

**MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
CABINET
TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2015**

Held At 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Pavilion Road, West Bridgford

PRESENT:

Councillors J N Clarke (Chairman), R L Butler, J E Cottee, N C Lawrence, D J Mason, S J Robinson

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors H A Chewings, S J Hull, R M Jones, A MacInnes, G R Mallender.
14 Members of the Public

OFFICERS PRESENT:

N Carter	Service Manager - Corporate Governance
A Graham	Chief Executive
P Linfield	Interim Executive Manager – Finance and Commercial
K Marriott	Executive Manager – Operations and Transformation
D Mitchell	Executive Manager - Communities
V Nightingale	Constitutional Services Officer
A Pegram	Service Manager - Communities

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were no apologies for absence

23. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

24. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8 September 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

25. Melton Road Edwalton Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document

Councillor Clarke reminded Members that this document was the culmination of a vast amount of work which had been undertaken by the Local Development Framework Group over a considerable amount of time.

Councillor Butler presented the report stating that this document would provide further guidance to Policy 20 of the Council's Core Strategy by providing a framework to ensure that all the required infrastructure was provided by all the applications when they were presented. He stated that the total amount of infrastructure required amounted to £23 million.

Councillor Butler informed Members that following consideration of the draft document by the Local Development Framework Group the document had been sent out for public consultation and that 80 comments had been received and considered.

He stated that this document, when adopted, would be a material consideration when deciding upon planning applications for the area. He then proposed additional minor amendments to the document, which were:

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3.10 The scheme will incorporate suitable surface water attenuation areas to deal appropriately with surface water run-off from different parts of the site. These should ensure that surface water is managed in a sustainable way and without any adverse impact on existing neighbouring properties. It is important that each developer takes into account the overall drainage requirements in detailed drainage plans produced with planning applications that outline the use of sustainable drainage methods within that particular part of the site, **and take full account of any recommendations made by Nottinghamshire County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority.**

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3.22 The potential Musters Road access may provide for some local access, subject to detailed design approval and being demonstrated to be technically feasible, which could be controlled by a barrier and smart card system. If it transpires that this is not technically feasible, **workable and sustainable** then use of Musters Road for vehicular traffic will be restricted to just bus and emergency vehicles only.

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3.36 The development should facilitate bus services entering and passing through the site to meet the needs of future residents. Whilst existing services along Melton Road provide regular high frequency services, these services will not be directly accessible by all of the development area. Public transport services should be **encouraged facilitated** to run through the site from Musters Road to Melton Road and link with West Bridgford. New bus stop facilities should be provided along the new main residential street linking Melton Road with Musters road. These facilities should be designed in accordance with the County Council standards, including real time departure display and raised kerbs.

Councillor Butler also informed Members that there had been comments made regarding the timing of this meeting and the consideration of three planning applications for the area by the Development Control Committee on Thursday 15 October. To ensure that the Council was being open and transparent he had arranged with the Chairman of the Development Control Committee to hold an extra meeting on Tuesday 27 October to discuss these three applications.

In support of the recommendation Councillor Robinson acknowledged the hard work of Members and officers undertaken on this challenging site. He referred to the flood prevention measures as proposed by Nottinghamshire County Council which was the lead authority and expert on this issue.

He stated that there had been concerns raised regarding traffic and the access to the site via Edwalton Lodge Close, however access would only be for properties in Zone 2 and the proposed junction would mitigate the issue.

Councillor Robinson stated that originally there had been a proposed medical centre as part of the £1.38 million allocation to the Clinical Commissioning Group. The Executive Manager - Communities explained that there had been numerous discussions with partners over the production of this document and the Council had been informed that there would be no stand alone provision for less than 6,000 patients. He stated that the money would be used to extend the provision, or provide a new centre, in the surrounding area.

Councillor Robinson asked officers to explain the how the public would access the community facilities being provided within the school building and how this would be preserved if the school became an academy. The Executive Manager - Communities explained that the Council already had good management arrangements within joint use facilities, of which some were academies. He also said that there would be a separate agreement to ensure that this facilities were available to the public in perpetuity. Members were informed that the sum of money in the Section 106 agreement had been increased from £4.2 million to £5.34 million. Councillor Robinson stated that £500,000 had been allocated to Rushcliffe Academy to upgrade their outdoor facilities and that these were, at present, being run by a private company. He asked officers for assurances that these too would be available to the public. The Executive Manager - Communities explained that this would be included within the discussions with the school as part of the drawdown. Councillor Butler gave an example of a primary school in the area that had changed to an academy and how its facilities were still used by the public as the school recognised that it wanted to be part of the community.

In summing up Councillor Butler stated that outline planning permission had been granted for the site over six years ago and that this was a strategic allocation within the Core Strategy. He said that often Members of the Local Development Framework Group had been frustrated by the amount of time it had taken to get to this point, however everything had been considered very seriously to ensure that the outcome was beneficial not only for the residents of Edwalton but the wider community and that the site was developed in a controlled and suitable way.

RESOLVED that Cabinet

- a) Adopts the revised Melton Road Edwalton Development Framework as a Supplementary Planning Document.
- b) Delegates authority to the Executive Manager – Communities to make any minor changes (such as typographical corrections) to the document as necessary prior to its publication.

26. **Business Rates Pooling Update**

Councillor Robinson presented the report which outlined the final outturn position on the Nottinghamshire Business Rates Pool as at 31 March 2015 and the proposed distribution of the pool surplus to be used by the Combined Authority. He reminded Members that all seven district authorities in Nottinghamshire, along with Nottinghamshire County Council, had united to form a business rates pool. By entering into this pooling arrangement the Council had mitigated certain risks as 47% of the rates was paid by 10 businesses, which was recognised as a fairly volatile situation. The pooling arrangement also enabled the money collected to be retained locally to promote economic growth and as such it was proposed that 50% of the surplus from 2014/15 should be used for the Combined Authority; with the remaining money to be kept by the individual councils.

Councillor Lawrence queried a recent announcement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and what impact that would have on these arrangements. Councillor Clarke assured Councillor Lawrence that the announcement made by the Chancellor would not come into effect until 2020, although there was a probability that this would be brought forward as the Revenue Support Grant was being withdrawn. The Chief Executive stated that this was money that had already been accrued and that unless all the local authorities made the decision to use the surplus in this way the money would be retained by the Council.

Councillor Cottee referred to the Economic Prosperity Committee's report and asked for clarification on the timeframe. The Chief Executive stated that this decision only referred to money collected in 2013/14 and 2014/15. He also stated that with issues such as devolution being considered future requests could be different. With reference to the Committee's report Members were informed that the proposal had been to delegate authority to the Chief Executives, however it was felt that this should be removed and that all future requests should be presented to Members.

RESOLVED that Cabinet

- a) Notes the financial outturn position for the Nottinghamshire Business Rates Pool for the years 2013/14 and 2014/15;
- b) Ratifies, subject to confirmation by all Nottingham Authorities, the decision of the City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee to retain the entire pool surplus generated in 2013/14 for use by the Combined Authority;
- c) Ratifies, subject to confirmation by all Nottingham Authorities, the decision of the City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee to retain 50% of the Pool surplus generated in 2014/15 for use by the Combined Authority and distribute the other 50% to Pool members.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

CHAIRMAN