 3b funding, subject the Council's bids being successful, and approve the engagement with Mace Limited under the Scape 'Place Shaping' Framework (single supplier) to deliver the projects.
4. To recommend to Council, following receipt of funds, that Section 106 monies be included on the capital programme as outlined in the report.
5. To note the Council's successful bid for Cyber Security funding and to approve acceptance of the £125k funding.

## **Reasons for Recommendation(s)**

1. To ensure that Cabinet is kept updated on progress with the funding programmes.
2. To ensure that projects and spend within the funding programmes are delivered within the set timeframes and programme budget envelope.
3. To ensure delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan and improvements to parks and green spaces with a rolling programme of investment.
4. To ensure funding streams are delivered collaboratively and effectively.
5. To note the Council's successful bid for Cyber Security funding and to approve acceptance of the £125k funding.

## **Alternative Options Considered**

1. Not to approve the re-alignment of funds on the Towns Fund and Future High Streets programmes. Not re-aligning the funds will mean that projects cannot be delivered due to budget shortfalls. Not recommended.
2. Not to approve the allocation of S106 funding on the capital programme. Not allocating the funds will mean that public open space improvement projects cannot be delivered. Not recommended.
3. Not to accept the receipt of PSDS3b funding will jeopardise the Council's ability to fund carbon reduction measures to its non-domestic assets and not meet its carbon reduction targets. Not to mobilise the procurement and delivery of the projects imminently will jeopardise delivery in the required timescales.
4. Not to accept the £125k for cyber security to further improve the Council's resilience against potential cyber security attacks. Not recommended.

## Detailed Information

### 1) Funded Programme and Projects Update

#### 1.1 Future High Streets Fund

The four projects are progressing with the first construction contract commencing on the Sutton Low Street projects and design teams now appointed and developing all projects. Planning approvals have been secured for:

- 14 Low Street Refurbishment
- 9-11 Low Street Refurbishment
- 70-78 High Pavement Refurbishment

A planning application will be submitted in the autumn for the Fox Street and Portland Square project.

Branding development has been completed for the High Pavement Business Hub, Maker Space and Theatre projects.

Procurement for main contract work activities are due to commence in early autumn for the following projects:

- 9-11 Low Street Refurbishment
- 70-78 High Pavement Refurbishment
- Fox Street and Portland Square public realm.

#### 1.2 Towns Fund

##### 1.2.1 Business cases

The final five project business cases are in the final stages of the local assurance process, the updated programme is set out in the table below.

Twelve of the projects have completed the local assurance process with summary documents submitted to DLUHC. The outputs for each of the projects are detailed in Annex 1.

##### 1.2.2 Business case submissions

Project	Business Case submission to DLUHC
<b>Be Healthy Be Happy</b>	
North Kirkby Gateway	05.10.22 - Approved, subject to subsidy control advice and detailed cost planning
Kirkby Sports Hub	11.11.22 – Review to further develop cost planning and match funding.
Sutton Lawn Sports Hub	11.11.22 - Review to further develop cost planning and match funding.
<b>More to Discover</b>	
<b>Sutton Town Centre</b>	
Portland Square, Sutton	Completed - Approved for delivery stage subject to a review of the detailed cost plan
<b>Visitor Economy</b>	

