

MINUTES COUNCIL

Wednesday 26 November 2025

Councillor Kyle Robinson-Payne (Mayor)

Present: Councillor Sandra Barnes Councillor Paul Hughes
Councillor Michael Adams Councillor Alison Hunt
Councillor Pauline Allan Councillor Darren Maltby
Councillor Roy Allan Councillor Ron McCrossen
Councillor Jane Allen Councillor Viv McCrossen
Councillor Stuart Bestwick Councillor Andrew Meads
Councillor David Brocklebank Councillor Julie Najuk
Councillor John Clarke Councillor Marje Paling
Councillor Jim Creamer Councillor Michael Payne
Councillor Andrew Dunkin Councillor Lynda Pearson
Councillor Boyd Elliott Councillor Sue Pickering
Councillor David Ellis Councillor Catherine Pope
Councillor Rachael Ellis Councillor Grahame Pope
Councillor Andrew Ellwood Councillor Sam Smith
Councillor Paul Feeney Councillor Henry Wheeler
Councillor Kathryn Fox Councillor Russell Whiting
Councillor Helen Greensmith Councillor Paul Wilkinson
Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth

Absent: Councillor Roxanne Ellis, Councillor Alex Scroggie, Councillor Martin Smith, Councillor Ruth Strong and Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton

72 THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

None of the Mayors chaplains were able to attend the meeting so the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sandra Barnes, read a thought for the day.

73 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Roxanne Ellis, Scroggie, Martin Smith, Strong and Towsey-Hinton.

74 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor addressed the council and expressed delight having attended several more events across the borough. He highlighted a few of those as follows; the 1st Netherfield Rainbows, Brownies and Guides Promise Award presentation at the Loco Youth Centre in Netherfield, the Vincent de Paul group Christmas dinner at the Good Shepherd Church, and a charity football match at Carlton 3G Football Centre in aid of McMillan cancer support, hosted by Snakes United FC.

The Mayor also reminded members that he would be holding a Civic Carol Concert at the Good Shepherd Church on Friday 19 December at 7pm, confirming all proceeds raised at the event would go to the Motor Neurone Disease Association and the MNDA Nottingham Branch. He thanked the Good Shepherd Church and Father Philipp for their continued support in supporting the Mayor and their charities.

75 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors Adams, Bestwick, Clarke and Sam Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest as members of Nottinghamshire County Council.

Councillor Payne declared an interest as the Member of Parliament for Gedling.

76 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION IN NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive which had been circulated prior to the meeting asking that members consider the submission of the final business case for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire in line with government requirements.

A request for a recorded vote on the recommendations was proposed and seconded.

On being put to the vote, the motion was carried.

RESOLVED:

To recommend the following to Cabinet for formal approval:

That Cabinet:

- a. Approves submission of Option 1e (a Northern unitary based on existing boundaries of Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Gedling, Mansfield, Newark & Sherwood; a Southern unitary based on existing boundaries of Broxtowe, Nottingham City, Rushcliffe) as this Council's preferred option for submission to Government by 28 November 2025.
- b. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive to make any minor amendments to the Option 1e submission if required prior to submission to government.
- c. Supports continued collaborative working with other local authorities across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire on implementation proposals for the new authorities.

- d. Notes the risks associated with Local Government Reorganisation and ensures that appropriate governance, communication, financial and management arrangements are put in place to mitigate potential impacts during the transition period.

The meeting finished at 7.10 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: