

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

Virtual Meeting held on Thursday, 22nd October, 2020 at 10.00 am

Present: Councillor Andy Meakin in the Chair;

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillors John Baird and Andrew Harding.

Officers Present: Lynn Cain, Carol Cooper-Smith, Ruth Dennis, Katherine Green, Peter Hudson, Mike Joy, Paul Parkinson, Andy Slate and Shane Wright.

C.52 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interests and Non Disclosable Pecuniary/Other Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

C.53 Announcement from the Leader

The Leader of the Council took the opportunity to update Council in relation to the latest Covid-19 restrictions and alert levels.

Unfortunately, due to increasing levels of positive tests for Covid-19 within Nottinghamshire and admissions to hospital, it had be agreed by the Government in consultation with local Leaders that Nottinghamshire would enter the Tier 2 alert level. Ashfield District Council had not been involved in these discussions but did not support the move into Tier 2.

However, due to an ever-changing position, the Council's views had been sought this week and Ministers were meeting with Nottinghamshire Leaders today to discuss an escalation into Tier 3 but again, the Council was not invited to attend. Strong representations had been made from the Council that not all of Nottinghamshire needed to move into Tier 3 as the highest rise in cases were currently showing in the south of the county and that any designations should be assigned by postcode only.

To conclude, the Leader again expressed his disappointment at the local MP's lack of support for Ashfield residents and their recent vote in Parliament against any extension of free school meals for children during the half term holidays.

C.54 Recommendations to Council from Cabinet Meeting - 13 October 2020

In accordance with the Council Procedure Rule 2(ix), Council considered the following recommendations from the Cabinet meeting held on 13 October 2020:-

Minute No. CA.37

Affordable Housing Development - Maun View, Sutton in Ashfield

RESOLVED

that approval be given for the use of Housing Revenue Account reserves to fund the construction of 17 new affordable homes as detailed in the report.

Minute No. CA.38

Green Spaces Capital Investment Programme

RESOLVED

that approval be given to duly allocate £193k General Fund Capital Receipts and £173k Section 106 Public Open Space for a number of green space improvement projects.

The meeting closed at 10.50 am

Chairman.