Cycling and walking routes	Completed - Approved subject to the completion of the pilot projects and design principles
Visitor digital offer	Completed – Approved, in delivery
Science Discovery Centre and Planetarium	Completed – Approved subject to subsidy control advice and securing match funding
Kings Mill Reservoir leisure development	Completed - Approved subject to subsidy control review and financial model clarification
<b>Succeed in Ashfield</b>	
ADMC (Kirkby/Sutton)	Completed - Project being reviewed directly by DLUHC due to high value. (Subject to subsidy control review and financial model and governance clarification).
Ashfield Construction Centre and Satellite	11.11.2022 – Further review of project options and site assembly being undertaken.
Ashfield Civil Engineering Centre	Completed - Approved subject to subsidy control review and financial model clarification
Enterprising Ashfield	Completed - Approved subject to clarification on subsidy control
Library Innovation Centres - Kirkby & Sutton	Completed – Approved, subject to subsidy control advice and detailed cost planning
<b>Greener Ashfield</b>	
West Kirkby Gateway & public transport hub	15.09.2022 – Approved, subject to subsidy control advice and detailed cost planning
Green Ashfield	05.10.2022 - Approved, subject to subsidy control advice and detailed cost planning
High Street Property Fund	07.12.2022 - Referred / on hold whilst the feasibility of housing company delivery model is completed / approved.
Portland Street Sustainable Housing (Kirkby)	Scheme recommended not to proceed. Approval being sought to reallocate funding

## 2) Towns Fund & Future High Streets

Re-alignment of funds between Towns Fund (TF) and FHSF programmes subject to DLUHC approval.

A business case has been completed for TF13 Portland Street Sustainable Housing, which demonstrates that the TF, Council borrowing and revenue income would be insufficient to cover the associated operational costs and debt service.

Three options were considered during the development of the business case which included:

1. Do nothing.
2. Land assembly / address site abnormal and land sale to a developer.
3. Land assembly / develop the land and let the property to the private market.

Options 2 and 3 demonstrated that the Council would be in a financial deficit if the project was to proceed.

It is therefore recommended that the project does not proceed, and the allocation of TF (£758,327) is reallocated, subject to DLUHC approval, across the programme to other projects.

Across the programme all the TF and FHSF projects have now either completed the business case phase or are in the final stages which has enabled greater cost certainty to be achieved. The table

below details a revised budget where applicable for each project following the development phase and where either a lower Towns Fund contribution is required or where the Towns Fund contribution needs to be increased. The table also demonstrates that the balance of the Towns Fund contribution remains within the envelope of the Total Towns Fund award.

The initial capital work estimates for each of the projects was developed in 2019/20 and submitted with the TF investment plan. During the development of the investment plan a forecast BCIS (General Building Cost Index) and contingency was included to absorb increases (inflation) in project costs over the period of the programme delivery however, world events including the Coronavirus pandemic and the Russian invasion of Ukraine have seen significant market challenges and accelerated inflation in all sectors which the original budgets did not account for.

Each project has been reviewed to identify potential changes or reduced scope to minimise the impacts of the volatile market and inflation, some projects have been able to absorb the risk or identify additional match funding options however funding gaps still remain which are identified below.

## Towns Fund

Project	Towns Fund Budget	Co-Funding Budget	Total Project Budget	Current development forecast cost	Variation
TF-01 Ashfield Civil Engineering Centre	£2,101,134	£329,366	£2,430,500	£2,430,500	Within Budget
TF-02 Ashfield Construction Centre	£6,974,805	£2,110,500	£9,085,305	£7,288,055	£1,797,250
TF-03 Automated Distribution and Manufacturing Centre	£19,983,141	£1,250,000	£21,233,141	£21,233,141	Within Budget
TF-04 Cycling and Walking Routes	£1,936,280	£645,000	£2,581,280	£2,581,280	Within Budget
TF-05 Enterprise In Ashfield	£3,845,000	£3,732,000	£7,577,000	£7,577,000	Within Budget
TF-06 Green Ashfield	£2,198,048	£800,000	£2,998,048	£2,998,048	Within Budget
TF-07 High Street Property Fund	£899,201	£100,000	£999,201	£999,201	Within Budget
TF-08 Kings Mill Reservoir Leisure Development	£2,541,743	£948,000	£3,489,743	£4,300,000	(£810,257)
TF-09 Kingsway Sports Hub	£733,349	£949,000	£1,682,349	£2,658,733	(£976,384)
TF-10 Library Innovation Centres	£587,478	£263,000	£850,478	£850,478	Within Budget
TF-11 North Kirkby Gateway	£10,529,648	£3,608,000	£14,137,648	£14,137,648	Within Budget
TF-12 Portland Square Refurbishment	£729,352	£136,000	£865,352	£865,352	Within Budget
TF-13 Portland Street Sustainable Housing	£758,327	£0.00	£758,327	£0.00	£758,327
TF-14 Science Discovery Centre and Planetarium	£2,248,004	£3,985,000	£6,233,004	£6,233,004	Within Budget
TF-15 Sutton Lawn Sports Hub	£1,531,640	£2,935,364	£4,467,004	£5,102,171	(£635,167)
TF-16 Visitor Digital Offer	£214,809	£45,000	£219,809	£259,809	Within Budget
TF-17 West Kirkby Gateway	£4,458,041	£5,179,959	£9,638,000	£9,638,000	Within Budget
					<b>Balance</b>
<b>Capital Total</b>	<b>£62,270,000</b>	<b>£27,016,189</b>	<b>£89,286,189</b>	<b>£89,152,420</b>	<b>£133,769</b>

## Future High Streets Fund

Project	FHSF Budget	Co-Funding Budget	Total Project Budget	Current development forecast cost	Variation
01 Theatre Project	£2,347,118	£350,000	£ 2,697,118	£ 3,197,118	(£500,000)
02 Low Street	£1,750,489	£ 742,961	£ 2,493,450	£2,493,450.21	Within Budget
03 High Pavement	£1,348,177	£1,445,823	£ 2,794,000	£2,794,000	Within Budget
04 Fox Street	£531,088	£ 70,912	£ 602,000	£ 602,000	Within Budget
					<b>BALANCE</b>
<b>Capital Total</b>					<b>(£500,000)</b>

The programme budget (tables above), details that there is currently a £133,769 surplus within the Towns Fund, and a £500k shortfall in FHSF. The realignment of the £133,769 to the FHSF programme will aid addressing the shortfall. Alternate funding sources are currently being explored to source the difference of £366,231 (£500,000-133,769).

Project	Action	Existing Budget (£)	Revised budget (£)
TF02 Construction Centre	Decrease project budget	<b>£9,085,305</b>	<b>£7,288,055</b>
TF08 Kings Mill Leisure Building	Increase the project budget on the capital programme subject to receiving grant funds	<b>£3,489,743</b>	<b>£4,300,000</b>
TF09 Kingsway Sports Hub	Increase the project budget on the capital programme subject to receiving grant funds	<b>£1,682,349</b>	<b>£2,658,733</b>
TF15 Sutton Lawn Sport Hub	Increase the project budget on the capital programme subject to receiving grant funds	<b>£4,467,004</b>	<b>£5,102,171</b>
FHSF Theatre Project	Increase the project budget on the capital programme subject to receiving grant funds from Towns Fund. Further grant applications have been submitted to achieve the total budget required detailed in the table above (£3,197,118).	<b>2,697,118</b>	<b>£2,830,887</b>

Please note: The above proposed amendments are subject to review and approval by the Discover Ashfield Board and DLUHC.

### 3) Green Space Programme

The Council has negotiated S106 developer contributions towards Sudbury Drive and Annesley Public Open Space sites for improvements.

The amounts to be recommended to Council to be included on the Capital Programme subject to receipt of the S106 funds are as follows:



	Site	S106 allocation for the capital programme
a.	Sudbury Drive, Huthwaite	£38,630.12
b.	Annesley Public Open Space	£105,766.65

### 3.1.0 Sudbury Drive Open Space

A play area, open space and drainage basin were installed by Wilcon Homes Northern Ltd (now Taylor Wimpey) as part of the housing development off Sudbury Drive, Huthwaite (planning applications reference V/1994/0002 and V/1996/0575). The transfer of land is not subject to a S106 agreement. Ashfield District Council approval in principle to the adoption of the land was granted on 12 November 2003 subject to a further report setting out the Heads of Terms. An independent report from GCA (UK) Ltd in 2006 was obtained on the drainage basin and confirmed that it met the requirements for a 1:100-year storm event. The Council paid £1000 plus VAT for the report, which is to be recoverable from the developer on the transfer of land. In 2007, a commuted sum of £42,045 for 15 years maintenance was agreed by the Council with the developer.

Taylor Wimpey approached the Council in 2021 to restart the adoption procedure. In addition to the commuted sum Taylor Wimpey has agreed on completion to pay the Council's legal costs associated with the adoption. The total current sum including legal costs (as of the date of this report) is £44,027.20.

Council officers reviewed the condition of the play equipment and safety surfacing, the equipment only has a 6-year life span. Although Taylor Wimpey will be paying a sum for future maintenance, there were significant concerns about the limited life span of the equipment and the replacement costs that the Council could incur on top of routine maintenance, within a 6-year period following transfer.

As there was approval in principle to adopt the land, officers provided a costed schedule of works and new play equipment to Taylor Wimpey for their consideration, with a view to the Council adopting the site and undertaking the necessary work to bring the site up to an adoptable standard on their behalf with an additional £38,630.12 approved by Taylor Wimpey for this work. The Council will undertake the design and tender work this autumn.

### 3.2.0 Annesley Public Open Space

A developer contribution to Public Open Space improvements has been secured related to the approved planning application V/2018/0393 - Old Miners Welfare Institute, Derby Road, Annesley. S106 agreement dated 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019. The agreement is for improvements to open space within the local area.

The S106 contributions includes indexation and interest:

	Contribution	S106 allocation for the capital programme
a.	POS (1 <sup>st</sup> 50%) Public Open Space contribution	<b>£53,026.78</b>
b.	POS (Final 50%) Public Open Space contribution	<b>£52,739.87</b>
	TOTAL	<b>£105,766.65</b>

#### 4) Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) Phase 3b funding

Further to the production of the Carbon Management Plan it was considered that the next step was to carry out a detailed assessment of the Council's non-domestic assets to consider how the carbon footprint for each building can be reduced to near net zero. Recent unprecedented increases in the cost of gas and electricity has exacerbated the need to reduce the Council's overall energy demand.

The Council engaged Mace Limited under the Scape Framework 'Place Shaping' to carry out this exercise (net zero strategy & operational carbon audits), including an assessment of insulation measures, heating systems and controls, heat recovery, self-generation etc. for each building, to establish a decarbonisation plan for the Council's built assets a whole. The non-domestic assets where the Council owns the building, pays for the energy and which could be funded from the Towns Fund were prioritised. This part of the exercise is complete whereby a proportion of the works approved to proceed under the Towns Fund will be undertaken by Mace (progressing to stages 2 and 3, namely Procurement & Funding Support, and Delivery & Programme Management, respectively). Priority 2 (and higher) audits, which are to be funded by other means, are nearing completion.

Within the priority 1 buildings is the Council's Centralised Offices. A number of carbon reduction measures have been recommended by Mace to significantly reduce the carbon footprint of the building. One such measure, the existing heating installation, is eligible to receive PSDS3b funding. PSDS3b funding focusses specifically on replacing old/ obsolete heating systems with renewable heating technology. Funding also allows for the carrying out of associated and complementary works. The Council has placed a bid to receive PSDS3b funding to replace the Council's heating installation to complement the other Towns Fund funded works to the building. The value of the PSDS3b bid circa £1.1m of which the Council is bidding for £700k from the funder, Salix.

The other buildings which were suitable for the placing of a bid under PSDS3b were Hucknall Leisure Centre and the Council's Northern Depot. No bid was developed for the Northern Depot as the site is currently under review. A bid was developed for Hucknall Leisure Centre. The value of the bid circa £1.5m of which the Council is bidding for £1.3m from the funder, Salix.

The Council awaits the outcome as to whether the bids have been successful in securing PSDS3b funding. The delivery of PSDS3b projects must be completed by the end of March 2024, and so commencement of design and mobilisation of resources must commence imminently. To this end, approval is sought to:

- 1) Approve the receipt of PSDS3b funding, should the Council's bids be successful, and the offer of funding made to the Council.
- 2) Approve the engagement of Mace under the Scape 'Place Shaping Framework, to progress to stages 2 and 3, namely Procurement & Funding Support, and Delivery & Programme Management, respectively for the PSDS3b Projects. This will ensure efficiency through a continuation of delivery by Mace and also to ensure consistency in delivery, as Mace will be delivering a significant proportion of the 'Green Ashfield' Towns Fund funded works, including works to the Council's Centralised Offices.

## **5) Cyber Security Funding**

The Council has submitted a successful bid to the Local Digital Cyber Fund within DLUHC. The Council's confirmed allocation is £125k. Cabinet is asked to note this successful bid and accept the funding.

## **Implications**

### **Corporate Plan:**

#### **Economic Growth and Place**

#### **Town Centres**

1. Deliver key masterplans, including town centres and railway stations
2. Revitalise and re-purpose town centres by:-
  - a. Bringing empty buildings back into use
  - b. Diversifying the town centre economy
  - c. Capitalising on external funding

#### **District Wide Physical Regeneration**

Support economic growth by:

1. Delivering the Future High Streets and Towns Fund programmes

#### **Cleaner and Greener**

#### **Parks and Open Spaces**

1. To ensure delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan and continue to improve parks and green spaces with a rolling programme of investment.

### **Legal:**

The Legal Team and Director of Legal and Governance are actively supporting and advising in relation to all Towns Fund projects.

Where required specialist external legal advice is being obtained to advise on the funding programmes to ensure all risks to the Council are fully considered. [RLD 12/10/2022]

## Finance [BB 19/10/2022]:

Following the approval of Full Council as recommended by Cabinet and approval by DLUHC the Towns Fund and Future High Streets Fund schemes will be amended in the Capital Programme for the values and funding as outlined in this report.

Following the approval of Full Council as recommended by Cabinet and following receipt of the funds the following additions will be made to the Capital Programme funded by the Section 106 contributions:

Sudbury Drive, Huthwaite	<b>£38,630.12</b>
Annesley Public Open Space	<b>£105,766.65</b>

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	Once the adoption process completes with Taylor Wimpey for Sudbury Drive, the Council will receive the commuted sum for 15 years maintenance and legal costs as identified in the report.
General Fund – Capital Programme	As set out above
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	No implications
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	No implications

## Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
Grant agreements and partner delivery arrangements	Risk is mitigated by the due diligence work undertaken as part of the sign off process, internal and external legal advice.
Resourcing and delivery risks associated with multiple project/programme delivery	Corporate Risk identified. Appointment and engagement of staff and consultants to support the programmes where necessary. Project Management for each programme.

## **Human Resources:**

There are no direct HR implications contained in the report in relation to the funding. However, the projects relating to the funding may have a HR implication which would be identified in subsequent reports.

## **Environmental/Sustainability:**

Not applicable for this report. Sustainability is a priority of the Towns Fund programme.

## **Equalities:**

No issues identified for this report. Equality Impact Assessments will be undertaken to support delivery of the Towns Fund and FHSF programmes and Public Open Space projects.

## **Other Implications:**

No implications

## **Reason(s) for Urgency**

Not applicable

## **Reason(s) for Exemption**

Not applicable

## **Background Papers**

None

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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>COUNCIL</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>1 DECEMBER 2022</b>
<b>Heading:</b>	<b>MINUTES OF CABINET AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS</b>
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	<b>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b>
<b>Ward/s:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Subject to Call-In:</b>	<b>N/A</b>

## Purpose of Report

To present a list of minutes of Cabinet and Committee meetings which have been published since the last ordinary meeting of the Council and for Members to consider whether they wish to give notice of their intention to ask a question of the relevant Chairman under Council Procedure Rule 13.2. Questions are limited to a maximum of two per Member.

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee	13 October 2022
Scrutiny Panel B	20 October 2022

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